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Dr. KRAFFT'S LECTURE TO THE NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE.

I hear that in some quarters apprehension was felt that Dr. Krafft might have reason to form a bad

felt that Dr. Krafft might have reason to form a bad opinion of the assiduity of our Swiss in attending lectures. However, the members of the colony responded very well indeed to the call of the former French Secretary of the Secrétariat des Suisses à l'Etranger. À phalanx of about forty people turned up to listen to what he had to say. Mr. Baer, when introducing the lecturer, pointed out, what is too often forgotten, that at the very beginning of the Auslandschweizer Movement, lar-gely due to the initiative of Mr. Gonzague de Rey-nold, the London Group had started founding other formed with the help of Dr. Latt, when the perma-nent Secretariat in Switzerland was actually insti-tuted. Henceforth, of course, that Secretariat con-centrated on propaganda activity for the movement

tuted. Henceforth, of course, that Secretariat con-centrated on propaganda activity for the movement all over the globe. Dr. Agénor Krafft clearly developed the thesis that, as all enterprises tend to develop from a period of expansion to one of stability, so also the Auslandschweizer Movement had now reached the point when it must stabilise and concentrate its efforts. On the eve of this second period, when it is no longer of first importance to form new groups, but rather to maintain life in those already existing, it behoves us to discuss the idea itself amongst ourselves. The movement of the Ausland schweizer has been called the happiest initiative of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique. It has now groups, our hander of minimum in the intervention of the standard existing, it behaves us to discuss the idea itest amongst ourselves. The movement of the Ausland-schweizer has been called the happiest initiative of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique. It has now achieved things which but a few years ago would have been considered Utopian. Over fity members of the two Swiss Chambers have combined in a Parliamentary Group, the aim of which is to defend in the Chambers themselves the interests, material and otherwise, of the Swiss abroad. This wonderful machinery is now entirely at the disposal of the Swiss abroad, who in the past have had such diffi-culty in making themselves heard by the authori-ties, isolated and scattered as they were. The gratifying spirit in which the suggestion of Mr. Dollfus, of this Group, to sub-ventionise the Aus-landschweizer Secretariat was received, when it was launched a couple of weeks ago in the National Council, is remarkable. The Swiss abroad are nov-adays *personae grade* with politicians. Their rights are no longer disputed by anybody. On the cou-trary: a tendency has developed in certain quarters which aims at severing, perhaps at cutting entirely, the links between the N.S.H. and its creation, the Auslandschweizer Movement. It was, no doub, necessary, that the Auslandschweizer organisative should make itself somewhat independent of the Mother Society—by the creation of the Ausland-schweizer-Kommission—as regards the *administra-tive* side. Dr. Krafft is not of the opinion, how-ever, that it should become, as has been suggested, completely independent. The N.S.H., as an idea-listic society, must needs continue to permeate the administrative work with its spirit and its faith. Dr. Krafft denied the allegation that the endeavours of the Sceretariat to form groups abroad were likely to tend to a still further decentralisation of the colonies. It has, on the contrary, always been the endeavour of the S.S.E. to *solidi/y* the colonies and not to found any new groups where e

Council has decided—and it seems as if it would to judge from the recent visit of Federal Councillor Motta to its seat at Fribourg—this will, of course, mean a giving up of its independence to a certain extent. For the subvention may be criticised in Parliament, and all kinds of interference may fol-low. However, these difficulties must not be over-estimated either. —The growth of the movement within the past

The growth of the movement within the past estimated either. The growth of the movement within the past two years has really been marvellous. From thirty-five the groups have increased to one hundred and fifteen. Dr. Krafft, when addressing groups of Western Europe, has often lived hours of unforget-able enthusiasm, of which he quoted different in-stances. There are also dead groups, of course, groups merely figuring on paper; and yet, sometimes they only appear to be so. Dr. Krafft recalled the example of a group which had not written for over two years, and then one day a member of it appeared in Geneva and handed over a report on their activity which showed that all the time they had really worked very well. Only their secretary had intensely disliked sending reports to Switzer-Iand. land

