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SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

The December meeting was held at Swiss House on Wednesday, the 10th. The President reported that Mr. J. J. Schneider who had been convalescing in Seaford was somewhat better although he still had to use crutches to get about.

The Council had decided that in view of his age and the very difficult time he had undergone during the last months he could not be expected to continue work as usual at the office, and therefore he should retire as and from the 31st December. Mr. J. Hauser, at present Assistant Secretary, had been appointed by the Council to succeed Mr. Schneider as Secretary as and from the 1st January, 1953.

There was one application for membership from Mr. R. Friedli, (a transfer from the Neuchâtel Section), and two resignations, one from Mr. J. A. Meier who had returned to Switzerland, and the other from Mr. R. Zwingli who had gone to New Zealand.

Mr. W. Burren, Chairman of the Education Committee, gave a brief report on the College.

During the current term the attendance at Day Classes had averaged 160 students, which was almost the maximum. Although the term commencing in January was the least popular, a satisfactory number of applications had already been received. The Evening Classes had also been well supported, 187 students attending. The newly formed class preparing students for the Cambridge University Certificate of Proficiency in English had been quite successful, six students having sat the examination of whom five had passed and one failed in one subject only. This compared very favourably with the average of forty-seven per cent passes throughout the whole country.

As usual, the activities of the College had not been limited to serious study alone, several Football matches having been played, with only one defeat, and whole day excursions having been made to Hastings, Oxford University, and Southampton.

It was hoped that Dr. V. Umbricht of the Swiss Legation would report on the latest developments in

the Anglo-Swiss trade negotiations at the January meeting.

The Annual General Meeting had been fixed for Wednesday, the 11th February, at Swiss House, and the Annual Luncheon and Tea Dance would be held at the Dorchester on Saturday, the 21st of February.

As had been mentioned several months ago, through the courtesy of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, Berne, on coming of age sons and daughters of members of the Society would be presented with a copy of the book "Mein Heimatland" if their names were forwarded to the Committee.

Miss M. and Mr. P. Von Bergen who were both present at the meeting had previously expressed a wish to receive this book, and they were presented with a copy each by Mr. Meier. Mr. Von Bergen expressed thanks for this gift on behalf of his sister and himself.

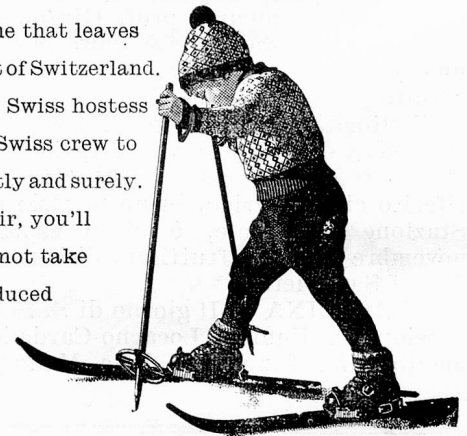
The official business was followed by a film show. Through the courtesy of the Swiss National Tourist Office the following films were exhibited:—

- "Holidays in Sun and Snow",
- "Tour de Suisse",
- "Switzerland, Land of Contrasts",
- "Simplon: Napoleon's Road",
- "Swiss Fêtes", and
- "The Rhine".

J.E.S.

Switzerland in England

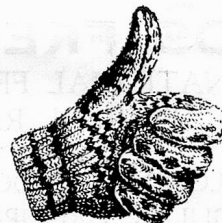
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Tuesday, February 3rd, 1953
6.30 for 7 o'clock

at
The Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.

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"Films outside the Cinema"

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THE COMMITTEE.