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CITY SWISS CLUB.

The summer evening had begun to fold the world in its mysterious embrace and Phoebus to drive his latest six cylinder chariot towards the western gates. And as he pressed on the accelerator with gentle touch so that the last rays of the sun lingered in lengthening shafts of golden light, the moon goddess began to cast her argentic softness over the sward where some 85 members and guests were assembled for the second summer meeting of the City Swiss Club at the Brent Bridge Hotel on Tuesday last. (Nonsense it rained nearly all the time and the moon was in the last quarter.—Ed.) At the hour of eight, the company sat down to partake of the succulent repast which had been provided for them. At that magic hour when the coffee filled the waiting cups, Mr. C. Chapuis, who presided, rose to propose the health of the King and the Swiss Confederation and in a few words welcomed the ladies and guests in the name of the Club. Mr. Chapuis said that the President, Mr. E. Werner, was unable to be present as he was in Paris. I sincerely and devoutly hope that he will not return with either his foot swollen, or his head swollen, or his... He would have my sympathy. In welcoming the ladies, Mr. Chapuis said that he could not imagine what such a meeting would be like if only men were present. The problem is however simple, there would be no meeting. Towards the end of dinner, a draw had taken place and in accordance with the Club's tradition for being up-to-date and maintaining the equality of the sexes, two prizes were given to the ladies and one to the gentlemen.

Among the numerous guests were Madame de Cintra, the mother of our Treasurer, Mr. Edwards who replied for the guests and Mr. Martin who was the lucky recipient of the prize mentioned above.

Short were the speeches and after retiring for a few minutes while the tables were removed, the company gave itself up to the joys of the dance under the able direction of Mr. Chapuis and passed the evening in pleasant amusement until the inexorable fiat of the licensing regulations and the need for the last bus brought the meeting to a close. On this occasion, no spot prizes were given but balloons, a Paul Jones, a Polonaise and a Lemon Dance caused considerable amusement. It is sad to have to relate that in connection with the Lemon Dance, the four men who were left in possession of the oranges were so overcome by shyness that they were unable to execute the penalty imposed. The Polonaise was a great success thanks to Mr. Chapuis.

I was glad to note that the views expressed in my Paris letter with regard to the prevailing fashions for the season have been correct. We should also like to say a word of praise for the dinner which was quite up to the C.S.C. standard and for the performance of the Romany Band of which the pianist especially was indefatigable. Although about 85 were present at the dinner, several more members turned up afterwards, among whom we were glad to see one of our most expert dancers.

To conclude, a most enjoyable and successful evening. ck.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

In connection with the scholastic programme the following lectures were given by the students during last week:—

A. Steiner, Pfungen: "Remember." Miss H. Wehrli, Thalwil: "Friendship." Miss D. Meylan, La Chaux-de-Fonds: "La Vallée de Joux." W. Katz, Basle: "Industrial Revolution." O. A. Ammon, Neuhausen: "A Paris Railway Station," and "Crossing the Channel." Miss M. J. Braek, Lausanne: "My Favourite Poet." Miss G. Troehler, Berne: "Berne." Miss E. Karth, Riehen-Basle: "Religion." G. Chaudet, Vevey: "Notes on Excursions." E. Schuetz, Pery-Berne: "Geography." M. Dreiffuss, Zurich: "Fatalism." W. Fenigstein, Zurich: "Sport." A. Weber, Berne: "Some Remarks." E. Mueller, Chiasso: "How I came to London."

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

"Should the Coloured and the White Races Have Equal Rights?" Proposer, F. Streit; Opposer, F. Aellen.

"Are You in Favour of Votes For Women?" Proposer, Miss E. Keller. Opposer: H. Roggmann.

On Friday, June 28th, an exceedingly interesting lecture on "My Visit to Czecho-Slovakia," was delivered by Francis P. Marchant, Esq.. The lecturer illustrated his remarks with a series of slides depicting scenes and persons of the Republic. Mr. J. Pfandler presided and thanked the speaker for the instructive address. After the lecture a musical entertainment was given by the students.

On Saturday, June 29th, the school, under the guidance of Mr. J. W. Klein and Mr. B. Davis, visited the India Museum and the Imperial War Museum, finishing the day with a walk through Hyde Park to see the Albert Memorial.