Iand. Dr. Krafft closed by expressing his hope that the Swiss abroad would not fail to make use of the wonderful machinery for representation which has now been set up for them. It is incumbent upon them to voice their grievances and opinions and forward them through the proper channels, so that the Parliamentary Group, which is their representative, is able to let the country know what

they think. They are now in a position to make themselves heard on all the great questions concern-ing our country. They are not only allowed to do it, it is their duty to do it, and to prove by doing so that in every respect they are as good Swiss citizens as those at home, as they have claimed to be for the last number of years. Dr. Krafft was cordially thanked by the audience for his lucid *exposé*. An animated discussion fol-lowed, in which a good deal was heard about the inconvenience of double nationality. P. L.

SWISS BANK CLUB.

The Swiss Bank Club held their second Dance of the season at the Regal Rooms, Regent Street, when the hall was filled with members and their when the hall was filled with members and their friends, and a very pleasant evening was the result. Spot Dances and the Paul Jones were again very popular. The next social event of the Club is a Carnival Dance, to be held at Australia House, Strand, on Thursday, the 28th February, 1924, when it is expected that 300 will be present, and special features and efforts will be made to ensure a success-ful evening. Admission by ticket only early appliful evening. Admission by ticket only, early appli-cation for which should be made to any member of the Club, or of the Swiss Bank, at 43, Lothbury, E.C.2.

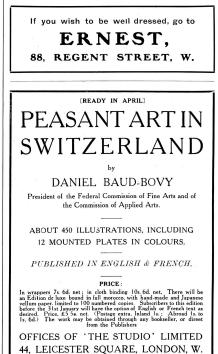
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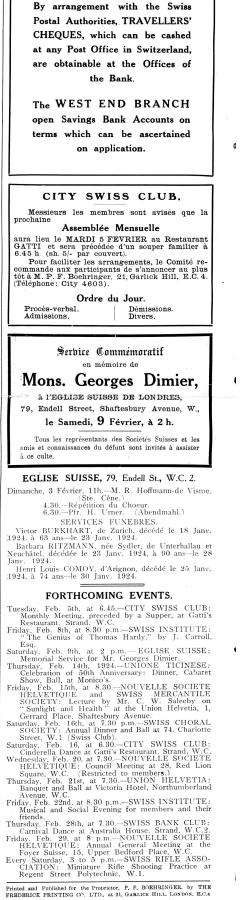
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SWISS BANK (3) v. BALHAM & TOOTING JUNIOR IMPERIAL LEAGUE H.C. (2). Saturday, 26th January, 1924. After a rest of six weeks, owing to the effect of the recent rains on Hockey Pitches, the Swiss Bank started well by winning their first match this year by three goals to two. The game, played at Wandsworth Common, was rather on the slow side, owing to the heavy and muddy condition of the ground. In the first half, the Bank, who were playing up a slight slope, confined their efforts to defence, but owing to poor judgment, caused by the muddy con-dition of the ground, they were two goals down at half-time. In the second half, however, the Bank pressed strongly, and after about ten minutes' play, Havery and Hassell, by a joint effort, put the ball into the net. Another goal was soon added by Miss M. C. Curths, with an oblique shot, but was disallowed by the post and through a hole in the net. Miss H. Curths and dhasaw added the next two goals in quick succes-tion while blew for time. The Bank's backs, de Brunner and Etter, were conspicuous for their steady play throughout the game, the latter having the bad luck to break his third stick this year.

The Late Mr GUGGENHEIM'S ESTATE.

Mr. Armand Guggenheim, of Woodend, Bradgate Road, Dunham Massey, Chester, senior partner of E. Spinner & Co., Albert Square, Manchester, and Swiss Consul in Manchester, who died on November 15th, 1923, aged 63, left £136,510, with net perso-nalty £129,906. The testator left:—£2,000 for Secular Charities at the discretion of his sons; £2,000 for the office staff of his firm; the balance in his private account book to the credit of 22,000 for the office start of his firm; the balance in his private account book to the credit of "Consulate," such sum not to be less than \$400 to the Swiss Club and Swiss Relief Society in Manchester; and \$1,000 War Loan to his nurse, Florence Louise Cain.





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