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### ALFRED NOBEL AND THE NOBEL FOUNDATION.

On the 10th of December, 1946, it was fifty years since Alfred Nobel, the great Swedish industrialist died in S. Remo.

His estate was valued at 32 million Swedish Kronen (about 45 million Swiss Francs) the yearly income amounting to some 170,000 Kronen, he allotted to a Fund which bore his name, and out of which five prizes (Physics, Chemistry, Medicine, Literature, Peace) should be annually distributed to eminent scientists, writers and peace and humanitarian organisations.

The first awards were made in 1901, and amongst the many hundred bequests made since then, Switzerland participated as follows:

- 1901 : Award of the "Peace" prize to Henri Dunant, for his work rendered as a promoter of Peace and Founder of the Red Cross. (This prize was shared with the French Pacifist Frédéric Passy).
- 1902 : Award of the "Peace" prize to Elie Ducommun and National Councillor Albert Gobat, Members of the International Peace Office with headquarters in Berne.
- 1909 : Award of "Medicine" prize to Professor Theodor Kocher in Berne for research work concerning goitre and glands diseases.
- 1910 : Award of "Peace" prize to the International Office in Berne in recognition of their endeavours to bring an understanding amongst various nations to preserve Peace.
- 1913 : Award to "Chemistry" prize to Professor Alfred Werner, of Zurich, for his work in the sphere of "Atom und Molekülforschung."
- 1917 : Award of "Peace" prize to the International Red Cross Committee, in Geneva, in recognition of their humanitarian work.

- 1919 : Award of "Literature" prize to Carl Spitteler, Lucerne, for his work "Der Olympische Frühling."
- 1937 : Award of "Chemistry" prize to Professor Paul Karrer, in Zurich, for his research work concerning Vitamins.
- 1938 : Award of "Peace" prize to the International Nansen Committee, Headquarters Geneva, for their endeavours to help refugees.
- 1939 : Award of "Chemistry" prize to Professor Leopold Ruzicka, of Zurich, for research work in the sphere of analytical chemistry.
- 1944 : Award of "Peace" prize to the International Red Cross Committee, in Geneva, in recognition of their humanitarian work.

### RUTLI LADIES CLUB.

A General Meeting was held at the Swiss Club, 74, Charlotte Street, on the 8th of January, which was well attended by many old and new members.

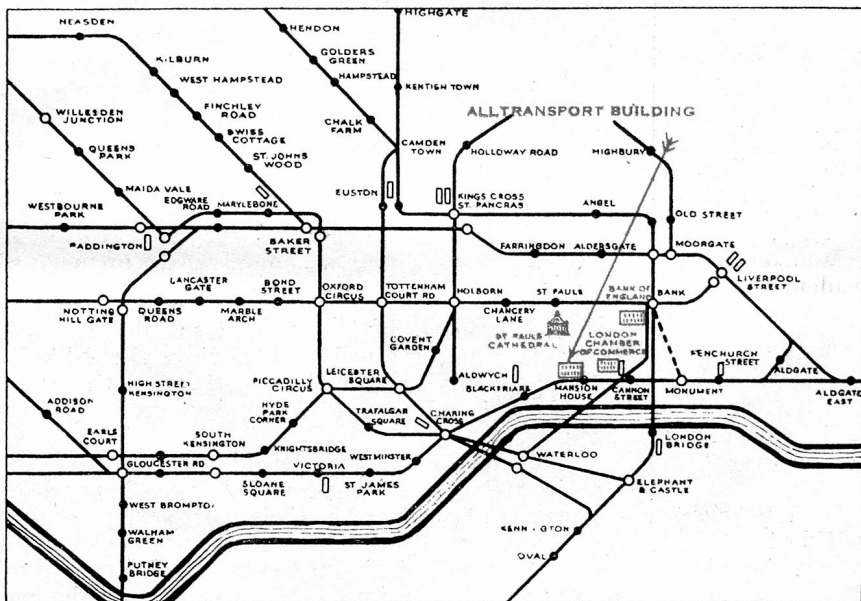
It was decided unanimously that the committee of last year should be re-elected for a further year as follows:—

- Madame O. M. Bolla, President.
- Mrs. H. Burkalter, Vice-President.
- Mrs. H. Woodham, Secretary.
- Mrs. M. Burkalter, Vice-Secretary.
- Miss N. Allemann, Treasurer.
- Mrs. E. Poglia and Miss Tina Nicholls, Committee Advisers.

It was proposed that a bazaar should be run by the Club before the end of 1947 and several Dances would be held. It was also proposed to arrange some outings to places of interest during the Summer.

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