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SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY LTD.

After a short respite for the summer vacation the Society resumed its activities on Wednesday, September 13th when a Monthly Meeting, followed by an Extraordinary General Meeting, was held at Swiss House. The Meeting was preceded by the customary supper.

The holiday spirit must still have prevailed amongst many of the Members, for the attendance was not in keeping with the importance of the Agenda.

Mr. A. C. Stahelin, Vice-Chairman of the Council, presided. The Meeting was honoured by the Presence of Monsieur W. Rüfenacht, First Secretary of Legation, who shows a keen interest in the activities of the Society.

After the Meeting had dealt with the applications for admission and resignations on hand, Mr. E. Hardmeier, Chairman of the Education Committee, exhorted the Members to take advantage of the Evening Classes which will commence on Monday, September 25th, and to induce their friends to do likewise. He also reported on recent successes of the Students of the Evening Classes and the College at the examinations of the Royal Society of Arts and the Institute of Commerce. Mr. Hardmeier mentioned that he had received a letter from the London Chamber of Commerce informing him that they had cancelled the restriction on foreigners taking their examinations, which was in force for several years past. The Education Committee will study the advisability of presenting students for the examinations held by this body.

An excursion will be held on Tuesday, September 26th to visit the Works of the General Electric Company Ltd. at Witton near Birmingham. The fare is 7/-. Members are heartily invited.

Members are kindly requested to make a note of the following dates:

Wednesday, October 11th: Monthly Meeting followed by "A Causerie on South Africa," by Mr. Ch. Chapuis, Member of the Council.

Wednesday, November 8th: Monthly Meeting followed by a lecture on: "A Vision of the last Fifty Years; on the changes from the last century to this," by Mr. H. Nevinson, the well-known War Correspondent and writer.

The Monthly Meeting was followed by an Extraordinary General Meeting for the purpose of electing a President of the Society and Chairman of the Council and other officers, if necessary.

Mr. Stahelin opened the proceedings at 9 p.m. He outlined the reasons which prevented Mr. W. Lehmann from carrying on his dual office. The Meeting recorded a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Lehmann for the services which he had rendered to the Society. The Council recommended as nominee for the vacant offices Mr. A. Steinmann, who occupied the office of Honorary Secretary, to succeed Mr. Lehmann.

For the office of Honorary Secretary Mr. M. Schneider, Hon. Asst. Secretary, was nominated and Mr. M. Rothlisberger was nominated as his successor on the General Purposes Committee. The nominees were duly elected, unopposed. The Chairman, Mr. A. C. Stahelin, then vacated the Chair, assuring the newly elected President of the unstinted co-operation of the Members of the Council and the Committees.

Mr. Steinmann, amongst loud applause then took the Chair. He thanked the Meeting for the confidence they showed in him by bestowing on him the highest office of the Society. He also expressed the Society's appreciation to Mr. Stahelin for having acted in Mr. Lehmann's stead during the latter's inability to carry on his office. To this the Members responded with warm applause.

This concluded the Meeting. W.B.

ADVENTURE IN THE ALPS.

Two Swiss climbers have had a narrow escape from death in the Alps. Although the season is rather advanced for high climbing, the men had left Zermatt to scale the Breithorn. After spending the night at the Principe di Piemonte hut on the Colle di San Teodulo at a height of 11,000ft. they began the ascent, roped together, to the Breithorn, but while crossing the glacier a snow bridge over a crevasse broke beneath the leader, who disappeared. His companion managed to keep his foothold, and by a great effort checked his friend's fall and held him suspended on the rope in the crevasse. With little hope of being heard he began shouting for help, and as his strength gradually began to fail he was drawn ever nearer to the edge of the crevasse. His cries had, however, reached the ears of three frontier Carabinieri who had just returned to the hut from a tour of inspection.

In spite of the falling darkness the party, joined by two guides, set out, and after an hour reached the scene of the accident to find the heroic Swiss on the point of collapse, but still gripping the rope to save his companion from a fall to certain death at the bottom of the crevasse. One of the Carabinieri was lowered into the crevasse and

succeeded in securing the suspended and now half-unconscious climber by ropes, with which he was slowly raised to safety.

It was completely dark and the wind had begun to blow hard when the rescue party, carrying the helpless man, started for the hut. Half blinded by the driving snow and continuously endangered by the presence of hidden crevasses, the rescuers at one point took an hour to cover 100 yards, and three hours of perilous and exhausting effort were necessary before the hut was reached.

SWISS GIRL'S FATAL CLIFF FALL.

How Margrit Kraft, aged twenty, a Swiss student in London, met her death while on holiday in Devon, was described at a Kingswear inquest. Miss Kraft, whose home was at Zurich, fell sixty feet while climbing the Ara Rock last week, and died in hospital the following day.

A verdict of "Death by misadventure" was recorded.

Mr. Hans Schaerer, a fellow student, said that he and Miss Kraft, with two others, went down to the beach at the Rook, Miss Kraft remarking, "I am going to crawl a little way up this Rock," started climbing, wearing a bathing dress, beach pyjamas, and rubber-soled shoes.

Witness went to the top by a path. He had been against the climb, he said, because of the danger.

Mr. Schaerer added, "When I got to the top, deceased was nearly there. I laid down and said, 'Give me your hand,' as she was then on dry and slippery ground.

"I couldn't reach her, but she did not appear to appreciate the danger. Suddenly her feet slipped, and she commenced to slide down. She made efforts to recover her hold, but failed to do so, and I heard her fall to the bottom."

CITY SWISS CLUB.

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Tuesday, October 3rd, at 8 o'clock — City Swiss Club—Monthly Meeting, preceded by Dinner at Pagan's Restaurant, Great Portland Street, W. (See advert.).

Friday, October 6th, at 7.45 p.m. — Jubilee of the French speaking Y.M.C.A. (50th Anniversary) at Caxton Hall, Westminster. Various Speakers. Musical part organised by Miss Sophie Wyss.

Wednesday, October 11th, at 8 o'clock — Monthly Meeting. — Swiss Mercantile Society Ltd. — followed by a causerie on South Africa, by Mr. Ch. Chapuis at Swiss House, 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.

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11 Uhr vorm., Gottesdienst und Sonntagsschule.

7 Uhr abends, Gottesdienst.

CREMATION.

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Anfragen wegen Religions-bezw. Confirmandenstunden und Amtshandlungen sind erbeten an den Pfarrer der Gemeinde: C. Th. Hahn, 43, Priory Road, Bedford Park, W.4 (Telephon: Chiswick 4156). Sprechstunden: Dienstag 12-2 Uhr in der Kirche; Mittwoch 5-6 Uhr im "Foyer Suisse."

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