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accepted the invitation. I am told that at the end of the day he, too, took a visionary trip to Neuchâtel and was actually heard "yodelling" between mouthfuls of "Zwieback." For me—away to the sedate English countryside, with memories of Swis Sports, Neuchâtel, "Zwieback," and a host of good fellows.

Someone who asked, "How did you like the Swiss Sports?" elicited the reply, "All of them." From the first one I met on entering, who was arrayed in dual costume: "Town Dress" upstairs and "Handicap Spring Wear" downstairs, to the gentlemen of the "Non-Starters' Club," who insisted on being photographed and duly labelled with the motto of their Club, I found them all good sports—and I look forward to next year's meeting and the permission to join in the Open Events.

That the competing Clubs hold many potential candidates for Olympic honours seems certain, and Switzerland should surely be proud of her sporting sons on this side of the Channel. R. H. F.



**FOYER SUISSE ANNUAL REPORT 1925-6.**

The Annual Meeting of the Foyer Suisse was held on June 9th at No. 15, Upper Bedford Place, under the presidency of the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Faravicini.

The agenda stated the ordinary statutory business of the company: (1) the Secretary's report (which is given below) was received with great satisfaction by the members of the Trust; (2) the accounts for 1925-26 being presented by the auditor, Mr. Dixon, were duly moved and seconded for acceptance; (3) the Council of Management was re-elected, and consists of the Rev. R. Hoffmann-de Visme (chairman), Messrs. H. Barth, C. Bertschinger, G. Hafner, H. Joss, F. G. Sommer, J. Weber.

Mr. R. J. Dixon, F.L.A.A., F.C.W.A., was nominated as auditor to the company for the ensuing year.

The meeting lasted for 1½ hours, and in conclusion the Swiss Minister moved a vote of thanks to the House Committee, the Council of Management and the Hon. Secretary.

The Secretary's report:—"I have the honour of placing before you this day my 8th Annual Report of the Trust since its foundation on the 10th December, 1917. I beg you to remember, however, that this is only the third year of the actual working of the company.

"It is with feeling of thankfulness to God that we record that the year 1925-26 has been a good year in every direction, and the progress of the Trust has been steady and continuous all along the line. The guiding principle which has been followed by the Council during the year is strict financial consolidation, and I am afraid this principle has to remain our concern yet for some time to come. On the other hand, I am happy to state that with the disappearance from the house of the whitewashing brush, the carpenters and the engineers it has been possible to give correspondingly more time and more thought to the social functions.

**House Committee.**—This Committee is still in constant touch and often daily attendance.

**Council of Management** has met six times during the year to receive reports of House Committee and to manage the current affairs. A few items should be mentioned here, viz.: The lease terminating our tenancy in 1955 has, after protracted negotiations, been obtained from the Bedford Estate. A 3 years' agreement has been concluded with the French-

speaking Y.M.C.A. for the use of the ground floor and basement of No. 15, Upper Bedford Place.

**Social Activities.**—There has been a splendid growth of social service during the past year; the applications for the use of the hall, etc., have been far ahead of the previous year. During the whole winter season from end September till end April the premises have been used almost daily, and even by several sections simultaneously. From January 1st to March 31st there were 72 public meetings in the Foyer, besides numerous Committee meetings of different groups.

The response to the varied meetings has, of course, varied greatly; many of the lectures were very well patronised. It might be stated that every group is perfectly free to make its own arrangements and contribution to this social programme.

The two sections of the Swiss Church have naturally had the largest share of the accommodation, and all the groups have to record a very successful winter's work. These groups are the Réunion de jeunes filles, the Schwyzerkranzli, the Réunion de Coutures des Dames, the Nähverein, the Ecole de Dimanche et Réunion de Cathédumènes.

Thanks are due to the various secretaries for their help and courtesy, and I may be permitted to urge an early attention to the new arrangements to be made for the coming winter.

**Swiss Societies making use of the Foyer.**—The Swiss Y.M.C.A. occupies the first floor. They also use the hall for all the socials and more important gatherings.

With the Swiss Mercantile Society, we are glad to say, arrangements have been made early in the year for the accommodation of the students of their Education Department for Saturday mornings. Further, several banquets and socials were held under the directions of Mr. Meyer, our manager.

The Swiss Choral Society has held regular rehearsals in this hall on Fridays.

The loss of two members is to be deplored. Mr. Ochsenbein has retired from the Trust, and the late Mr. A. G. Matzinger was called home last June. He had been one of the original founders of the Foyer Suisse, a most faithful member of the C.M. and a man of faith, steady purpose and sound common-sense. We are bound to honour his memory by a tribute of gratitude.

