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CITY SWISS CLUB.

The holidays are over and once again I must tackle the task of finding something to say about the meetings of the C.S.C. and endeavour to amuse the readers of the S.O. or at any rate help to fill up part of a column and thus lighten the labours of our worthy Kyburg. Oh, Kyburg, now that the days are getting rapidly shorter, I like to esconce myself on Friday nights in a comfortable armchair with a good cigar and peruse the columns of the S.O. with the fond hope that one day there will be a few more notes and not so many gleanings.

If it were not that I am afraid of being accused of presumption and of being puffed up with false pride I would venture (That will do, ck, please get on with your account of the meeting. —Ed.)

Very well then. Will young and enthusiastic journalists please take note of what befalls them when they try to deliver the dope in order to fill up space.

The holidays are over and four and forty members attended the October meeting on the 7th, filled with so much zeal and energy that the meeting did not come to an end until nearly 10.30. Among the guests was Dr. Pierre Linsel who we were glad to welcome to the Club. Two new members were elected. There were no resignations.

A discussion then took place about the Annual Dinner and various suggestions were made and the necessary credits voted.

The next item on the Agenda was the question of the Cinderella dances and it was decided that these should be held at the May Fair Hotel on Saturday, January 17th and February 21st, 1931, and a date to be announced later was provisionally reserved for the month of March. Members will remember that the Cinderellas which were held last Season at the May Fair Hotel were a great success and it is hoped that every effort will be made to make the dances next year still more successful.

No other matters being brought up for discussion, the meeting came to an end at 10.30 as already stated. The evening was decidedly animated, the Treasurer was kept busy making lightning calculations in order to be able to reply to the questions put to him and at times I noticed a worried expression on the sympathetic countenance of our President who is to be congratulated on the skill and courtesy with which he presides over our meetings.

I understand that the articles by my good friend Dr. Eckenstein, "Five Weeks in America," which appeared recently in the *Swiss Observer* are to be published in the form of a booklet, and the profits, if any, are to be divided between the Swiss Benevolent Society and the Société de Bienfaisance Française.

I understand that he intends adding to them, but I sincerely hope that he will not be tempted to become prolix, and will be warned by the awful fate which has befallen ck.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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

Mr. Kung, "A Journey to Edinburgh." Mr. Kuelling, "Cider." Mr. Wirz, "Hitler Movement."

The debating classes dealt with the following subject:—

"Is Suicide ever justifiable?" Proposer: Mr. Wolf. Opposer: Miss M. Schaer.

Last Friday, October 3rd, the students of the S.M.S. College had a very interesting lecture by Mr. Locke on "English Character" and the psychology explaining it. The lecturer has had much experience in lecturing to students of various foreign universities and he had evidently spared no pains in preparing his very interesting and exhaustive analysis of English character. He showed us that the English climate and repeated invasions by and assimilation of foreign peoples had very considerable influence upon national character, and accounted for the adaptability, the reserve, the industry and the love of sport and the "sporty" attitude generally. After his clever analysis of the character of the various "classes" of English people, we realised that they are indeed a mixed race, with a mixed character, and that they are, at their best, not perhaps such a bad "mixture" after all.

The vote of thanks proposed by the "Chairman," Mrs. Paull, was heartily and ably seconded by Mr. Paravicini, one of the senior students. Loud and long applause expressed to the lecturers the thanks and appreciation of the students.

On Saturday, October 4th, the students, under the leadership of Mr. John W. Klein, visited the ancient city of St. Albans. First of all they viewed the beautiful old Cathedral, one of the most venerable and picturesque in England, then they ascended the quaint old Clock Tower, from which a magnificent view of the city was obtainable. St. Michael's Church was next visited, and the famous memorial to Lord Francis

Bacon, who is buried here, was much admired. St. Albans is full of curious old houses and gateways that remind you of a distant past. The recent excavations of the Roman capital of England, Verulamium, awakened great interest. Finally a very pleasant walk along the delightfully romantic little river Ver and in the country (where delicious blackberries were to be found in great profusion) completed a most agreeable day.

Home News—(Continued)

GENEVA.

M. Henri Adrien Naville, honorary professor at the University of Geneva, has died at the age of 85.

AARGAU.

The criminal court of the Canton of Aargau sentenced a 25-year old burglar of Hagglingen to 3 years penal servitude. Immediately after his release from the prison in Lenzburg in August he went to Dottingen when he committed another burglary. He entered the Station Hotel at midnight by forcing a window, and with an axe and a crowbar removed the safe that was built in the wall, placed it on a wheelbarrow and took it into the open. He broke it open and took the contents amounting to 2,500 to 3,000 Frs.

N.Z.Z.

NEUCHÂTEL.

An explosion took place on the premises of the well-known firm of Messrs. Ammann & Co., Wine Merchants at Neuchâtel, destroying over 20,000 litres of wine. The damage is estimated at about 100,000 francs.

SCHAFFHOUSE.

On October 1st about 50 or 60 comrades assembled in front of the Ruben school to demonstrate against the police arrangements that were made to stop the well advertised rally. Later they went towards the H.Q. of the Cantonal police to demand the liberation of the arrested Communists. The few Cantonal policemen on duty on their part demanded that the square should be cleared and, as the order was not obeyed, made use of their hydrants, to which the demonstrators replied with paving-stones.

In the meantime a troop of town policemen arrived and made use of their truncheons, clearing the square and arresting four of the ring-leaders. At half past ten all was quiet. N.Z.Z.

VAUD.

The death is reported of Colonel J. J. Kohler in Tour de Peilz at the age of 70. He was a director of the chocolate factory founded by his father, and later on joined the board of the Nestlé-Peter-Cailler-Kohler combine.

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Sonntag, den 12. Oktober 1930.

11 Uhr vorm: Gottesdienst u. Sonntagsschule.

7 Uhr abends: Gottesdienst.

8 Uhr: Chorprobe.

Anfragen wegen Amtshandlungen u. Religions-bzw. Konfirmandenunterricht sind erbeten an den Pfarrer der Gemeinde: C. Th. Hahn, 43, Priory Road, Bedford Park, W.4. (Telephon: Chiswick 4156).

Sprechstunden: Dienstag 12-1 Uhr in der Kirche.
Mittwoch 5-6 Uhr im "Foyer Suisse."

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Wednesday, October 15th, at 7.45 p.m.—NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE: Monthly Meeting of the London Group, at "Swiss House," 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1. Report by the President on the Auslandschweizer-tag, 30th and 31st August, 1930.

Saturday, November 1st from 7 to 12 p.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Cinderella Dance at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W.1.

Wednesday, November 5th, at 7.30 p.m.—SOCIÉTÉ DE SECOURS MUTUELS: Monthly Meeting, at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Friday, November 7th.—SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY: Annual Banquet and Ball at the First Avenue Hotel, High Holborn, W.C.1.

Wednesday, November 12th, at 8.30 p.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Monthly Meeting, at "Swiss House," 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Friday, November 28th.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Annual Banquet and Ball, at May Fair Hotel, Berkeley Square, W.1.

SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION: Shooting Practice every Saturday and Sunday at the Range (see advert).

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