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It was 10 o'clock when the banquet ended and the guests resorted to the Salon Renaissance for the Dance while the International Hall was being prepared for the Cabaret, which was later patronised and greatly appreciated by a substantial proportion of those present. A novel item proved to be the Highland Pipers, who did very well both in the Cabaret and in the exhibition dance to which they treated us.

The evening continued animated and in the happiest of atmospheres until 2 o'clock, when many started with reluctance on the homeward way. Another annual festival had been spent under the splendid hand-made silk banner which was presented to the Society by the Ticinese women in London four years ago, and which is one of the most treasured possessions of the Society. The evening was certainly an unqualified success, fitting in view of the splendid results of the past year as revealed at the January General Meeting.

A special source of pleasure for the Ticinesi is the fact that this year again the number of Swiss friends present has been on the increase, and it is hoped that at least those who keep in touch with the Unione Ticinese need not pay any attention to the now and again rather alarming or misleading statements appearing in the Press. We certainly have our peculiarities, and never disguise the fact that we do not always see eye to eye with the majority of other Swiss on details of policy affecting the Confederation, but our opposition never has the slightest motive beyond the immediate questions at issue. When we feel compelled to be outspoken it is only because we must, at all costs, preserve the cultural integrity of the Ticino, and, on the other hand, prevent anything happening which might, in course of time, undermine our firm allegiance to the Confederation. O.B.

**SWISS SPORTS.**

A well attended Delegates' Meeting was held at the Union Helvetia on Friday, March 16th, when Mr. C. A. Barbezat, President, occupied the Chair.

The resignation of Mr. C. A. Aeschmann from the office of Assistant Treasurer was accepted with regret. A vote of thanks was given to him. Mr. A. Despond was elected to fill the vacancy.

The Programme of Events for this year's Meeting at Herne Hill on Saturday, June 2nd, was agreed to by the meeting. This year the Programme has been rearranged with the idea of having (as far as practicable) all the classical events in the first half of the Programme. This, it is hoped, will help to speed up the Meeting. A novelty has been introduced in the way of a Ladies' Thread and Needle Race, to make room for which the Potato Race had to be scrapped. The 120yds. Hurdles Handicap was also left out. For the last few Meetings this event has been poorly patronised and the times returned have been very poor.

The rules for the Championship Cup were introduced and after lengthy discussions were adopted. The Delegates were very pleased to hear that Mr. and Mrs. R. de Cintra had very graciously presented a Cup for this Competition which they wished to be called the "Georges Dimier" Challenge Cup. The Meeting very heartily thanked Mr. and Mrs. de Cintra for their magnificent gift, which once more gave proof of their wholehearted attachment to the Swiss Sports.

It is hoped that this Challenge Cup will increase the number of Competitors at our Sports and will be an incentive to the Committees of the various Swiss Societies in London to get together teams for June 2nd. It is also hoped that every Swiss in London will make an entry in his notebook that he is booked for Saturday, June 2nd, at Herne Hill Athletic Grounds. P.D.

**THE GEORGES DIMIER CHALLENGE CUP. RULES.**

- I. That the Georges Dimier Challenge Cup be competed for by the Swiss Societies, Clubs and Subscribing Firms at the annual Swiss Sports in London.
  - II. The Cup to be a Challenge Cup to be won outright by three consecutive wins.
  - III. The Cup to be won each year by the Swiss Society, Club or Subscribing Firm scoring the highest aggregate number of points.
  - IV. Points to be awarded on the following scale:—
    - First Class Events.
      - 5 points to the first
      - 2 points to the second
      - 1 point to the third
    - Second Class Events.
      - 3 points to the first
      - 2 points to the second
      - 1 point to the third
- (a) First Class Events are:—
- 100yds. Flat Handicap (Men)
  - 220yds. Flat Handicap
  - High Jump
  - Long Jump
  - 440yds. Veterans' Walk
  - 120yds. Veterans' Race
  - Relay Race
  - Tug-of-War
- Second Class Events are:—
- Putting the Weight
  - Wrestling
  - Pushball
- (b) In the case of new Events being introduced it is left to the Delegates' Meeting fixing the Programme to classify them in either category.

- V. In the event of a tie the Cup be jointly held by both Societies, Clubs or Firms. The one having the greater number of first to hold the Cup for the first six months; the other to hold for the remaining six months.
  - (a) For the purpose of winning the Cup outright a tie shall count as a full win.
- VI. For the purpose of this Cup each Competitor must declare on his entry form for which Club, Society or Firm he is competing, and this declaration shall be the sole basis taken into consideration.
- VII. In any case of dispute the decision of the Referee to be final.

**SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.**

In connection with the scholastic programme the following lectures were given by the students during last week:—

Miss L. Rohner, Heiden, Appenzel: "Union Jack." Mr. W. Flury, Solothurn: "What an Italian Traveller admits about Fascism and its Leaders." Mr. Emile Perretti, Lausanne: "What I think about Mr. Masterman Smith." Mr. Fritz Haeni, Laufen: "Competition between Railways and Road Traffic." Miss Sophy Furrer, Uster: "School for Housekeeping." Miss Alice Teuscher, Geneva: "End of the World and its Relation to War." Miss Alice Gautschi, Reinach, Aargau: "My First Impressions of London." Mr. R. Schnell, Lausanne: "Cinematography." Mr. Fritz Haeni, Laufen: "Mankind and Time." Mr. A. Honegger, Wald, Zurich: "Where Fashion is Made." Mr. Krummenacker, Basle: "Co-operative Societies." Mr. H. O. Mauerhofer, Langnau i/E.: "The Most Terrible Adventure of My Life."

On Friday evening a Lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, was given by John E. S. Dallas, Esq., the subject being "The Beauties of Cornwall." The charm of the Sea Coast with its Fauna was really the crux of the lecture and, in comparison with the Swiss Mountains and their Fauna, excited the interest of the audience.

Saturday: Excursion to Hampton Court, where in bright sunshine we spent a long and pleasant afternoon and evening.

**PERSONAL.**

Madame et Monsieur R. de Cintra ont la joie d'annoncer à leurs amis et connaissances l'heureuse naissance de leur fils Gerald Edgar.

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Saturday, June 2nd, at 2.30 p.m.—"SWISS SPORTS" at Herne Hill Athletic Ground.