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THE SWISS OBSERVER.

When hostilities eventually broke to Switzerland. out the Council was summoned for an emergency meeting on Saturday, September 2nd, to decide on such measures as were deemed most expedient. It was resolved to put Swiss House at the disposal of the Legation for Swiss activities and mobilisation purposes. As already reported in the columns of this paper, mobilising took place at Swiss House on Friday and Saturday, September 15th and 16th. The Chairman conveyed to the Meeting the thanks of the Swiss Legation for the facilities offered them at Swiss House. In the first contingent were Mr. W. Meier, Chairman of the Education Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Council, Mr. M. Schneider, Hon. Secretary, and Mr. R. Senn, Hon. Asst. Secretary, as well as a large number of members of the S.M.S. and students of the College, who answered the call to the colours. This depleted not only the Committees but also the attendance at the College which had then shrunk to about ten per cent. of the August figure. The College is being kept open for the remaining students who are awaiting travelling facilities to Switzerland, to continue their studies. It was also decided to consider ways and means of trying to make arrangements for other nationals to avail themselves of the educational facilities offered at Swiss House, with a view to retaining at least a nucleus of the Teaching and Office Staffs. This would at least keep the organisation, which it took seventeen years to build up, alive and ready for immediate resumption of its ordinary activities once the hostilities cease.

The Chairman drew the Members' attention to a notice in the "Zentralblatt" of the "S.K.V." in which headquarters offered assistance to any members of foreign sections who may seek their advice in settling personal matters. The Chairman also reported that Mr. L. W. Krucker would act on behalf of Mr. O. Grob, Vice-President and Chairman of the House Committee, during the latter's absence on business in the U.S.A.

The Chairman also mentioned that a statement of the Society's finances would be given at a later meeting.

The Meeting then decided that full powers be vested in the President to act on behalf of the Society in any emergency, without the necessity of consulting the members of the various Committees. This decision was in line with an action taken by the members of the Council at its last meeting. The Chairman, however, made it abundantly clear that wherever possible he would consult at least some, if not all, of the Council and Committee members before arriving at an important decision.

The Annual Banquet and Ball arranged for Saturday, October 14th, was cancelled. A meeting of the Education Committee was called for Saturday afternoon, September 30th. It was decided that under present conditions all meetings at Swiss House will be held on Saturday afternoons.

Mr. A. F. Suter, President of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, then briefly addressed the members. He voiced his appreciation of the work the S.M.S. had been so successfully carrying on in the past, and appreciated the decision of trying to carry on under difficult circumstances. The N.S.H., he said, would hold its meetings at Swiss House as hitherto. Before the close of the Meeting, Mr. Boos thanked Mr. Suter for his kind expressions.

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