On Wednesday, July 3rd, nearly two hundred students spent a delightful day at the birthplace of 'The Immortal Bard.' The party, under the

leadership of Messrs. B. Davis, J. W. Klein and W. Burren, left Paddington by special train and stayed seven hours in Stratford. Great interest was evinced in the tiny house where Shakespeare was born, as well as in the church where he was buried. A trek was also made to Anne Hathaway's Cottage at Shottery.

On Friday, July 5th, Mr. B. Davis, B.A., delivered an interesting lecture entitled "From Ark to Aquitania," illustrated by lantern slides. His speech dealt with the development of shipping throughout the ages and was received with tumultuous applause by a large audience. His colleague Mr. J. W. Klein presented the thanks of the audience to the speaker and Mr. J. H. Buchi, Secretary of the Swiss Mercantile Society thanked the masters, who so ably replaced Mr. and Mrs. Masterman during their absence.

On Saturday, July 6th, the students, under the leadership of Mr. J. W. Klein, visited Epping Forest and the famous old Waltham Abbey. It was a lengthy walk of ten miles through the most delightful country.

UNIONE TICINESE.

As arranged, the usual Annual Outing and Sports of this society took place on the 30th June. It was a great success and a most enjoyable event. The party left the "Schweizerbund" at 10.15 a.m. by charabanc, and, after a long country ride through a part of Essex, arrived at the King's Oak Hotel, High Beech, Epping Forest, where, at 1 p.m., the fine gathering sat down to an excellent lunch. At the conclusion of the meal the President, Mr. Notari, addressed them in his usual eloquent manner, drawing most hearty applause. He had words of special welcome for our loyal friend G. Marchand, who had travelled back from Southampton over-night in order to be with us. He thanked Mr. Marchand for his abiding generosity, as he had once again contributed several valuable prizes to the sports events. Mr. Notari specially reminded his audience that in Mr. Marchand the society has "un amico intimo e sincero," not one who reserves graces and compliments for official occasions, but one who, in spite of the fact that we have not yet heard him make a speech in our midst, has nevertheless gained the respect and esteem of the Ticinese colony at large.

Mr. Notari did not omit to refer to the very burning question of the Military Exemption Tax and the ways and manner in which it is collected as far as the citizens abroad are concerned. It is undoubtedly a fact that the widespread resentment at the harsh treatment to which some of our fellow Ticinesi are submitted at the hands of bureaucrats, threatens to cause a veritable "flight from the Swiss flag." Energetic action will have to be taken, if the society is not to lose some of its valued members.

Mr. C. Berti (Vice-President) then rose to propose Mr. Notari's health and said that the society was fortunate in having such an active and energetic man at the head of its affairs, who, being a bachelor, was able to devote practically the whole of his spare time for the welfare of the Society. The toast was honoured with the most hearty applause.

Mr. Notari thanked Mr. Berti for the compliments he had paid him and for the nice manner in which they were received. He assured everybody of his wholehearted devotion to the Society,—the cause he has so much at heart. He noticed that the members of the Committee seemed very much concerned and interested about his bachelorhood, but he assured the many pretty young ladies present, that the Committee would no doubt consider any genuine applications, if addressed to the proper quarters, and insisted that their Chairman should according to the Rules, abide by the decision of the majority.

The lunch over, the gathering adjourned for the sports, which proved extremely successful and enjoyable, in spite of the weather being none too summery. The various races, "boocie," cricket, tennis, dancing on the green, and various other pastimes drew their respective devotees.

During the tea interval Mr. Meschini, our highly esteemed Hon. Vice-President and unwavering supporter of the Society, presented the prizes to the lucky competitors, and although there was a considerable number of them his fund of witty remarks never failed him. After tea dancing was continued until the appointed time for departure, when members and friends left by charabancs for the "Schweizerbund" arriving there at 10.30 p.m.

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BAPTEME.

Roland Charles LANGON, né le 31/8/27, fils de Charles Adrien et de Catherine née Schutz, de Montmolin, (Neuchatel)—le 7 juillet, 1929.

MARIAGE.

Marc CEVEY, de Genthod (Genève) et Julia KELLER, des Eaux Vives (Genève)—le 6 juillet 1929.

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Wednesday, August 7th, at 7.30 p.m.—SOCIETE DE SECOURS MUTUELS: Monthly Meeting at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

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