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SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

Cinderella Dance, held on November 1st at the Midland Hotel.

"Wonders will never cease." Even the Swiss Mercantile Society, at last, has experienced this truth at the first Cinderella Dance of the season.

A record attendance (for an initial gathering) cheered up the President of the Entertainment Committee, and he is looking forward to the next dance, when he hopes to be able to register an even greater success. We congratulate Mr. Chas. Strübin on his fine start, and wish him good luck.

It has been whispered apparently with some reason, that a good number of would-be dancers had to be turned away at the last moment, in order not to make the first dance too crowded. Perhaps this will induce many to apply early for their tickets; and we hope that those "gentlemen" (fortunately they were but a few) who thought themselves fit to decorate the entrance, instead of dancing, may arrive in a better mood next time.

The next dance will take place on December 6th at the Midland Hotel, St. Pancras Station.

M. G.

KIRCHLICHES.

Am 25. Oktober hielt die Deutschschweiz. Gemeinde der Schweizerkirche, in Verbindung mit dem Swiss Y.M.C.A., ihren ersten Gemeindeabend im Foyer Suisse ab. Der Präsident, Herr A. Müller, begrüßte die recht gut besuchte Versammlung und wies auf den Hauptzweck dieser Abende hin: Die Glieder der Kirche sollen sich nicht bloss im Sonntags-Gottesdienst, sondern ganz besonders auch im Alltagsleben zusammengehörig wissen. Er forderte ferner zu reger Beteiligung an der bevorstehenden konstituierenden Versammlung der Gemeinde auf. Im weiteren Verlauf des Abends wechselte allgemeiner Gesang mit zwei Solostücken und einem herrlich auf die Heimat eingestellten Quartett des Y.M.C.A. ab. Den Mittelpunkt bildete der populär gehaltene Vortrag: "Was kann das Alte Testament für uns moderne Menschen noch bedeuten?" Die Ausführungen legten die Schwierigkeiten für die Christenheit und in besonders für uns dar, zum Alten Testament in ein persönliches Verhältnis zu treten. Die alttestamentliche Forschung unserer Zeit einigt sich mehr und mehr dahin, nicht mit Dogmen an das Buch heranzutreten, sondern es selber zu uns reden lassen. Auf diese Weise zeigt es sich uns als das Buch, das durch die Grösten in Israel in einer Zeitspanne von etwa fünfzehn Jahrhunderten geschaffen worden ist. Es ist ferner rein als Geschichtsquelle wie auch als Werk ganz hervorragender Dichtung von unschätzbbarer Bedeutung. Das Entscheidende, der Gottesglaube, musste leider wegen vorgerückter Stunde fallen gelassen werden. Töchter des Schwyzerkränzli rezitierten zur Erläuterung des Vortrages einige markante Abschnitte des Alten Testaments.

Nach dem Schlusswort des Präsidenten des Y.M.C.A. blieb der Grossteil der Besucher recht schweizerisch zu einem längeren Plauderstündchen beisammen sitzen, wie dem offiziellen Programm auch schon ein gemütlicher Thee vorausgegangen war. Die ganze Veranstaltung erweckte die erfreuliche Hoffnung, dass diesem ersten Versuch bald die erwünschte und ständige Regelmässigkeit solcher Abende folge.

SWISS BANK FOOTBALL CLUB.

FIRST ELEVEN.

Another victory was added to the list of those already gained by the Bank first team on Saturday, on Barclay's ground at Ealing, the Bank winning by two clear goals at the expense of Barclay's "B."

The pitch was in a frightful condition, in some places under water, and really good football was completely out of the question, ball control being practically impossible.

Nevertheless, in spite of these adverse conditions, the Bank played as well as could be expected, and although, in the opening stages, the team could not get going, towards the latter end of the first half the players began to find their feet (which was no mean feat) and the Barclay's custodian was tested on several occasions.

After about 25 minutes' play the ball was transferred to Barclay's goal, and as the result of a bout of passing between the Bank forwards, Bornaed fired in a shot from a range of twenty yards, putting the Bank one up.

The game was fairly evenly contested, neither side claiming superiority, and a great deal of mid-field play was witnessed.

Towards the end of the game the Bank forwards began to press, but could not make a great impression, as the opposing keeper was very safe and cleared some very awkward shots, which probably, on a dry pitch, might have found the net.

A minute from time however, Shaw tried his luck with a rattling good shot from 25 yards out, which the goalkeeper did not save, and the Bank ran out winners for the seventh successive occasion by the score already mentioned.

Next week the First Eleven are at home at Preston Road to Kleinwort.

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Lantern Lecture on "The Work of the White and Blue Cross Societies on the Continent," by E. Meyer, Esq., preceded by Tea at 5.30, at 15, Upper Bedford Place, Russell Square, W.C.1.

Wednesday, Nov. 13th, at 8 p.m.—UNION HELVETIA: Annual Banquet and Ball at I. Gerrard Place, W.1.

Friday, Nov. 21st at 8.30.—SWISS INSTITUTE: Lecture on "Capital Punishment," by J. Englehart Weare, Esq.

Friday, November 28, at 6.30.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Annual Banquet and Ball at Victoria Hotel, Northumberland Avenue, W.C.

Friday, Dec. 5th, at 8.30.—SWISS INSTITUTE: Lecture on "The Future of the Human Race," by H. A. Hill, Esq., B.A. (Oxon.)

Saturday, Dec. 6th, 2 to 10.—GRAND CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, organised by Swiss Children, at 15 Upper Bedford Place, W.C.1.

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