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The President further formulated a proposal, also seconded by Mr. F. Conrad, to honour our Founder Member and First President, Mr. J. Manzoni, in view of twenty-four years incessant work during which he guided the Society successfully through many a storm to come out on top of all difficulties. As the President bestowed the Honorary Vice-Presidency on Mr. Manzoni, loud cheers broke forth from the Members and the proposal was carried unanimously with prolonged acclamation.

The Meeting then proceeded with the ordinary business. After extending his gratitude to the Members for their support during the past season, the President called upon Mr. Manzoni to conduct the election of the new Committee for 1943/44. A proposal to re-elect the outgoing President and Committee for a new term of office was accepted unanimously, thus Mr. F. C. Sommer re-occupied the Chair after only a few minutes absence. Therefore the governing body remains unchanged with

Mr. F. G. Sommer : *President*;  
 Mr. J. H. Berger : *Vice-Président*;  
 Mr. E. P. Dick : *Hon. Secretary*;  
 Mr. E. Ritzmann : *Hon. Treasurer*;  
 Mr. C. Sykora : *Hon. Librarian*.

A new music Commission was also elected to select new songs and it is hoped that we may obtain new songs from Switzerland in the near future.

Two new auditors were also elected.

The meeting confirmed the continuance of fortnightly rehearsals at Swiss House, 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1, every other Friday from 6.30 to 8 p.m.

The President then welcomed several new active Members who joined the Choir during the past season and expressed satisfaction for the way the Choir is growing, having now 41 active Members, the highest figure ever attained. Upon this happy note the President closed the meeting thanking the Members for their attention.

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### PERSONAL.

By the passing away of Madame Marie Golay, wife of the late Monsieur Charles Hector Golay, on the 3rd of December, at Frome, Somerset, one of the oldest members (if not the oldest) of the Swiss Colony in Great Britain has left us.

Madame M. Golay was born in Switzerland on the 14th of October, 1847, and came to England in 1868.

Old members of the Société de Secours Mutuels des Suisses à Londres will remember Monsieur Hector Golay who always attended the annual dinner of the Society with his wife and family when this function was taking place in the good old days previous to the last war.

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We are pleased to hear that our friend Mr. F. M. Gamper has left the hospital and is convalescing at home; he wishes us to return sincere thanks for the many letters and enquiries.

### CHRISTMAS AT THE SWISS CHURCH.

On Christmas Day, at 11 a.m., there will be a Service in French at the Eglise Suisse, 79, Endell Street, W.C.2, and a Service in German at the "Oak Room," Kingsway Hall, Kingsway, W.C.2.

On *Sunday, December 26th*, at 3 p.m., a *Christmas Tree Celebration* will take place at the Eglise Suisse; the service will be in French and German, and we hope to have a very large gathering; children will be welcome. After the service, tea will be served; it will be a real "fête de famille."

### OUR NEXT ISSUE.

We hope to publish our next issue on January 28th.

### MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISEMENTS

WAITRESS AND SERVICE-HAND required — No Sunday work, closing 8 p.m. Half-day off weekly. Good wages and food. Experience not essential if quick and adaptable. Apply VIENNA CAFE, Berkeley Arcade, Baker Street, N.W.1. Wel. 8388.

ANCIEN élève Ecole de Commerce, Neuchâtel, British, five languages including Russian, many years experience and valuable connections (1) import-export textiles (2) tourism: desires contact enterprising Swiss business man or firm interested in plans for post-war trade. Box No. 26, Swiss Observer 23, Leonard Street, London, E.C.2.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

- Union Chretienne de langue française (French-speaking Y.M.C.A.) 9, Soho Square (Eglise Française), Réunion chaque mardi à 5.45 p.m. Invitation cordiale à tous.
- Sunday, January 2nd, 1944, at 3.30 p.m. — Catholic Christmas and New Year's Service, at St. Peters Church, Palace Street, S.W.1 — followed by Christmas Party, at Westminster Cathedral Hall.
- Saturday, January 8th, 1944, at 2.30 p.m. — Swiss Mercantile Society Ltd. — Monthly Meeting, at Swiss House 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1, followed by social afternoon, cards, darts, etc.
- Tuesday, January 11th, 1944, at 7.15 p.m. — City Swiss Club — Monthly Meeting, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1, preceded by a "Bierabig" at 6 p.m. (See Advert.).
- Saturday, January 15th, 1944, at 2.45 p.m. — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — Annual General Meeting, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, preceded by a Luncheon at 1 p.m. (See Advert.).
- Saturday, February 5th, 1944 — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — Film Show, at Conway Hall, at 2 p.m. or 4 p.m. Entrance free.