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"The Guests" was proposed by Mons. Ch. Favre, President of the Entertainment Committee, who in the first instance extended a hearty welcome to the Swiss Minister. As regards the many representatives of their sister societies, he hoped their presence would help to further cement the cordial relations which subsisted between them. The following institutions were represented:—City Swiss Club, Mr. Jobin; Swiss Benevolent Society, Mr. Dupraz, President; Unione Ticinese, Mr. W. Notari; Schweizerbund, Mr. Louis Pache; Swiss Mercantile Society, Mr. J. Pfaendler; Choral Society, Mr. Manzoni; Swiss Rifle Association, Mr. Ch. Strubin; Gymnastic Society, Mr. Kummer; Cercle Valaisan, Mr. F. Delaloye; *Swiss Observer*, Mr. P. F. Boehringer.

Mr. R. Dupraz (President Swiss Benevolent Society) in returning thanks, said that his responding to this toast should give relief to both his audience and himself as for once he could divest himself of the self-inflicted rôle of universal beggar. He paid tribute to the devoted leaders of the Union Helvetia and hoped that the high ideals they had set themselves would be crowned with realisation.

After the toast to "The Ladies" had been suitably proposed by Mons. F. Delaloye and duly honoured,

Mons. C. R. Paravicini rose to distribute medals. He thought that to-day there were very few things in the world beyond dispute; one of them was that his audience was delighted to see him rising because he was the last speaker on the list. It struck him that if the admirable speeches they had heard that night were any criterion there could hardly be any necessity or use for the English school the Society had recently founded. He warmly sympathised with the plight of the president (M. Lehrian) in having been subjected to such hard treatment when in Switzerland; he would gladly offer his services in rendering M. Lehrian's future stay in Switzerland more supportable if his (the Minister's) diplomatic influence could be brought into action. However, he did not mind divulging that he too had at times been compelled to occupy a hard chair, but on retiring to a less irritating resting place he had always rejoiced in the soothing consolation that he had made another sacrifice for his country! The following members were presented with medals commemorating 25 years' membership:—Mr. W. Schulthess, Mr. E. Aellen, Mr. J. Sermier, Mr. A. Frey, Mr. A. Wyss.

A vote of thanks to the Minister, proposed by Mons. Lehrian, concluded the official part of the evening, which was followed by the traditional ball.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

The first Dance of the season was held on Saturday last, the 5th inst., at the Midland Grand Hotel, about 90 being present.

All appeared to enjoy themselves thoroughly, and the evening was undoubtedly a success, due in no small measure to the newly-acquired dance band, which is a great improvement on the one of last year and should lure all dance lovers and their friends.

Anyhow, it is to be hoped that a greater number will attend the next dance which takes place on the 3rd of December, and partake of these jolly evenings.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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

Miss Hedwig Berger, Bern: "Rome." Miss Anna Pini, Bellinzona: "My Teachers, and how I Remember them." Miss Elsy Zeller, Basle: "Hobbies." Mr. Maurice Rohrbach, Bern: "The Embroidery and Lace Industry." Mr. R. Scherrer, Wil (St. Gall): "History of Belgium." Mr. Paul Baillifard, Bagnes: "My Opinion of Bolshevism." Mr. Walter Sieber, Münsingen: "The Anglo-Swiss Commercial Treaty of the 6th September, 1855." Mr. F. Péclard, Le Locle: "Australia and its Population." Mr. E. Pickert, Winterthur: "Marseille." Mr. O. A. Moor, Basle: "Paris—France—Reflections." Mr. Ad. Rutishauser, Winterthur: "Can a Passion Crime be Justified?"

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

"Can an industrial country like England exist without Capitalism?" Proposer, Mr. James

Bauert, Zurich; Opposer, Mr. Hermann Jeanrenaud, Basle.

"Would it be an advantage for Mankind to know with absolute certainty that there is an Eternal Life." Proposer, Miss Elsa Jakob, Bern; Opposer, Mr. Henry Schmid, Neuchâtel.

FOOTBALL.—The 1st Eleven of the Day-School Students have had a thorough success in winning 4 games running, with a score of 18 against 10. The S.M.S. won the last two matches by 4 and 3 goals, the former against Highbury Athletic F.C. on Saturday and the latter against Trocadero F.C. on Monday. Both matches took place on the grounds of our opponents. The S.M.S. team was the following: Wehrli, Burren (Capt.), Käppeli, Steck, Kappeler, Zumstein, Le Soldat, Pressia, Roos, Bertschi, Schürmann.

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Wednesday, Nov. 16th, at 7.45.—**NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE:** Meeting at 34-35, Fitzroy Square, W.1, preceded by a Supper. Causerie by the Rev. C. W. Hahn.

Thursday, Nov. 17th at 8 p.m.—**SWISS RIFLE ASSOC.:** Annual Dinner and Ball combined with Prize Distribution at the Union Helvetia, 1, Gerard Place, W.1.

Thursday, Nov. 24th, at 8 p.m.—**UNIONE TICINENSE:** Annual Concert and Dance in aid of the "Fonds de Secours" at the Swiss Club, 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Friday, Nov. 25th, at 7 p.m.—**CITY SWISS CLUB:** Annual Banquet and Ball at the Victoria Hotel, Northumberland Avenue, W.C.

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