In particular do I want to express the thanks of the Company to our untiring manager, Mr. W. Meyer, our chef, Mr. F. Koelliker, and their staff of faithful servants, most of whom have been with us for years.

Mr. F. Ineichen continues to act as hon. accountant, and we acknowledge his valuable services with hearty thanks. C. BERTSCHINGER, Hon. Sec.

**SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.**

A Monthly Meeting, preceded by a Supper, was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at No. 1, Gerrard Place, W.1.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and the admissions and resignations duly attended to, the proposal by the Committee to dispense, as usual, with the Monthly Meetings in July and August, owing to the probability of a tremendous heat wave during these summer weeks, was accepted, and the next Meeting was fixed for September 8th.

It was resolved to send in due course a circular to the members regarding the September Meeting, inviting them to bring their wives and fiancées with them, and it was decided that a musical treat shall then wind up the evening.

At the conclusion of the Meeting our Secretary, Mr. J. Semadeni, gave a highly interesting lecture on his experiences in the United States, which was very much appreciated by everybody. O. A. J.

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.**

In connection with the scholastic programme the following lectures were given by the students during last week:—

Mr. Ernest Sharpf, Zurich: "Landerziehungsheim Hof-Oberkirch." Mr. Max A. Thommen, Zurich: "Gymnastics." Mr. Emil Bühler, Sempach: "Life in the Dead Sea." Miss Elsa Roth, Grindelwald: "Egoism." Miss Lilly Baldebeck, Basel: "Swiss Mountains." Mr. Max Mühlberg, Basel: "Misery caused by Social Ambition." Mr. Paul Enz, Zurich: "A Modern Factory; Fiat, Torino." Mr. Hans Sterchi, Interlaken: "Kursalspiele." Mr. Ludwig Hardmeier, Zurich: "Foreigners in Switzerland." Miss Hanni Hotz, Wila: "A Mother." Miss Emmy Däuble, Zurich: "Flowers." Mr. Paul Zulauf, Biel: "Railway Signals and Signalling." Mr. Walter Müller, Basel: "Artificial Silk." Mr. Maud Modenesi, Oerlikon: "Easter at Rome."

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

"Would it be advantageous for Switzerland to have one or more Colonies?" Proposer: Mr. Max Buchwalder, Solothurn; Opposer: Mr. Guido Marti, Breitenbach. "Should Switzerland retain her Army or demobilize it?" Proposer: Mr. Rudolf Appenzeller, Hönegg-Zurich; Opposer: Mr. Max Mühlberg, Basel. "Should Switzerland abolish or retain her Army?" Proposer: Mr. Paul Zulauf, Biel; Opposer: Mr. Hans Luchsinger, Basel.

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Dimanche, 20 Juin, 11h.—M. Ch. Jeannot.  
3h.—Anciens Cathédumènes, au presbytère.  
6.30.—M. R. Hoffmann-de Visme. Phil. 4, 8—9.  
Dimanche, 27 Juin.—Hospital Sunday.  
6.30.—Service liturgique et musical.

Pour tous renseignements concernant actes pastoraux, etc., prière de s'adresser à M. R. Hoffmann-de Visme, 102, Hornsey Lane, N.6 (Téléphone: Mountview 1798).  
Heure de réception à l'Eglise: Mercredi 10.30 à 12h.

**SCHWEIZERKIRCHE**

(Deutschschweizerische Gemeinde)

St. Anne's Church, 9, Gresham Street, E.C.2.

Sonntag, 20. Juni, 11 Uhr vorm.—Gottesdienst.  
Pfr. Anton Ragaz.

Die Abendgottesdienste fallen bis 19. September aus. Während der Abwesenheit des Herrn Pfr. C. Th. Hahn finden die Sprechstunden wie folgt statt:  
Samstag Nachm. von 4 Uhr ab im Foyer Suisse, 15, Upper Bedford Place, W.C.1;  
Sonntag nach dem Gottesdienst.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS.**

Wednesday, June 23rd, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.—UNION HELVETIA: Ball in aid of the "Old-Age and Invalidity Fund" at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1.

Thursday, July 1st, at 8 p.m.—SWISS SPORTS: Delegates' Meeting at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1.

Tuesday, July 6th, at 7 p.m.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Monthly Meeting, preceded by a Supper, at the Brent Bridge Hotel, Hendon.

SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY.—Rehearsals every Friday evening. Every Swiss heartily invited to attend. Particulars from the Hon. Secretary, Swiss Choral Society, 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION.—Every Saturday and Sunday (weather permitting) Shooting Practice at the Range, Hendon (opposite Old Welsh Harp). Lunch provided on Sundays.