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CHRISTMAS APPEAL.

The Swiss Benevolent Society, l'Eglise Suisse and the Schweizerkirche in London appeal once again to their countrymen for their kind contri-butions, either in cash or in kind, in order that on the occasion of Christmas they may provide a little extra cheer for their compatriots in need. Wearing apparel and especially warm undercloth-ing, footwear and childrens' garments will be most appreciated and any such gifts will be grate-fully received.

Winter, with its cold days, having set in again, our poor will urgently require proper means of heating; provided the necessary help is forthcoming, it will be possible to give the old people this additional comfort. The general need is as great as ever and, with every confidence in the sympathy of all and sundry, we earnestly ask for the support of those whom this appeal will reach. reach.

Parcels should be addressed not later than the 17th December to :—

34, Fitzroy Square, W.1, or 79, Endell Street, W.C.2,

and Cash remittances to : Swiss Benevolent Society, 34, Fitzroy Square, W.1, or

Rev. R. Hoffmann-de Visme, 102, Hornsey Lane, N.6, or

Rev. C. Th. Hahn, 43, Priory Road, Bedford Park, W.4.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY LTD.

We have just received a very attractive pro-gramme of forthcoming events from the Swiss Mercantile Society Ltd. It covers the period from December to May.

The first event will take place on Wednesday December 12th at 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1. It is this a lecture illustrated partly by lantern slides partly by films and deals with the lecturers adventures in the Canadian Rockies. The lecture is given by the well known author, Mr. Harper Cory, a Fellow of the Canadian Geographical Society, and author of "Lovable Beasts," "Animals All," etc.

The Society will be pleased to welcome any member and friends as well as any Swiss resident in London, who may be interested in this or any of the other lectures which will follow.

Further events will from time to time be published in the Swiss Observer.

SWISS GYMNASTIC SOCIETY LONDON.

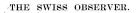
The second of the two autumnal Displays took place on Sunday evening last at the Union Helvetia Club, after an interval of two years, and drew a good size audience which by spontaneous applause clearly testified that it was well pleased with the display. As a matter of fact, excepting for the Horizontal Bar, in which case the con-dition of the steel left unattended for about two years mitigated against perfection, the work shown by the teams was better still than at the "Schweizerbund" on November 11th. The Juniors showed further improvement and both their modern relaxation and contraction exercises Juniors showed further improvement and both their modern relaxation and contraction exercises of a very difficult type containing 4 parts from the Federal Aarau exercises 1932, as well as their work on the parallel bars was excellent; they proved themselves a very gifted and promising set of youngsters the majority of whom should go far in gymnastics.

The active members gave an excellent account of themselves, one of those occasions when every-thing simply goes right, and the work was good enough for any medium size society at home; a compliment which speaks for itself. Mr. Lepori performed his Kunstturnerfreiuebung, which is good enough for any competition at home, with-out a flaw in spite of injury.

A good team and fine evening's work — best sums up the impression left on the audience. XYZ.

On Friday and Saturday, December 14th and 15th, one member each of the Society will compete in the M. and S.C.A.G.A. English Championships for the Swiss colours in the Individual Champion-ship and in the second Grade (Unterstufe) Individual competition at the Northampton Poly-technic Institute, St. John Street, E.C.1 (near the Angel) both days at 7. p.m., and as their chances are good, it is hoped that as many Swiss as pos-sible will come along to cheer the boys up; moral support goes a long way on these occasions. Mr. Charles Studer will be one of the judges. Admission 6d. each day.

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