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**CITY SWISS CLUB.
Annual General Meeting.**

The 88th Annual General Meeting of the City Swiss Club took place on Tuesday, April 17th at Brown's Hotel, Dover Street, W.1, and was preceded by the customary dinner. Ninety-two members were present.

Admissions 4, Resignations 0.

Mr. A. Bon, the President, presented his report concerning the activities of the Club during the financial year 1944/45. He mentioned that the attendance at the monthly and social meetings was very satisfactory. He also said that the following eminent personalities addressed the Club during the last twelve months: Mr. Geoffrey Crowther, Editor of the Economist, and a member of the Brains Trust, Monsieur Paul Ruegger, the Swiss Minister, Monsieur Jan Masaryk, Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister of Czechoslovakia, Dr. Gerbrandy, Prime Minister of Holland, Mr. Harold Nicolson, M.P., Sir William Jowitt, P.C., K.C., Minister of National Insurance, Viscount Bennett, a former Prime Minister of Canada, Major Schlegel, Military and Air Attaché of the Swiss Legation and Mr. Renou.

The President reported, that the Club had, during the financial year, made the following donations: Fonds de Secours (Swiss Benevolent Society) Jubilee Fund £21. 0. 0., and ordinary Fund £10. 0. 0., French Hospital £5. 5. 0 and British Emergency Hospital £5. 5. 0.

According to his report 23 new members were admitted during 1944/45 bringing the total of members to 307. The Club had lost five members through death.

In terminating his Presidential address, Mr. Bon thanked the Swiss Minister, Monsieur Paul Ruegger for his continued interest he is taking in the affairs of the City Swiss Club, he also thanked his colleagues on the committee for their helpful and loyal collaboration.

Mr. de Cintra, Hon. Treasurer, reported on the financial position of the Club, which he declared as being very satisfactory. The Club House Fund has now reached the total of £4,308. 15. 1.

Mr. L. Jobin, a former President, was proposed and elected as President *pro temp* during the elections of a new committee, speaking on behalf of the members he paid a warm tribute to the outgoing President and his former colleagues on the committee, for the efficient way in which they had carried out their duties. "It is my pleasure," he said, "to inform the meeting that the outgoing committee is willing to continue their duties for a further term of twelve months."

The voting then took place, and during the interval, Mr. Meinrad Lienert, who recently arrived from Switzerland, gave a short and concise exposé of the past and present conditions in Switzerland, which was greatly appreciated. Mr. Heimerdinger recited, in his usual efficient manner two poems in French.

The result of the elections for the new committee was then declared as follows:

<i>President</i> :	A. BON.
<i>Vice-President</i> :	H. BINGGUELY.
<i>Treasurer</i> :	R. DE CINTRA.
<i>Secretary</i> :	P. MOEHR.
<i>Assist. Secretary</i> :	A. STAUFFER.
<i>Assist. Treasurer</i> :	P. OBOUSSIER.
<i>Librarian</i> :	G. MARCHAND.

Members of the Club House Committee :

F. ZOGG, (*Treasurer*), A. C. BAUME, W. E. GATTIKER.

Auditors : H. PFIRTER, G. JENNE.

In relinquishing his temporary office, M. Jobin, speaking on behalf of the members, congratulated Mr. Bon on his re-election to the Presidency of the Club, wishing him, and his newly elected colleagues on the committee a successful year of office.

Mr. Bon, on resuming the Chair, thanked M. Jobin for the able way in which he had conducted the meeting during the elections, and gave expression of his gratitude for having charged him and his colleagues again with the guidance of the Club.

He informed the assembly that a Farewell Dinner to Monsieur le Ministre Girardet, will be given on Thursday, May the 3rd at the Dorchester Hotel, to which members of the Colony will be invited; he also mentioned that the 1st of August celebration will be held on Sunday, July 29th at Stoll's Picture House, Kingsway. The Club voted a donation of £20. 0. 0. towards the expenses of this undertaking.

Close of the Meeting 9 p.m.

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SCHWEIZERBUND (SWISS CLUB).

The Schweizerbund (Swiss Club) 74, Charlotte Street, W.1, regrets to announce that fairly extensive damage to the premises caused by enemy action recently, necessitated the postponement of the Benefit Dance, etc., in aid of the Swiss Benevolent Society which should have taken place on March 31st. Speedy repairs, however, have enabled us to arrange for this function to be held on Saturday, May 12th, next. (See notice under "Forthcoming Events").

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