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SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY.

It was a very jolly gathering at the Swiss Club when the Swiss Choral Society on Saturday, Feb. 16th, served their second Annual Dinner to their members and friends. The Swiss Minister was unfortunately unable to be present, but in his stead Mr. H. Martin, Counsellor of the Legation, conveyed a patriotic message to the gathering, spiced with many a good joke and with a witty allusion to his unmusical voice. Mr. Manzoni, the President, singled out as the one item of importance during the past year the Charity Concert, given with other Swiss Societies in aid of the Swiss Benevolent Society. He drew the attention of those present to the concert which they hoped to arrange on April 1st in Morley Hall and also to their plan of bringing over a first-class jodel quartette from Switzerland for a special concert. He also had a word of praise for the two Swiss doctors present who had done so much for his health.

The toast to the guests was given by Mr. Fred. Suter, and Mr. August Wyss delighted those present with a very clever toast to the ladies, centring round the peculiar opportunities offered by this present Leap Year. Mr. De Pury returned thanks in the name of the guests.

Quite a revelation was the three songs which were sung, under the able leadership of Mr. Rodolphe Gaillard. Everybody realised with immense satisfaction, to which hearty expression was given, that the progress the choir has made since it worked under the direction of Mr. Gaillard has been genuinely amazing. The Swiss Choir has now attained a standard which makes it a thousand pities that there is no cantonal "Sängerfest" at hand where it could gain golden laurels. P. L.

Dr. SALEEBY'S LECTURE.

Last Friday, at 8.30 p.m., the Union Helvetia's large hall held a big audience, which became more and more interested and astonished as the evening wore on, for the occasion was exceptionally unique.

The Swiss Mercantile Society and the Nouvelle Société Helvétique had jointly invited the eminent Dr. Saleeby to deliver to the members of these Societies and friends one of his eloquent appeals in favour of sunlight and pure air, and Dr. Saleeby had responded with all the gifts that characterize his striking personality.

His discourse was appropriate, for it touched on Switzerland and its beloved Alps, and it touched Swiss hearts. It was not, however, a review of the majestic grandeur of the geographical scenery, such as the late Mr. Dimier liked to expose on the screen for those who were not fortunate enough to visit the Fatherland, but the revelation of the properties, the curative properties that are inherent to their nature, inherent to the sun's rays that fall on them.

It was another side of the value of Switzerland, a side hitherto almost ignored—the side that produces miracles.

It was the spectacle of naked children, naked grown-ups skating on the ice, ski-ing on the snow and enjoying every minute of it, full of energy and health, oblivious of the cold. Yes, oblivious of the cold, for their clothing was a natural one, due to certain rays of the sun—a pigmentation of the skin.

But this was not the miracle. The miracle is that these very same skaters and ski-ers are, most of them, the victims of that terrible disease, tuberculosis, the picture of which is repulsive, with its ugly wounds and its bent bones of dorsal spine and legs.

The miracle: no medicine, no ointments, no surgery—but the balm of the sun's rays, and everything is straightened, cured, has become healthy again. Nature, brought into direct contact, has accomplished the miracle!

Dr. Saleeby has shown us on the screen Dr. Rollier's natural hospital at Leysin and the environs—the patients given up as incurable by doctors, and the same patients completely cured.

Such hospitals have been started elsewhere, but although doing good work, their efficiency cannot compare with Dr. Rollier's, who possesses the advantages of the Swiss climate of the Swiss sun—if one may call it so.

Dr. Saleeby cited Hippocrates, who, more than 2,300 years ago, applied the sun's curing process with absolute efficiency. It has taken us all this time to discover again that its light alone has a greater power than most of the drugs that are sold to us, and is much cheaper, if we only can get it.

But in London and in big industrial cities—can we receive it? The coal smoke most of the time obscures it, and rickets, the so-called English disease, owes to it their existence among children. Consumption and other ills can trace their origin and development to coal smoke.

Industrial chimneys are guilty, but domestic chimneys are so many times more so, because they provide as much as four times the amount of smoke of the industrial ones.

Hitherto no system of combustion has been found practical enough to do away with that scourge and thus no law exists to force atmospheric smoke poisoners to change their means of heating into a more expensive one, because there exists no other.

Huge efforts are being made to overcome this difficulty, and Dr. Saleeby paid a tribute to a London Swiss Engineer (Mr. J. H. Corthésy), who, led by a discovery he made on the value of smoke combustion and its economy, has devoted his attention to use same in a practical manner.

Mr. G. E. DeBrunner, president of the Swiss Mercantile Society, in a fine speech, introduced Dr. Saleeby.

Mr. Suter, in the absence of Mr. Baer, president of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, thanked Dr. Saleeby for his wonderful revelation of facts hitherto ignored.

