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JOURNEE DES SUISSES A L'ETRANGER

à l'occasion de la Foire Suisse d'Echantillons, Bâle, le 18 avril 1921.

(Communiqué). Le succès obtenu par les journées consacrées aux Suisses à l'étranger, lors des trois dernières Foires Suisses d'Echantillons à Bâle, a engagé la Direction de la Foire à organiser, cette fois en collaboration avec la Nouvelle Société Helvétique, le lundi, 18 avril prochain, au Café Spitz, à 4½ h. du soir, une Quatrième Journée consacrée à nos compatriotes du dehors.

Le programme comporte deux conférences: une de M. le Dr. C. Benziger, Chef du Service Consulaire à Berne, ayant pour titre "Réforme du Service consulaire et émigration"; l'autre de M. Robert de Traz, Directeur du Secrétariat des Suisses à l'étranger de la Nouvelle Société Helvétique, à Genève, intitulée, "Les devoirs de la Suisse envers ses colonies." Ces deux conférences, qui traiteront des sujets brûlants d'actualité, seront suivies d'une discussion générale.

De nombreuses participations sont déjà assurées, soit du pays, soit de l'étranger; elles contribueront à faire de cette assemblée annuelle une manifestation imposante en l'honneur de nos compatriotes à l'étranger. On peut espérer qu'elle contribuera à resserrer les liens qui nous unissent aux Suisses vivant à l'étranger.

A l'issue des conférences, un simple souper nous réunira tous.

La Direction de la Foire Suisse d'Echantillons à Bâle et le Secrétariat des Suisses à l'étranger de la Nouvelle Société Helvétique, 14, Rue du Mont-Blanc, Genève, fourniront aux intéressés tous les détails complémentaires qu'ils pourraient désirer sur cette réunion publique à laquelle tous les Suisses sont conviés.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting of the above was held in the Club's quarters at Gatti's on Tuesday evening, the 5th instant, some fifty members and guests putting in an appearance.

The preceding supper terminated with toasts for the King and "La Patrie." The President, Mr. P. F. Boehringer, rose to read the report on the Club's activities during the past year, the outstanding feature of which was the success attained by the Club's Banquet at the Hotel Cecil in November last.

The Treasurer, Mr. Georges Dimier, having reviewed the Club's finances, the satisfactory figures of the balance sheet were passed by the assembly, and a proposal by Dr. de Wolf, to transfer £50 of the surplus to the credit of the "Club House" Fund, was carried unanimously.

Other business of the Club having been disposed of, Mr. P. F. Boehringer proceeded to announce his retirement from the Presidency, a post of honour which had afforded him great satisfaction and pleasure, as the support accorded him by his Committee had been loyal and wholehearted throughout, consequently his sincere thanks to these gentlemen were due as well as to the members, who, he trusted, had little fault to find with his tenure of office. The retiring President then invited the doyen of the City Swiss Club, Mr. J. Geilinger, to officiate while the election of the new Committee was in progress, which resulted in the following nominations being carried: President, Mr. G. Laemlé; Vice-President, Mr. R. de Cintra; Treasurer, Mr. Georges Dimier; Vice-Treasurer, Mr. J. Oltramare; Secretary, Mr. A. Rueff; Vice-Secretary, Mr. H. Senn; Librarian, Mr. J. Geilinger; Auditors, Messrs. F. Zogg and R. Weist.

The newly elected President, in thanking the members for the honour which they conferred upon him, gave expression to his ambition to justify the confidence which had been reposed in him, hoping he would succeed in the same measure as his predecessor had done.

Mr. de Cintra also gave his assurance that he would spare no efforts to aid and further the aims and principles of the Club in his capacity of Vice-President.

A lively discussion ensued concerning the attitude to be pursued by the City Swiss Club with regard to the

foundation of a Club House which would serve the whole of the Swiss Colony in London. Whether the funds already at the disposal of the C.S.C. for this particular purpose should be eventually allocated to a possible concerted movement by the various Swiss Societies, or whether they should be conserved exclusively for an independent venture in this direction by the City Swiss Club only. The late hour, however, did not permit discussing the subject fully and exhaustively; the President declaring the meeting at an end, the debate will be re-opened at a future occasion.

For the information of those members who were absent it may be mentioned that the proposition of Mr. P. F. Boehringer, to transfer the Society's meetings during the coming season, between May and September, again to the summer venue, Nuthall's Restaurant, Kingston-on-Thames, was carried.

SWISS INSTITUTE.

Mr. J. Fred. Green, M.P., spoke on Friday evening, 1st April, to a responsive audience in the crowded Lecture Room at the Swiss Institute on "My Experiences as a Member of Parliament."

Mr. Green is not only a very old friend of the Swiss Institute, but also of our country, and being, in addition, a very fluent speaker who masters his subject well, his addresses are always looked for with especial interest.

The lecture was not so much a personal narrative of his experiences, as an extremely interesting exposé of the procedure of the House of Commons, of the ceremonies and traditions which are still being observed there—and which are practically unknown in continental countries—and of the rules governing debates. He laid stress on the human touch that, contrary to what is generally believed outside, does exist in the House of Commons, to which he feels greatly attached. As a convinced democrat, he wound up by eloquently pointing out that sound progress and lasting benefit cannot come through revolutionary methods, but only through the ballot box and by properly constituted parliamentary institutions, through which the will of the majority of the people will prevail—a profession of political faith shared by all true Swiss.

The large audience was not only very appreciative of the highly instructive lecture, but also of the honour of the Lecturer's visit.

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EGLISE SUISSE.

79, Endell Street, W.C.2.

Dimanche, 10 Avril, 11h. and 6h. 30.—M. Hoffmann-de Visme.
Jeu, 14 Avril, 8 h.—Le Nonconformisme anglais—causerie
M. Hoffmann-de Visme.

Dimanche, 17 Avril, 11h.—M. Hoffmann-de Visme.

— 6.30.—Deutscher Gottesdienst.—Pfarrer Adolf Keller,
von Zurich.

Jeu, 28 Avril, 8 h.—SOIREE D'ADIEUX des Missionnaires
de la Mission Suisse Romande.

BAPTEME.

Marguerite Lucie Claudine PLATTNER, née le 28 Oct.
1920, fille de Jean et de Alice, née Schellekens; de Bâle—le
27 Mars.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Friday, April 15th, 8 p.m.—NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE.—Lecture by Dr. A. Latt on "Swiss Adventurers in Great Britain" at Steinway Hall.

Sunday, April 17th, 3.15 p.m.—Swiss Institute.—AFTER-NOON CONCERT at Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour St., W.1.

Wednesday, April 20th, 7.30 p.m.—NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE.—Council Meeting at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Saturday, April 23rd, 7.30 p.m.—ANNUAL DINNER of the Schweizerbund, 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Saturday, May 28th, 2.30 p.m.—SWISS SPORTS at Herne Hill Athletic Grounds.