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### CITY SWISS CLUB. Xmas Dinner.

The traditional Xmas Dinner of the City Swiss Club took place this year rather earlier than usual, and was held on Tuesday, December 4th, at the Dorchester Hotel.

Following so soon after the Annual Banquet and Ball, fewer members attended this year's feast, but the 60 stalwarts who were there spent a most pleasant evening.

The spirit of goodwill, which is such a feature of this festive season was not missing. What a happy time Xmas is, everyone seems to be imbued with a feeling of kindness!!!

The postman, who for eleven months of the year, puts the letters in the wrong letter box, becomes suddenly most careful not to make a mistake, the dustmen, who usually make a terrible mess in emptying the bins, are sweeping up the potato peelings which they continuously drop all over the place, the station master, at the local station is suddenly most concerned about one's health and even touches his cap which for eleven months seems to have been glued to his head. —

The President, Mr. C. E. Seinet, after the dinner which consisted of fish, turkey, Xmas pudding and mince pies, extended a hearty welcome to the representative of the Swiss Minister, Dr. E. Bernath, Counsellor of Legation, and the members present.

Our old friend, Mr. A. Gandon, on his accordeon played many of our homely Swiss melodies which were sung with great fervour. It is a pity that the President and Conductor of the Swiss Male Choir were not present, as they would have been agreeably surprised to see how many members possess powerful and melodious voices, and I am sure they would have been successful in enrolling not a few to become members of their choir.

Mr. Heimerdinger, was the star turn of the evening and his always witty and clever entertainment was delightful to listen to. The Editor of the "Swiss Observer" and "Mariann" were his "target for the night", and caused great hilarity.

The Committee of the Club was congratulated by one member on the efficient way the Banquet had been conducted and Mr. Ronus, the Manager of the Dorchester Hotel received the compliments of all for having studied the material welfare of the members not only at the Banquet but throughout the year.

Mr. Ch. Gysin, the painstaking Hon. Secretary of the Club, in the capacity as President of the Consistoire de l'Eglise Suisse, mentioned the presence of Pastor H. Blum, who is shortly leaving London to take up an appointment in Switzerland, thanking him for the great services he had rendered to the Colony during the last six years of his *séjour* to which the latter replied most touchingly.

A visitor to the Club from Solothurn, gave a clever imitation of an "Alphorn" which nearly brought tears to my table neighbour who is a great mountaineer.

Before closing the meeting, the President wished all the members and their families a Happy Xmas and Prosperous New Year.

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### LONDON SWISS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The Members of the London Swiss Philatelic Society met on October 26th to inspect part of the collection of Swiss stamps formed by Colonel H. de Watteville, C.B.E. The issue selected for Display was the "Seated Helvetia" of 1862-1882, and he gave a running commentary which not only covered the printing of the stamps, but also explained the reasons for the many variations in shade.

The display was greatly appreciated and a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. S. Newall and seconded by the Vice-President, Mr. W. Burren.



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