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KIRCHLICHES.

Veranlasst durch das persönliche Wort des Herrn Pfarrer Urner im S. O. No. 141 vom 16. d. Mts., worin er seine empfundenen Eindrücke mit Bezug auf die gegenwärtigen Verhältnisse in der Schweizerkirche schilderte, mag darauf hingewiesen werden, dass sich inzwischen einige Deutschschweizer, beseelt vom aufrichtigen Willen, eine friedliche Lösung der verschiedenen Fragen herbeizuführen, entschlossen haben, die Initiative zu einer Petition zu ergreifen. Eine solche Petition, an das "Consistoire" gerichtet, ist bereits in Zirkulation. Dieselbe hat zum Zweck, den Kirchenrat zu veranlassen, an je zwei Sonntagen pro Monat einen Gottesdienst in deutscher Sprache um 11 Uhr morgens zu veranstalten. Ebenso weist sie auf die Notwendigkeit hin, dass Herr Pfarrer Urner zur erspriesslichen Ausübung des Pfarramtes unter den Deutschschweizern die dazu erforderliche Freiheit und Grundlage verschafft wird.

Es sei besonders erwähnt, dass die Initianten der Petition Gewicht auf die Erhaltung einer einheitlichen Schweizerkirche legen. Es handelt sich also durchaus nicht darum, unsere welschen Brüder zu verdrängen, sondern vielmehr Einheit und Gleichheit anzuregen. In diesem Sinne möge die Petition dem Interesse der Kolonie aufs Wärmste empfohlen sein. Das Resultat wird sicher der grosszügigen und wohlwollenden Erwägung des Consistoire nicht entgehen. F. G. SOMMER.

SWISS BANK FOOTBALL CLUB.

It is rumoured that the Swiss Bank Football Club has been undergoing treatment by Dr. Voronoff, the celebrated thyroid-gland specialist. Whether this is true or not, the fact remains they are now in splendid form, sweeping all before them.

Following their splendid win over the Belgian Bank last Saturday they met and defeated the Midland Bank at Beckenham by 2-0. The score itself does not represent fully the superiority of the Swiss over their opponents; had the score been 6-0, it would not have been an unfair margin.

I do not think it necessary to describe the game it being too one-sided, Hochuli not having more than half-a-dozen shots the whole game, and none of these threatened danger. It would also be unfair to single out individual players for merit, the whole team without exception working hard for victory.

If the enthusiasm and harmony of the team is only maintained, I am confident it will not be long before the Swiss are chasing the leaders of the League. This, I am sure, is only echoing the wishes of all supporters of the club. "SKIPPER."

Mrs. C. H. Senn, the wife of the well-known food expert, of 94, St. George's Square, S.W.1, died on the 15th inst. after a long and painful illness; she was buried at the Farnborough parish church yard.

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Thursday, February 28th, at 8 p.m.

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Entrance 2/6. The Committee.

EGLISE SUISSE, 79, Endell St., W.C. 2.

Dimanche, 24 Fév., 11h.—M. Pasteur Corsani.
6.30.—Herr Missionar Wunderli.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Sunday, Feb. 24th, at 3.15.—SWISS INSTITUTE:
Concert at Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour St., W.
Thursday, Feb. 28th, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.—SCHWEI-
ZERBUND: Grand Fancy Dress Ball at 74, Char-
lotte Street, W. 1.
Thursday, Feb. 28th, at 7.30.—SWISS BANK CLUB:
Carnival Dance at Australia House, Strand, W.C. 2.
Friday, Feb. 29th, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.—UNION
HELVETIA: Fancy Dress Ball and Carnival at
1, Gerrard Place, W. 1.
Friday, Feb. 29, at 8 p.m.—NOUVELLE SOCIETE
HELVETIQUE: Annual General Meeting at the
Foyer Suisse, 15, Upper Bedford Place, W. C.
Saturday, March 1st, at 6.30.—SWISS MERCANTILE
SOCIETY: Cinderella Dance at Midland Hotel.
Tuesday, March 4th, at 6.45.—CITY SWISS CLUB:
Monthly Meeting, preceded by a Supper, at Gatti's
Restaurant, Strand, W. C.
Tuesday, March 11th, at 8 p.m.—SWISS SPORTS:
Delegates' Meeting at Union Helvetia, 1, Gerrard
Place, Shaftesbury Avenue, W.
Friday, March 14.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY:
Smoking Concert.
Thursday, March 20, at 7.30.—UNION HELVETIA:
Charity Concert for the benefit of London hospitals,
at Steinway Hall.
Saturday, Apr. 5.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY:
Annual Banquet and Ball.
Every Saturday, 3 to 5 p.m.—SWISS RIFLE ASSO-
CIATION: Miniature Rifle Shooting Practice at
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