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The Secretary, in presenting the Financial Report (as per extracts hereunder) expressed regret that the General Fund shows a loss for the period under review, caused through heavy expenses and other adverse circumstances. He was, however, very glad to acquaint the Meeting that the scholastic activities embarked upon by the London Section of the Union Helvetia have proved very successful hitherto and the gratifying results attained strongly suggest a continuation of the function of their School for Hotel employes.

**SICK FUND (1922-1927).**

1922 ...	Capital	£733 10 0	Profit	£10 13 2
1923 ...	"	£808 2 0	"	£74 4 0
1924 ...	"	£814 16 7	"	£6 14 7
1925 ...	"	£873 15 9	"	£59 19 2
1926 ...	"	£804 7 8	Loss	£69 8 1
1927 ...	"	£926 1 8	Profit	£122 4 0

Total Profit of Sick Fund for period of 5 years £207 18 10.

The Accounts presented were duly accepted, with thanks, and the customary discharge was accorded to the outgoing Administration.

M. Finger, as Manager of the Employment Registry, thereafter submitted the report of his office and gave the following figures of results secured:

**OFFICE REPORT.**

Register Fees received from 1922 to April, 1928:—£282 17s. 11d. for 1922; £352 19s. 9d. for 1923; £303 1s. 10d. for 1924; £322 7s. 10d. for 1925; £253 9s. 4d. for 1926; £264 9s. 7d. for 1927; £83 2s. 6d. up to April, 1928.

**Placements from 1924 to April, 1928:—**

Extras Included	Cooks	Waiters	Divers	Members	Year
"	242	599	131	120	1924
"	865	883	392	238	1925
"	443	811	416	270	1926
"	391	1041	199	230	1927

He (M. Finger) pointed out that the change in the management of his office naturally had disturbed results somewhat, but good headway was now being made and he had full confidence in predicting better results in the near future.

A complaint having been levelled against M. Finger in connection with a specified case of "placement," the Meeting decided to have the matter gone into forthwith and MM. Borgeaud, Indermaur, Jaquenoud and Sernier were nominated to investigate the features and merits of such complaint. After due deliberation these delegates returned and expressed satisfaction at being able to record their verdict in favour of M. Finger, who was thereupon heartily thanked for his services, and the report relating to the Employment Registry unanimously accepted.

M. Martig expressed appreciative thanks for the hard work performed by the Administration during its tenure of office.

The revision of the Rules for the British sections of the Society thereupon claimed the earnest and protracted attention of the Delegates. The Administration having proposed that a levy be made on the members as a whole as and when the death of one of its number occurs, in order to pay to the relatives of such deceased member a fixed sum towards burial expenses, etc., the Delegates were at first not much in favour of such a proposition, but ultimately it was decided to make a levy of 2/- for the first year and 1/- for the subsequent year.

M. Lehrian proposed the creation of a Voluntary Benevolent Fund, for which the sum of £50 is already available, and it was decided to draw up special rules governing the operations of this new Fund.

The Administration also proposed to introduce a certain charge to Members for services rendered by the Employment Registry, in the event of their being "placed," with a view to improving the impaired state of the General Fund and to accumulate some funds wherewith to propagate the activities of the Registry Office. After lengthy discussion this proposition also found acceptance.

The drafting of special Rules applicable to "Branche Culinare" was also decided upon; it being agreed that in order to ensure closer and more cordial relations between the various professional interests of the Society's members, the President of "la Société culinaire Suisse," as a daughter society of the London Union Helvetia, shall henceforth automatically become a member of the "Administration territoriale."

The Agenda of the meeting having now come to an end Mr. Borgeaud tendered the resignation of the administration. He reiterated at some length the difficulties against which they had to fight, difficulties which he was prepared to face again if re-elected, though he would give every assistance in his power to a new Committee. A lengthy discussion preceded three separate ballots, from which finally Mr. Indermaur emerged as the new President of the Territorial Administration for the ensuing five years. Mr. Indermaur, in taking the chair, expressed thanks for the great confidence placed in him and his colleagues. He also paid tribute to the excellent work done by the outgoing Committee, whose president, M. Borgeaud, was elected Honorary President. A vote of thanks

was also passed to M. Martig and the other members of the "Comité du Jour," whose untiring efforts had so much assisted the successful conduct of the meeting.

On the proposal of Mr. Indermaur it was unanimously decided that all past presidents of the Administration and other Committees should form an Arbitration Board to which all difficulties should be submitted for their advice. It was further decided that managers and hotel proprietors should become eligible as Club members without the existing qualification of being acting members of the Society.

The meeting closed at 10 p.m.

All the delegates were entertained for lunch by the Club Commission, and in the evening were the guests of the administration.

**SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.**  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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

Miss Edith Meyer, Villmergen (Aarg.): "The Lake and Castle of Hallwil." Miss Hanni Ammon, Bern: "Why I want to become a Nurse." Miss Alice Gautschi, Reinach, (Aarg.): "A Visit to a Hospital." Mr. E. Haerberli, Flurlingen, Zurich: "The Falls of the Rhine, Formerly and at Present." Miss Anna Gutzwiller, Bremgarten (Aarg.): "A Journey from Strassoldo to Gorizia." Mr. Walter Gilomen, Schaffhausen: "Charity." Mr. Walter Schauwecker, Bern: "Is Philosophy Necessary to All Men?" Mr. Florian Schneller, Chur: "A Ski-jumping Contest in the Olympic Games, 1928." Mr. Ernst Bader, Olten: "The Great St. Bernard." Mr. Haerberli, Flurlingen (Zurich): "Japan and its Business Relations with Switzerland."

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

"Are you in favour of the abolition of capital punishment?" Proposer, Mr. R. Schär; Opposer, Mr. E. Perretti.

"Would a knowledge in advance of our lives and the events thereof give us greater happiness?" Proposer, Mr. R. Schnell; Opposer, Mr. Max Dobler."

Saturday: The weather being unsatisfactory the Scholars went to the Tate Gallery.

Friday Evening: A splendid Lecture was given by Paul Seaford, Esq., on the "Flying Scotsman," with illustrations.

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6.30.—9e Etude sur la vie de St. Paul.  
7.30.—Répétition du Choeur Mixte.

**MARIAGE.**

Mr. Walter GERBER, de Langnau (Berne) pasteur à Subingen (Soleure)—et Mlle. Marguerite Blanche BAER, de Vevey (Vaud) et Londres—le 14 Avril 1928.

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(Deutschschweizerische Gemeinde)

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Sonntag, den 22. April, 1928: Vorm, 11 Uhr und 7 Uhr abends: Gottesdienst.  
8 Uhr abends: Chorprobe.

Sprechstunden: Dienstag 12—1 Uhr in der Kirche, Mittwoch, 3—5 Uhr, im Foyer Suisse.

Anfragen wegen Amtshandlungen etc., an den Pfarrer der Gemeinde C. Th. Hahn, 8, Chiswick Lane, W.4. Telephone Chiswick 4156.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS.**

Wednesday, April 25th, at 8.15 p.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Soirée Familiale, at Swiss House.

Thursday, April 26th, at 8 p.m.—UNIONE TICIN-ESE: Festa Familiare at 74, Charlotte St., W.1.

Sunday, April 29th, at 3 p.m.—SWISS GYMNASIUM SOCIETY: Display (followed by a Dance) in aid Lucerne Fund, at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1.

Tuesday, May 1st, at 7 p.m.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Monthly Meeting at Pagani's, 42, Gt. Portland Street, W.1.

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

Thursday, June 21st.—59e FETE SUISSE, at Caxton Hall.