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conditions have now been framed, chiefly with the object of attracting more numerous entries; the teams in future will consist of six Swiss only, weight not to exceed 70 stone, no win to count for the final retention of the cup, unless three separate teams from different clubs or institutions compete.

compete. In order to facilitate the prompt succession of the events on the ground, another referee has been attached to Messrs. R. Dupraz and J. Sermier in the person of Mr. C. Mayr, who is the president of the Swiss Bank Sports Club; these three gentle-men will so arrange their duties that one of them will devote his time exclusively to directing the different events in an endeavour to prevent loss of time of time.

### SWISS GYMNASTICS IN LONDON.

The Gymnastic Societies "Schweizerbund" and "Union Helvetia" having unanimously decided to amalgamate in order to form the nucleus of a new large "Swiss Gymnastic Society in London," which should eventually comprise all Swiss gym-sects in London the constituent assembly of the new large Swiss Gymastic Society in London, which should eventually comprise all Swiss gym-nasts in London, the constituent assembly of the new society will take place on Saturday, March 21, at 9.30 p.m., in the large hall of the Swiss Club Schweizerbund, at 74, Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square, W.1. It is proposed to have (a) active members' section for Swedish drill and free exercises; (c) juniors' section for preliminary-training. If at all possible, a team will be specially trained and sent to Geneva to compete in the contests of the Swiss Federal Gymnastic Asso-ciation on the 17th July next. The gymnastic exercises will at present take place: On Wednesday evenings at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1; on Friday evenings at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1; on Sunday mornings, if possible, in the open.

the open.

All Swiss gymnasts are kindly requested to make a note of the above mentioned date, and to make it a point of honour to be present at the constituent meeting. E. B.

#### WEEK-END TICKETS TO BELGIUM.

The passport facilities in connection with the issue of week-end tickets to Ostend have been altered, as the result of their abuse by the travel-ling public. The regulations at present are as follo

British subjects travelling with the week-end tickets do not require a passport, but they should carry with them some paper by which they can prove their identity.

prove their identity. Paper by which they can prove their identity. A similar privilege will be granted to nationals of the following countries: Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland, France, U.S.A., Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, China, Japan, Uruguay, Cuba and Panama, who carry with them documents to prove that they are authorised to reside in Great Britain (Identity Book). Passengers of all other nationalities require valid passports, duly vised. All concerned should note and see that the revised regulations of the Belgians are strictly complied with.

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## The Secretary and his Bed of Roses.

A correspondent has sent us the following appreciation of a secretary's duties, which we think ost of our readers will find very appropriate:

- If he writes a letter, it is too long. If he sends a postal, it is too short. If he goes to a committee meeting, he's butting in. If he stays away, he's a shirker. If the crowd is slim at a meeting, he should have

- If the crowd is slim at a meeting, he should have called the members up.
  If he calls them up, he's a pest.
  If he duns a member for his dues, he's insulting.
  If he does not collect them, he's lazy.
  If a meeting is a howling success, the entertainment committee is praised.
  If it's a failure, the Secretary is to blame.
  If he doesn't, he's bull-headed.
  Ashes to ashes.
- Ashes to ashes, Dust to dust, If others won't do it, The secretary must

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