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SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

The Swiss Mercantile Society is probably one of those Swiss Societies in London who have suffered most through the post-war economic situation of this country. This all the more so as new members generally belong to the younger generation, whose entry into England is still severely handicapped. Yet, in spite of all these adverse circumstances, the Committee is able to report a slow, but steady increase of membership.

It would be unfair to belittle or to try to overlook the great value of the Education Department as far as the increase in the number of members is concerned, as well as the enhanced prestige which the Society is deriving from it generally. We are showing on another page one of the photos, taken in June this year, of part of this department's *clientèle*, together with members of the Education Committee. In spite of the restrictions referred to above, the Chef de Cours is able to report favourably upon the present state of this Department. There are 16 evening classes, with 108 students, and the day classes are showing an average attendance of 100 students.

For a long time the Committee has considered it a principal task to offer to the members and friends various entertainments, which would not only provide a first-class amusement, but would at the same time be inexpensive.

On the first Saturday of every month during the winter a Cinderella Dance takes place at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, which has, so far, proved a great success. No doubt, Mr. Charles Strübin, the President of the Entertainment Committee, has for the remaining dances a good many new attractions in store, and our members and friends are asked to be on the lookout for the advertisements which will duly appear in the *S.O.*

Apart from these Dances, we would remind our members and friends of the social gatherings which take place every Wednesday evening at the Union Helvetia. Many members are anxious to find partners for a game of draughts, chess, or "Jass," and enthusiasts are cordially invited.

There is one more department which we would mention, the Employment Department. Under the management of Mr. J. Pfändler, this department is doing excellent work in providing situations, and it is only to be hoped that improved conditions in England, with a consequent bigger influx of Swiss seeking employment here, will tend to increase its activity.

The Committee of the Swiss Mercantile Society takes this opportunity of wishing all members and friends the Compliments of the Season and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. G.

SWISS INSTITUTE.

Mr. J. F. Green will speak on "Sir Thomas More and his Utopia" at the Swiss Institute, 28, Red Lion Square, W.C.1, on Friday, January 2nd, at 8.30 p.m.

Mr. J. F. Green is an excellent speaker and an authority on historical subjects of the political and parliamentary kind. It is, therefore, confidently hoped that our friends will avail themselves of this opportunity to hear Mr. Green, who incidentally knows our country well, particularly its political institutions, being himself a late Member of Parliament.

The Committee, therefore, extend a cordial invitation to everybody who may desire to attend, and at the same time take this opportunity to wish all their patrons, members and friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year. B.



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Sylvestertag, 31. Dez., 6.30 p.m.—Gemeinsame Jahresabschlussfeier beider Kirchgemeinden in 79, Endell Street, W.C.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 8 p.m.—CITY SWISS CLUB: "Sylvester" Gathering at Gatti's Restaurant, Strand, W.C. (See adv.)

Friday, January 2nd, at 8.30—SWISS INSTITUTE: Lecture by J. F. Green, Esq., on "Sir Thomas More and his Utopia," at 28, Red Lion Square, W.C.1.

Saturday, Jan. 3rd, at 6.30—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Fancy Dress Ball at the Midland Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W.

Saturday, Jan. 3rd, at 3 p.m.—ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREE PARTY at Morley Hall, 26, George Street, Hanover Square, W.1. For tickets (reserved to children) apply to Rev. Hoffmann-de Visme, 102, Hornsey Lane, N.6.

Tuesday, Jan. 6th, at 6.45—CITY SWISS CLUB: Monthly Meeting, preceded by a Supper, at Gatti's Restaurant, Strand, W.C.

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