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LA NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21st.

(Communicated.)

1. This meeting opened by paying tribute to the late Swiss Minister in London, Dr. Gaston Carlin, whose recent death in Berlin is so deeply grieved by all the Swiss Colony. The President read aloud the telegram of sympathy sent by the London Group to his widow and daughters.

2. Two members were admitted, and the Treasurer reported four resignations. The total membership of our Group is now 539.

3. The fact that we have been able to send 150 frs. to the "Bund der Jungen Stauffacherinnen" in Berne by assisting them in the sale of their postcards was heard with much satisfaction.

4. The President drew the attention of the Councillors to Dr. Lang's report on his visit to the Provinces. It was generally agreed that these visits of his to the English Groups were of undoubted value, and that the Secrétariat des Suisses à l'étranger, our own Secretariat and the scions of our Society in the North could not be in too intimate contact with one another. The Secretary will therefore repeat his visit to the Provinces in autumn.

5. The President of the Entertainment Committee reported on the arrangements he had made for the dinner which is going to take place in autumn. It will be held on September 29th, instead of on September 13th, as originally suggested. At this dinner members will have an opportunity of informally discussing the affairs of the Society, it having been decided at the last Annual General Meeting that it should be of a semi-official character. Invitations will be sent out to our members at a later date, and it is hoped that as many of them as possible will keep the evening of September 29th free and do their best towards making it a successful one by their presence.

6. As all the Swiss Societies in London are, with one exception, willing further to discuss the scheme to found a Swiss Club House, a meeting of the delegates of the different Societies will be convened at an early date for this purpose.

7. Members will be pleased to hear that satisfactory progress is being made by the Art Commission with regard to the proposed Exhibition in London.

SECRETARIAT OF THE LONDON GROUP.

London, June 27th, 1922.

CONCERT R. GAILLARD.

On June the 23rd Mr. Rodolphe Gaillard, the well-known Swiss Baritone, gave a Song Recital at Leighton House, Kensington, which was well received by a very large audience.

His well-chosen programme included compositions by Mozart, Haendel, Schubert and Schumann, which were enthusiastically encored. Especially fine was his rendering of Schumann's "Provençalische Lied," showing great power of expression and perfect breath control, which, by the way, was a marked feature of Mr. Gaillard's performance. Duparc's "La vie intérieure" and Rhené-Baton's "Sérénade Mélancolique" were encored again and again by an audience evidently well pleased with the fine interpretation of these exquisite ballads. The singing of Schumann's "Du bist wie eine Blume" was truly beautiful. The highly pleasing mellowness of the singer's soft tones charmed every ear and displayed an able control of volume.

At the end of the Recital, after insistent applause, Mr. Gaillard was persuaded to give an encore, singing "Dans en Mirroir" (this by special request), but in spite of the thunderous applause awarded was not to be inveigled into further encores.

Mr. Rodolphe Gaillard, who has everybody's wishes for further success, was ably assisted at the piano by the excellent accompaniment of Miss Nem Cooper. S. P.

SWITZERLAND

as she impresses an English Artist.

Mr. Adrian P. Allinson, who has lived many years in the Swiss mountains, in the midst of village people, studying their life and customs, chiefly in the Bernese Oberland, is now exhibiting a number of paintings and coloured drawings at the St. George's Gallery in George Street, off Hanover Square. In these scenes from the Alps Mr. Allinson expresses all the emotions and feelings which can only be understood by those who have been on the mountains and who love them.

They are exhilarating pictures, full of life and light, pleasing to the eye by their brilliant colours and harmony. "Climbers on Moraine" will recall to many their holiday in this clear atmosphere. "Schwingerfest on the Rotschalp" is a most striking study of mountain life. In "The First Snow" the blending of the colours of the autumn leaves with the whites is perfect.

Every member of the Swiss Colony ought to visit this exhibition and will not regret having spent a few moments in this true atmosphere of his country. There is no time to lose for this rare opportunity.

SWISS YOUNG LADY requires Situation as Mother's Help.—Write, "L. A.", c/o. *Swiss Observer*, 21, Garlick Hill, E.C. 4.

SWISS YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

28, RED LION SQUARE, W.C. 1.

Members and Friends meet every Thursday at 6.30 p.m. for a *Bible Study*, followed by a free discussion.

Rambles are arranged monthly, and *Social Gatherings* occasionally. . .

All compatriots and friends are welcome. Our aim is **FRIENDSHIP AND BROTHERHOOD.**

The Restaurant of the Ashburton Club at the above address, affords an excellent opportunity as a place of rendez-vous. 51

CITY SWISS CLUB.

Messieurs les membres sont avisés que la prochaine

Assemblée Mensuelle

aura lieu le MARDI 11 JUILLET, au Restaurant Nuthall à Kingston-on-Thames, et sera précédée d'un souper familial à 7.30 heures (sh. 6/6 par couvert).

Cet avis tient lieu de convocation. Tous ceux désirant y participer sont invités à s'annoncer en temps utile au Trésorier, M. G. Dimier, 46, Cannon Street, E.C. 4 (Téléphone: Central 1321).

Les dames seront les bienvenues car l'on dansera après l'assemblée.

Ordre du Jour.

Procès-verbal. | Démissions.
Admissions. | Divers.

A Motor Coach has been engaged for the return journey to Kingston. The Coach will leave Mansion House Place, E.C. at 6.15 p.m. sharp, and return from Kingston for Trafalgar Square at 11 p.m.

The cost of the return journey will be from 3/- to 4/-, according to the number of participants. Seats should be booked at once, as same are limited, from Mr. P. F. Boehringer, 21, Garlick Hill, E.C. 4. Telephone: City 4603.