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moral, that is accorded to us by patriotic and disinterested well-wishers. In fact, it is very largely on account of their help that we are able to achieve so much and I would ask you, therefore, to join with me in expressing our sincere thanks to those numerous friends. We have to thank also the Federal authorities and the Swiss Legation for continued financial and moral support.

I am reminded by the brightness and spirit of this gathering to wish you all the old, yet ever new, wish, "A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year." The latter half of that wish recalls the fact that, in spite of every difficulty, the economic situation in general tends to improve and, as far as our own country is concerned, the signs are certainly those of good omen for the future.

Once again I would express my sincere hope that in the better future that lies ahead you will all share, and that you will be the better able to take your part in bringing about more prosperous times by reason of the service you receive from our College.

The great applause which greeted his oration had hardly died down, when Mr. Boos, Vice-Chairman of the Council, rose to propose the toast to the College and the Teaching Staff.

He mentioned that the College was one of the bright spots in the Swiss Colony and recognised as the best Language Institution of the Swiss abroad. He pointed out that this institution serves as an example to other countries, who are trying to start similar schools.

"The College" he said, "has the full approval of the Swiss Authorities, and is considered to be of national importance, so much so that we receive yearly a very substantial subsidy from the *Volkswirtschafts Dept.* which enables us to give the Students such wonderful tuition at such a very moderate rate."

He said that since 1922, 7,500 students had visited the School and in the present year 400 pupils had attended classes.

He then gave some figures showing the splendid results which have been attained in the various examinations.

"What accounts for this success?" he asked, "only hard work by all concerned, by the Education Committee ably led by the youthful and energetic Mr. Meier, the teaching staff, controlled and guided by the Principal, Mr. Levy, who spares no effort for both staff and scholars, the office staff, marshalled by the energetic Mr. Schneider, assisted by Messrs. Burren and von Bergen, and last, but not least, the fine body of young Swiss Ladies and Gentlemen, all anxious to secure the best benefit from their often only too short a stay in London."

Mr. Boos ended up by saying: "The College has been compared with a Military Organisation — I would rather compare it with a successful and energetic Cricket Team."

A Good Team needs excellent individual players, such as we possess in our Staff — but above all you must have co-operation and real team work.

Mr. Levy has proved the *ideal* Captain placing his players in the positions best suited — and even if at times things do not go too smoothly the difficulties are soon overcome.

The players — the staff — may be at times up against big breaks — there may be body-line bowling and even barracking — severe competition and jealousy — a good team — good players know how to weather all storms and attacks. — That you have done this so far is proved by the wonderful success of the College. Let us hope that this good team spirit will always prevail — that the Students also will do their share in fostering our aim, not only when they are in London but also at home by always speaking for our College.

I can assure you, Mr. Levy, — and all you of the Staff the Council appreciates your work for the College — the success of which we all have so much at heart and for the honour of which I would ask you to charge your glasses and drink to the Toast of the S.M.S. College and Staff.

The speaker was much applauded when resuming his seat.

If popularity can be judged by applause, then surely Mr. Levy, Principal of the College, must have been the most popular man on that memorable evening, the noise which filled the Banqueting Hall, when Mr. Levy rose to give the response to the previous toast, was tremendous, as if 200 red Indians were starting to dance their war dance and hailing their chief.

Mr. Levy, who seemed to be much moved by the cordial reception, thanked the Minister and Dr. Rezzonico for having honoured this gathering by their presence; he also expressed his gratitude to the members of the Education Committee for their untiring work rendered in the interest of the College. He mentioned that again the Federal Government has liberally supported the school, which enabled them to go from strength to strength.

In concluding his speech, Mr. Levy paid a warm tribute to his fellow teachers and the office staff, and invited the students "always to play the game."

The applause was again vociferous when Mr. Levy sat down.

This was the last speech, and the company was asked to adjourn to one of the adjoining halls, where a most enjoyable "Schnitzelbank" was recited by one of the students.

Then suddenly the orchestra started a lively dance tune, and all the sundry started to swing around.

A *Polonaise*, headed by Mr. and Mrs. Meier was a most enjoyable affair, all the more as the couples had to pass underneath a large bunch of mistletoe, with the obvious result of receiving or giving a kiss. Now some were very shy, some only just a little so, and others seemed to enjoy it, judging from their unwillingness to move on, and give the other fellow a chance.

It was a fine evening and I feel sure, the memory of it will remain with all those present for a very long time.

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Tuesday, January 7th, 1936 — City Swiss Club — Monthly Meeting — (preceded by dinner 7.15 sharp) at Pagani's Restaurant, Great Portland Street, W.

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