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LA NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE. GROUPE LONDONNIEN.

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20th.

(Communicated.)

1. The President read a few letters from newly founded Groups.

2. The Committee have taken steps to ascertain whether or not it might be possible to receive the "Echo Suisse" at a reduced price for all our members. The question will be studied further.

3. A circular letter has been received from the Central Club House Committee, asking us if we are agreed in principle to pursue the scheme of a licensed Club House, to appoint two delegates for a definite Committee. Messrs. Wuthrich and Ritter were accordingly appointed delegates to this Committee.

4. An offer has been received from the Foyer Suisse, who have acquired premises in Upper Bedford Place and reckon to take them over in the beginning of 1923. They offer us accommodation for the Secretariat and the use of a lecture hall. The Committee will go into the matter and report to the Council.

5. The programme of lectures for 1922-23 was approved.

6. The following gentlemen were appointed as supplementary members of the Press Committee:—Dr. F. Bodmer, Mr. J. H. Büchi, Dr. E. Gerwig, and Dr. W. Wegelin.

7. The Secretary made a few communications with regard to his activity; the most important were:—

(a) 50 extra copies of an extract from his lecture on "The Attitude of the British Foreign Office towards Switzerland in the Nineteenth Century" have been printed free of charge by "The Swiss Observer" and are at the disposal of those members who apply for them; (b) two English papers have specially mentioned the participation of the Swiss contingent in the Hyde Park Procession of the League of Nations Demonstration, and our Press Committee has succeeded in placing reports in two important Swiss dailies about this event; (c) a report on our activity since the General Assembly appear in the "Bulletin" of the N.S.H. for October, and a report on the activity of the London Colony will appear in the same month's issue of the "Anglo-Swiss Review"; (d) the propaganda work on behalf of Othmar Schoeck has been continued, and an article of five hundred words was published on this composer in the "Musical Standard"; (e) direct relations have been renewed with the Swiss Universities' Bureau and the President of the British National Union of Students. British university publications will henceforth be transmitted to Swiss universities by our Secretariat and vice-versa; (f) the Secretary reviewed "The Torch," a play by John Knittel, in "The Swiss Observer" and in two Swiss dailies; (g) he has also transmitted to the editor of the sixth volume of Dierauer's "Swiss History" certain copies he has made of documents in the Record Office for reference, and he has arranged for other documents to be copied for him; (h) a bibliography, containing 250 titles of English books on Switzerland which have appeared since 1840, has been compiled by the Secretary and is ready for print; (i) a new Subject File has been compiled, containing innumerable cuttings on every aspect of Swiss life, which the members are invited to use.

8. Five new members were admitted, and notice was taken of fourteen resignations; these were for the most part due to departures for abroad.

9. The Treasurer made a very good statement regarding our financial situation. An animated discussion ensued, and it was finally decided that the combined Finance and Budget Commissions should present a report to the Committee and that an Extraordinary Council Meeting should adopt the necessary decisions on Wednesday, September 27th.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th.

1. The Finance and Budget Commissions had drafted a report as to the means they considered best for overcoming our financial crisis, and Dr. Lang also presented a report on this problem. In the discussion which followed all the speakers expressed the hope that it will be possible to raise the necessary funds for carrying on the Secretariat during 1923, at least on a reduced basis. It was decided to make a supreme effort to cover the minimum Budget of £630 and to reconsider the whole question in December next.

2. An invitation to participate in the Exhibition at St. Albans of the League of Nations Union reached the Swiss Chargé d'Affaires and was transmitted to us for consideration. The Secretary was asked to let the Swiss Minister know that we would be glad to give all the help in our power to assist him in making arrangements for a Swiss pavilion.

3. The Secretary was given permission to enter into an agreement with the publisher of "The Swiss Observer" according to which he intends to edit regularly a literary page of this paper.

Members are reminded that there is a large number of very interesting Swiss books for sale at the Secretariat. Prices have been greatly reduced and price-lists will be sent out on application.

Dr. PAUL LANG, Secretary.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

(Communicated.)

Sous la Présidence de Mr. R. de Cintra, le City Swiss Club, a tenu une séance mensuelle et extraordinaire en son local chez Gatti's le 3 octobre 1922.

Le procès verbal de la dernière assemblée est approuvé et signé par le Président.

