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Council had adopted "un nouveau règlement consulaire," which would come into force on January 1st, 1924. We quote the following passage, which will interest our colony:—"Il vise essentiellement à une simplification du service consulaire, tout en cherchant à atténuer certaines rigueurs fiscales. L'institution de l'immatriculation, dont l'expérience a démontré l'utilité, est conservée, mais subit, en revanche, une importante modification, en ce sens que l'émolument dû pour la première inscription est réduit de moitié et que la période d'immatriculation s'étend sur trois années civiles; la première période commencera le 1er janvier 1924. Le renouvellement de l'immatriculation s'effectuera, la première fois, le 1er janvier 1927. L'émolument à acquitter pour ce renouvellement sera de 3 fr. Le nouveau règlement élève de deux à cinq ans la durée maximale de la validité des passeports et réduit de 15 à 8 francs le montant de l'émolument dû pour l'établissement de cette pièce. La prolongation annuelle du passeport donnera lieu à la perception d'un émoulement de 5 fr. Le tarif des émoulements, qui fait l'objet d'une ordonnance spéciale annexée au règlement, a été ajusté aux taxes de chancelleries appliquées en Suisse et a subi, de ce fait, quelques réductions fort sensibles."

4. The list of candidates for the Council to be elected at the forthcoming Annual Meeting was drawn up. There will only be fourteen candidates put on the list, so that, unless names should be suggested at the meeting itself, nomination will virtually mean election. Dr. P. LANG, Secretary.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

The February Dance of the above Society was held last Saturday at the Midland Hotel, King's Cross, making the fourth dance of its kind this winter. The attendance this time was only 110, which does not compare favourably with the number at the previous January Fancy Dress Dance.

Whether several of the *habitués* denied themselves the pleasure of this dance, owing to not having completely recovered from the terrors of the train strike, despite the fact that this "ill-used band" had condescended to resume their duties, or if the fear of the intended dock strike had anything to do with it, we present were left "quite in the dark," but the evening was such a gay one that it would have been well worth going home by "Shank's pony," although, of course, one must admit something on wheels is preferable.

It now remains to wait until March the 1st, the date fixed for the next function, at the same place, the same time, in fact, the same everything, provided, of course, the Swiss Mercantile Entertainment Committee do not strike, which we must beg of them not to, for by so doing they would put an end to their most perfectly organized function. A. H.

UNIVERSITY LECTURES.

We desire to direct the attention of our readers to the following University of London Lectures, which will doubtless be of interest to many. To all these lectures admission is free, without ticket. "The Internal Constitution of the Earth."—Three lectures, at King's College, Strand, W.C.2, on Fridays, Feb. 15, 22, 29, at 5.30 p.m.

"Cancer."—Four lectures, illustrated by lantern slides, in the Governors' Hall at St. Thomas's Hospital, Albert Embankment, S.E.1, on Thursdays, Feb. 21 and 28 and March 6 and 13, at 5 p.m.

"Blood."—Four lectures at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, Praed St., Paddington, W.2, on Thursdays, Feb. 21 and 28 and March 6 and 13, at 5 p.m.

"Britain on the Eve of the Railway Age."—Two lectures at the London School of Economics and Political Science, Houghton St., Aldwych, W.C.2, on Thursdays, Feb. 21 and 28, at 5 p.m. Music: "English Composers of the Tudor Period." Two lectures at the Royal College of Music, Prince Consort Rd., South Kensington, S.W., on Wednesdays, Feb. 27 and March 26, at 5 p.m.

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IN MEMORIAM.

(GEORGES DIMIER, † 28th January, 1924.)

With three score years and ten you have been bless'd;

A gen'rous span of life for man—and yet
We cannot fathom that the sun has set
Upon your pilgrim's path and brought you rest.

Rest from your labours and your ceaseless quest
To be a friend of all—who'll not forget—
To cheer and help and succor those you met
In need of help, when troubled or distress'd.

This day we stand in silence at your grave,
Bow'd down in grief, but also full of pride
For all you were to us, you did and gave.
May your sublime example be a guide
To all Helvetia's sons who knew your name
And honour it for friendship, love and fame.

GALLUS.

EGLISE SUISSE, 79, Endell St., W.C.2.

Dimanche, 10 Fév., 11h.—M. le pasteur Corsani, d'Italie.
(Collecte en faveur de l'Eglise Vaudoise.)
6.30.—Herr Pfarrer Umer.

BAPTEME.

Marguerite Yvonne Joyce EGG, née le 18 Déc. 1923,
fille de Theodor et de Hermine, née Streicher, de
Zurich—le 3 Fév. 1924.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Saturday, Feb. 9th, at 2 p.m.—EGLISE SUISSE:
Memorial Service for Mr. Georges Dimier.

Thursday, Feb. 14th, 1924.—UNIONE TICINESE:
Celebration of 50th Anniversary: Dinner, Cabaret

Show, Ball, at Monaco's.
Friday, Feb. 15th, at 8.30.—NOUVELLE SOCIETE
HELVETIQUE and SWISS MERCANTILE
SOCIETY: Lecture by Mr. C. W. Saleeby on
"Sunlight and Health" at the Union Helvetia, 1,
Gerrard Place, Shaftesbury Avenue.

Saturday, Feb. 16th, at 7.30 p.m.—SWISS CHORAL
SOCIETY: Annual Dinner and Ball at 74, Charlotte
Street, W.1 (Swiss Club).

Saturday, Feb. 16, at 6.30.—CITY SWISS CLUB:
Cinderella Dance at Gatti's Restaurant, Strand, W.C.
Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 7.30.—NOUVELLE SOCIETE
HELVETIQUE: Council Meeting at 28, Red Lion
Square, W.C. (Restricted to members.)

Thursday, Feb. 21st, at 7.30.—UNION HELVETIA:
Banquet and Ball at Victoria Hotel, Northumberland
Avenue, W.C.

Friday, Feb. 22nd, at 8.30 p.m.—SWISS INSTITUTE:
Musical and Social Evening for members and their
friends.

Sunday, Feb. 24th, at 3.15.—SWISS INSTITUTE:
Concert at Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour St., W.

Thursday, Feb. 28th, at 7.30.—SWISS BANK CLUB:
Carnival Dance at Australia House, Strand, W.C.2.

Friday, Feb. 29, at 8 p.m.—NOUVELLE SOCIETE
HELVETIQUE: Annual General Meeting at the
Foyer Suisse, 15, Upper Bedford Place, W.C.

Thursday, March 20, at 7.30.—UNION HELVETIA:
Charity Concert for the benefit of London hospitals,
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