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members and friends were unable to attend its *première* in London, it was decided to give them an opportunity of seeing this excellent film at Swiss House. The picture shows the wonderful work which is done by the International Red Cross in caring for prisoners of war, the wounded and afflicted. The film formed a striking contrast to the first part of the programme, giving the other side of this global conflict, with Switzerland in its traditional rôle of relieving the suffering of innumerable war victims all over the world.

In conclusion, Mr. W. Deutsch paid a warm tribute to Mr. C. Fer, who had projected the films on his famous Paillard apparatus. This well deserved vote of thanks was heartily endorsed with prolonged acclamation by an appreciative audience.

This being the last meeting of the year, the President extended the Society's best wishes to all members for a peaceful Christmas and every happiness in the coming year.

WB.

### CITY SWISS CLUB.

#### Monthly Meeting.

The Monthly Meeting of the City Swiss Club took place on Tuesday, December 7th, at Brown's Hotel, and was preceded by the customary dinner, which was attended by 102 members.

Professor Keller, at present on a Swiss Government mission in this country, addressed the members of the Club on the Economic position in Switzerland. The very interesting and lucid *exposé* which the speaker put before the members was greatly appreciated and heartily applauded.

Two new members were admitted. The Secretary of the Club was invited to send a telegram of congratulation to Dr. F. Calonder, a former President of the Swiss Confederation and Honorary Member of the City Swiss Club, on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

### RUTLI LADIES' CLUB TEA-DANCE.

19th December, 1943.

As announced in the Swiss Observer the "Rütli Ladies' Club" held its first function at the Schweizerbund in aid of the Swiss Benevolent Society, in form of a Tea Dance.

Quite a large number of Swiss girls, boys and their friends were present, and the strains of a good dance band soon set their feet in motion. Tea with a variety of cakes and biscuits given by Mr. J. Webber, Mr. Burkhalter and Mrs. Bolla, were enjoyed by all. An acrobatic turn was given with much skill by Mr. O. Smith. Miss Uebersax kindly obliged with a few Yodels. Very much appreciated were the Swiss valse played by Mr. Haeusermann and Mr. Rossier. Later followed the draw of the tombola for which many splendid prizes had been given. The afternoon which passed only too quickly for everybody came to a happy ending with a few Swiss Xmas Carols. Many thanks are due to all those members who contributed to the success of the dance.

The proceeds of the function, £22, are to be presented to the Swiss Benevolent Society.

O.M.B.

### SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY.

The Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Choral Society was held on October 29th, 1943, at the Swiss Club, Charlotte Street, W.1.

The President, Mr. F. G. Sommer, opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with words of welcome to 31 active members present.

The Hon. Secretary then read the Minutes of the last meeting and the Hon. Treasurer gave his report on the finances of the Society, both reports being received with prolonged acclamation and unanimously accepted.

The most important event of the evening was to discuss the proposal formulated by the President and seconded by Mr. F. Conrad, to elect His Excellency the Swiss Minister, Monsieur W. Thurnheer, as Honorary President of the Society. Various speakers supported the proposal and after a short discussion the meeting decided unanimously to approach Monsieur Thurnheer asking him whether he would honour the Choir by becoming an Honorary President. I have purposely delayed this report so as to enable me to put on record here the good news that Monsieur Thurnheer has very kindly accepted the Honorary Presidency of the Swiss Choral Society. The Choir was delighted to hear His Excellency's reply at a subsequent rehearsal and feels greatly honoured; there is no doubt that His Excellency's acceptance will give great impetus and encouragement to all the Members to continue the practice of those customs which are so treasured by our people at home.

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