Monsieur G. Dimier, en des termes très flatteurs propose la candidature de Monsieur Neuschwander, qui secondée par Mr. Laemli, est votée à l'unanimité.

Nous enregistrions avec regrets la démission de Monsieur Preiswerk, Attaché à la Légation de Suisse, pour cause de départ. Monsieur J. A. Schlaefli, ayant quitté Londres, pour se rendre en Espagne, il y a deux ans, est considéré comme démissionnaire.

Le Président procède ensuite à la lecture de deux lettres de Monsieur J. de Monsieur P. A. Carmine, de ses bons vœux, et de Monsieur P. A. Carmine, actuellement en Suisse pour raison de santé, nous donnant de ses nouvelles.

Sur la proposition de Monsieur Th. Ritter, les membres votent à l'unanimité: un don de trente guinées pour la Nouvelle Société Helvétique, et sur la proposition de Monsieur A. Rueff: un crédit de

vingt livres, en faveur du Comité chargé d'organiser les quatre Cinderellas, prévues à notre programme d'hiver.

Le Secrétaire est ensuite chargé d'écrire une lettre de condoléances à Monsieur le Prof. Eugène Borel, à l'occasion du deuil cruel qui l'a frappé en la personne de son fils, Monsieur E. Borel de Genève.

Le Président invite les membres à se prononcer sur la question de Central Club House. Après une longue discussion, sur la proposition de Monsieur A. Schubach, secondée par Mr. G. Dimier, il est résolu par 31 voix contre 6, de répondre au Comité d'initiative dans les termes suivants: "Le City Swiss Club éprouve beaucoup de sympathie pour l'idée d'un Central Club House (licensed) destiné à réunir sous un même toit plusieurs Sociétés Suisses de Londres. C'est donc avec un vif plaisir qu'il accepte l'invitation du Comité d'initiative de déléguer trois de ses membres pour le représenter dans leur Comité et nomme à cet effet MM. . . . Le City Swiss Club croit cependant de son devoir de déclarer dès maintenant qu'à son avis un tel Etablissement ne sera viable que s'il est créé sur une base financière solide, lui permettant de se suffire à lui-même dès son début, et qu'il serait dangereux de compter sur des dons éventuels des membres de notre Colonie pour balancer ses comptes. Dans cet ordre d'idées il émet le vœu que le Comité d'étude contienne ou s'adjoigne au moins un représentant de l'industrie hôtelière dont les services, comme expert en la matière lui seraient très précieux."

Sont nommés comme délégués: Monsieur G. Dimier, R. Dupraz et E. Neuschwander, avec mandat "d'étudier la question de l'établissement du Central Club House et d'en faire rapport au Club."

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4.30.—CHOEUR MIXTE (reprise)

sous la direction de M. Rodolphe

Gaillard. Invitation à chacun.

6.30.—Pfarrer U. Wildbolz.

Dimanche, 29 Oct., 6.30.—Service spécial en deux

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LE PASTEUR.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Saturday, Oct. 14th, at 8.15 p.m.—Miss Olga Carmine:

Pianoforte Recital at Wigmore Hall W.

Wednesday, Oct. 18th, at 8.30 p.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Monthly Meeting at 1, Gerrard Place, W.C.1.

Thursday, Oct. 19th, at 7.30 p.m.—SWISS BANK CLUB: Dance at the Suffolk Galleries, Suffolk Street, S.W.1.

Friday, Oct. 20th, at 8.30 p.m.—SWISS INSTITUTE: Lecture by Walter Marlow, Esq., on "Händel and Canons (Edgware)."

Friday, Oct. 27th, at 8 p.m.—NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE: Lecture by Dr. Paul Lang at Westminster Central Hall on "Die gegenwärtige deutschschweizerische Dialekt-Dichtung."

Saturday, Oct. 28th.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Cinderella Dance at Gatti's Restaurant.

Saturday, Nov. 4th, at 8.30 p.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Cinderella Dance at the Midland Hotel.

Friday, Nov. 10th, at 8 p.m.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Lantern Lecture by Mr. G. Dimier, at King George's Hall (Y.M.C.A.).

Wednesday, Nov. 22nd, at 7.15 p.m.—Association of British Members of the SWISS ALPINE CLUB: Annual Dinner at Gatti's Restaurant.

Friday, Dec. 1st.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Annual Banquet and Ball at Prince's Restaurant.

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