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THE SWISS MINISTER ENTERTAINS THE PRESIDENTS.

The Presidents of the societies and other Swiss institutions in our Colony were entertained to lunch at the Dorchester Hotel by the Swiss Minister on Wednesday, April 20th.

M. Thurnheer who looked exceptionally well received each of his guests with his usual kindness thus making everyone feel thoroughly at home. In his address after luncheon the Minister expressed his regret that the additional work which the present emergency forced upon him had rendered it impossible to take and cultivate that personal contact with the different clubs and societies which he considered part of his mission; he asked the Presidents to convey to their members his keen interest in the useful work and devotion they were showing all round. All our institutions were represented at the table and they all had his full support and best wishes for the future prosperity but he desired to specially congratulate M. C. Campart, the life-long President of the Secours Mutuels which Society to-day celebrated the 240th anniversary of its existence. It seemed to him somewhat undeserving that this society which was deploying so vital an activity amongst the members of our Colony should have a comparatively small membership. He was sure that if their work were more widely known, this shortcoming would be remedied and he applied there and then for ordinary membership — an encouraging gesture which was received with hearty applause. M. Thurnheer also paid tribute to M. Louis Chapuis who during the London Blitz as President of the hurriedly improvised Relief Centre had undertaken and ardently performed a heavy task for which the whole Colony could not thank him sufficiently. As a token of his personal appreciation he presented M. Chapuis with a painting of his birth-place (Lausanne). In terminating the Swiss Minister complimented the new Presidents who had recently been elected to that office in their respective societies, i.e. the City Swiss Club, the Union Ticinese and Swiss Philatelic. All those honoured by the Minister's reference suitably replied.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the City Swiss Club took place on Saturday, April 10th at Brown's Hotel, and was preceded by the customary luncheon. Ninety-four members were present, the Swiss Minister, Monsieur W. Thurnheer, was represented by Monsieur de Rham, Secretary of Legation.

Admissions 5, Resignations 0.

M. Louis Chapuis, the President read out his report with regard to the activities of the Club during the years 1942-1943, he mentioned that the attendance at the monthly meetings has been satisfactory, and the various conferences, lectures and film shows were greatly appreciated by the members of the Club and their friends.

He related that the City Swiss Club had, during the past year, made donations towards various chari-

table Swiss institutions amounting to £147.5.0, in addition individual members have subscribed the sum of 179.0.0. for the *Don National Suisse*.

According to the President's report, twenty-five new members were elected during 1942/1943, and five resignations were recorded, bringing the total of members to 279. Two members, M. Leon Rueff and M. M. Newman were lost through death.

In terminating his Presidential report, M. Chapuis thanked the Swiss Minister and his colleagues on the Committee for their faithful and efficient collaboration.

M. de Cintra, the Treasurer of the Club explained the financial position of the Club which he declared as being satisfactory. The total of the Club House Fund has reached the sum of £4,166.6.1.

M. F. G. Sommer was elected President pro tem. during the elections of a new Committee for the year 1943-1944. He informed the Meeting that, M. Louis Chapuis, who had presided over the City Swiss Club for the last five years wished to be released from his post, he also mentioned that M. W. Deutsch, who has been a member of the Committee for a considerable number of years had also intimated his retirement.

M. Sommer, on behalf of the members paid a high tribute to the departing President and his colleague for the great services they had rendered to the Club, and also expressed the gratitude of the members to the other members of the Committee for the various duties they had so ably performed.

The result of the elections for the new Committee was declared as follows:

<i>President</i> :	A. Bon.
<i>Vice-President</i> :	H. Bingguely.
<i>Treasurer</i> :	R. de Cintra.
<i>Assist. Treasurer</i> :	M. Oboussier.
<i>Secretary</i> :	P. Moehr.
<i>Assist. Secretary</i> :	A. Stauffer.
<i>Librarian</i> :	G. Marchand.

Members of the Club House Committee :

F. Zogg (*Treasurer*), A. C. Baume, W. E. Gattiker.

Auditors : H. Pfirter and G. Jenne.

In relinquishing his temporary office, M. Sommer, on behalf of the Meeting congratulated M. Bon on his election to the Presidency of the Club, the latter, on taking the Chair, thanked M. Sommer for the able way in which he had conducted the elections, and expressed to the members his gratitude for having charged him with the guidance of the Club, he thanked his predecessor, M. Louis Chapuis for all he had done for the City Swiss Club during his long term of office.

The President, M. A. Bon informed the members that the monthly meetings, during the next few months will again take place on the first Tuesday of each month in the evening, he also mentioned that the Committee is endeavouring to fix for the near future some lectures by eminent personalities.

Close of the Meeting 5 p.m.

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