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SCHWEIZERBUND (SWISS CLUB).

The 118th Half Yearly General Meeting held on February 9th, at 74, Charlotte Street, was well patronized. The Chairman, Mr. H. Mueller, after welcoming the gathering, especially our Trustees, Messrs. R. Keller and J. Joerin, opened the meeting at 4 p.m. with a short *resumé* of the Club's business during the six months ended December 31st, 1945, dwelling not only on the bright spots, but also pointing out the many difficulties which had to be tackled by the Committee with a view to improve the amenities of the Club so as to attract more of our compatriots. To a large degree these endeavours bore fruit, mainly through the appointment of a new Steward and Stewardess, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wyss, who at all times courteous and painstaking as well as fully qualified to satisfy the inner man, particularly the Swiss palate, well deserved the Chairman's congratulations and the members' hearty applause. The news of this appointment and that really excellent luncheons and dinners were to be had at the Schweizerbund soon spread in the Colony. Consequently many old Swiss members and friends re-joined our ranks. Furthermore, the Swiss Male Choir again set up its headquarters at 74, Charlotte Street, a fact which was loudly acclaimed by the meeting. The Chairman thanked his fellow-officers for their wholehearted collaboration during his term of office, and then announced his and their resignation, but declared that all were willing to serve again if re-elected. During the election of the President, Mr. Joerin ably officiated as Chairman *pro tem*. His residence in the chair was, however, of very short duration, as Mr. H. Mueller's re-election occupied only minutes. The election of officers terminated with the following results: Chairman: Mr. H. Mueller (re-elected); Vice-Chairman: Mr. P. Stoeri (re-elected); Secretary: Mr. P. E. Imhof (re-elected); Treasurers: Messrs. W. Hausermann and F. Studer (re-elected); Auditors: Messrs. J. M. Trepp and S. Croset (re-elected); Committee: M. Bachofer, A. Bossert, A. Greder, E. Rikli (re-elected), and J. Schrier and H. Yanischek (newly elected).

Balance Sheet. The Auditors reported very favourably on the Club's affairs and invited criticism of the Balance Sheet. None were, however, forthcoming, and the balance sheet was accepted with unanimous satisfaction.

A few minor items were then disposed of, and the meeting terminated at 6 p.m. Sec.

VIOLONCELLO RECITAL.

Mlle Rosemary Pfaendler made her *début* very gracefully at a Violoncello Recital, arranged by Mme Effie Richardson, at Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W.1, on Monday, March 4th, 1946, and the applause of a numerous audience testified their warm appreciation of her undoubted talent.

We were privileged to hear her very delicately felt interpretation of such masters as Handel (Sonata for two Violoncellos) and Boëllmann (Variations symphoniques).

We feel sure that a successful future may be before this talented young artiste, whom we are proud to count as one of our kith and kin.

Everybody would wish to join us in congratulating also her parents whom all hold in such high esteem.

RUETLI LADIES' CLUB.

On Sunday, 10th February, the members of the Rütli Ladies Club met at their Headquarters, the Swiss Club, 74, Charlotte Street, W.1, to elect the new Committee for 1946. The following were appointed to represent the Club during 1946:— President, Mrs. O. M. Bolla; Vice-President, Miss E. Born; Secretary, Mrs. M. Burkhalter; Vice-Secretary, Miss T. Taeuber; Treasurer, Miss N. Allemann; Collector, Miss G. Riesen; M.C., Miss R. Lampart; Advisors, Mrs. H. Burkhalter and Mrs. S. Nicholls. M.V.B.

SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER.

The Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Club, Manchester, took place on Saturday, February 16th, in Manchester, when the following Committee was elected: President: Dr. J. A. Schedler; Vice-President: F. Heinrich; Hon. Secretary: M. E. Lichtensteiger; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Monney; Librarian: Mr. Meyer.

SWISS CATHOLICS IN ENGLAND.

On the occasion of the elevation to the Sacred College of Cardinals of H.E. the Archbishop of Westminster, the Committee of Swiss Catholics sent a message of congratulation and the following reply was received from H.E. Cardinal Griffin:

“The Cardinal Archbishop is most grateful for your good wishes and sends you his heartfelt blessing.”

The Easter Service this year will be held at St. Peters Church, Palace Street, Westminster, S.W.1, on April 28th at 4 p.m., when the Very Rev. Bishop Myers, Provost of Westminster, will preach the sermon and give Benediction.

Bishop Myers is a great friend of Switzerland and of the London Swiss Catholics; it is a great privilege for us to have this honour and the Committee therefore hope that all Swiss Catholics will make it their duty to be present at this service.

After the service the Annual General Meeting of Swiss Catholics will be held at Westminster Cathedral Hall. This will be preceded by Tea and followed by a Concert and Social Evening; entertainment will be provided to suit all, young and old.

Please reserve Sunday afternoon, April 28th, and come along with your family and friends to the service and the meeting and social. J.J.B.

TO SOME (NOT ALL) POST PRANDIAL SPEAKERS.

When you feel moved to orat'ry,
Whatever the occasion be,
Pray let us have the benefit
Of brevity, the soul of wit.

Oft have we sat with silent groans
In deadly boredom, like those stones
On which drips water, drop by drop,
Because you knew not when to stop.

Remember the adage of old
That speech is silver, silence gold,
Both precious, so we you beseech,
Please may we have a bit of each.

J.J.F.S.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

Continued from our issue of December 21st, 1945.

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PERSONAL

We are pleased to announce the birth, on March 10th, at Twyford Nursing Home, Bognor Regis, to Mabs (née Ketley) wife of John C. Nussle, of Swiss House, Elmer Beach, Bognor Regis, of a daughter Cheryl Maureen, sister to Jacqueline and Anthony.

S.O.S.

We understand that the Education Committee of the Swiss Mercantile Society is experiencing great difficulties in finding accommodation for our compatriots who intend to attend the College, which is going to open again shortly after Easter.

Owing to insufficient accommodation at "Swiss House" only a limited number of applicants have been accepted, most of them are between the age of 25-32.

We invite readers of the SWISS OBSERVER who could offer suitable accommodation to get in touch with the Secretary of the Swiss Mercantile Society at "Swiss House," 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

EDITOR'S POST BAG.

The Editor wishes to thank the following subscribers for their complimentary communications received:

Miss R.I., Haslemere: " I always enjoy reading your excellent paper and I am looking forward to it each month, especially was I glad to receive the SWISS OBSERVER during the last few years, when news from home was scarce. I consider it a great privilege to be able to contribute in a humble measure to the maintenance of a paper, which deserves the loyal support of every Swiss citizen in Great Britain."

S.E.B., Milford Haven: " I enclose P.O. for 6/6 as required. I had first written 12/- for 24 issues, but feared it was too great a challenge to Destiny as I shall be 89 in a few months. I thoroughly enjoy reading my SWISS OBSERVER from end to end, and feel grateful to you for the treat." (*Many very happy returns for your approaching birthday.— Editor.*)

E.H., Balloch: " It is very gratifying that the SWISS OBSERVER was issued throughout the war in such a satisfactory manner. It still gives us the best news about Swiss affairs from home and in this country, and I only hope that eventually every Swiss will become a subscriber to the paper."

L.V.S., Shrewsbury: " With renewed thanks for all the interest and pleasure your paper has given me while absent from Switzerland."