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**SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY LIMITED.**

The Society held its 2nd Extraordinary General Meeting at Swiss House on Wednesday, June 10th. Mr. M. Paschoud, President presided. This Meeting was convened to pass the Bye Laws and to appoint the new Committees, as the last step in the alteration of the Society's status. The Secretary read the minutes of the first Meeting of the Company which were confirmed.

The Bye Laws, dealing with the internal regulations and management of the Society were read out by the President as submitted by the Council.

The new Bye Laws are a substitute of the old rules governing the Society's administration, but more condensed and less exhaustive than the latter, the most important matters being incorporated in the Society's Memorandum and Articles of Association as required by the Act.

Under the new constitution, the Entertainment Committee has been eliminated and its work will be carried out by the General Purposes Committee. The size of the Committees has been somewhat reduced owing to the existence of the Council which would make a larger number superfluous.

The various Committees will draw up more detailed regulations governing their department. The Bye Laws were passed by the Meeting with certain alterations and amendments.

**Election:**  
As an outcome of the Bye Laws the election of the Committees took place by poll. Messrs. M. Schneider and F. Conrad acted as scrutineers. The Committees were elected as follows:—

**General Purposes Committee:**

President: Mr. M. Paschoud; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. A. C. Stahelin and W. L. Kruecker; Hon Secretary: Mr. G. Haberstich; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. O. Grob. Members: Messrs. R. Chappuis, W. Lehmann, P. W. Schoop and A. Steinmann.

**Education Committee:**

Chairman: Mr. A. C. Stahelin; Vice-Chairman: Mr. E. Hardmeier; Members: Messrs. H. H. Baumann, W. Meier, F. Streit and R. Weist.

**House Committee:**  
Chairman: Mr. W. L. Kruecker; Vice-Chairman: Mr. J. J. Boos; Members Mrs. T. Langhi-Rezzonico and Mr. J. Trachsel.

Mr. A. C. Stahelin on behalf of the Education Committee and Mr. M. Paschoud on behalf of the Society thanked Messrs. J. J. Pfändler and J. H. Attinger, who relinquished their offices on the Education Committee, for the valuable and magnanimous services they had rendered to the Education Department and the Society during their term of office. Both members answered in suitable terms and although no longer serving on the Committee they assured the members of their continued interest in the Society's welfare. The President also welcomed Mr. Boos's return on the House Committee.

Mr. W. Burren, who was in charge of the Swiss Sports team, gave a concise report of the results achieved by our members at this year's Meeting at Herne Hill.

In order to enliven the social side a social evening was fixed for July 1st when all participants of the Swiss Sports will be invited. The Committee will spare no efforts in making the programme varied and interesting, and the President of the Swiss Choral Society, Mr. F. Conrad, who was present, assured us of his Society's assistance for this Meeting. The ladies will be invited for this occasion and it is hoped that a great number of members will come along to make the evening a complete success.

It was also decided to entertain a contingent of some 60 members from Switzerland, who will come to London for a "Studienreise" in August next.

It was also resolved that on account of the summer vacations no Monthly Meetings be held during the months of July and August.

V.B.

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Du Land der Berge, Land der grünen Auen,  
wildwasserblauen, stillen Seen,  
worüber hehr die Wolkenkuppel schirmet,  
und höher noch der Fels die Zinnen türmet  
auf Fundamenten, die bestehen.

Erblickt dein Reich im Glanz der Sonnenfreude,  
fahr hin, o Fremde, Prunk und Zier,  
der Riesenstädte schimmerndes Gepränge,  
der Meere klippentürmendes Gepränge,  
wie klein ist alles neben dir!

Es schwinden Palmenmärchen—Paradiese,  
zerinnt der Marmorunder Bann,  
der holden Museu sonder Minnesingen,  
hör' schlicht ich meines Volkes Weise klingen,  
rauscht mir wie einst im Traum der Tann.

Helvetia, Allmutter deiner Söhne,  
wie flammt im Abendrot der Firne,  
wenn Banner brausend ziehn durch deine Hallen,  
landauf, landab die Glockenfuten wallen,  
von tausend Feuern deine Sterne!

Johannes Jegerlehner.

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Thursday, June 25th, from 6-10.30 p.m.—62nd  
"Fête Suisse" at Central Hall, Westminster.

**LONDON'S FOREIGN POPULATION.**

The following short note has appeared in the  
"Swiss Daily News."

Probably few of the inhabitants of London  
ever visualize the extraordinarily diverse kinds  
of life which are to be found within it. Most of  
us are confined to a routine which prevents us  
from getting even a glimpse of the foreign popula-  
tions which are to be found in many different  
parts of London.

This week-end I had the opportunity of see-  
ing something of the young Swiss who come to  
London in large numbers to perfect the knowlege  
of English.

It is quite an inspiration to visit Swiss House  
and to come in contact with the Swiss young men  
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