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The Consul had mentioned that Mr. L. J. Faivre had been Chancellor of the Consulate of Liverpool for 20 years. Dr. de Rham carried the proposal that he be congratulated by acclamation and Mr. Faivre delivered his maiden speech of thanks.

There was time left for enjoying each others company and Dr. Escher and Dr. de Rham had to answer many questions, which they did with bonhomie. The meeting was a success. Old friendships were renewed and new ones made, not the least those with the delegation from the Legation. "A bientôt" was the message of farewell.

*E.M.*

### SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

The Monthly Meeting of the Society, held at Swiss House on Wednesday, November 14th, was attended by about 50 members and friends. They were welcomed by the Vice-President, Mr. W. Meier, who was in the Chair. He informed the meeting that the President had gone to Switzerland to make final arrangements regarding the re-opening of the College. As a result of notices in the Swiss Press and an announcement on the Radio, some 200 enquiries had already been received from prospective students. These were being dealt with according to their merits, as numbers would have to be restricted on account of the limited accommodation available.

Mr. L. W. Krucker reported on the latest developments regarding the renewal of the lease and repairs and renovations to be effected at Swiss House. Subject to unforeseen delays, it now appears fairly certain that the College will restart its activities in March or April next.

After some welcome refreshments kindly provided by the Ladies' Group, which is taking an ever more active part in the Society's affairs, the remainder of the evening was spent in playing cards. Competitions were arranged both for "Jass" and Whist, and the lucky winners were awarded handsome prizes, generously donated by Mr. L. W. Krucker, Vice-President.

The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 12th, and will be followed by a Film Show, the projection being as usual in the efficient hands of our member, Mr. Charles Fer. It is hoped to show some of the latest Swiss films, full particulars to be announced in due course.

*W.B.*

### Rutli Ladies' Club

## BAZAAR & TEA

AT

SWISS HOUSE, FITZROY SQUARE, W.1  
on SATURDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 1945,  
from 2 to 9 p.m.

All Swiss and their friends cordially invited

**ADMISSION FREE**

### SWISS CLUB DUNFERMLINE.

On the evening of Friday, October 5th, the members of our colony came together for an exceptional ceremony. It was a gathering of our compatriots to mark the occasion of our club becoming a section of the "Neue Helvetische Gesellschaft," our first meeting as members of the great family of Swiss, the N.S.H.

Our President, Mr. F. Gualeni, gave a hearty welcome to everyone present and particularly to our honoured guests, Mr. F. A. Suter, President of the N.S.H. in London, and our honorary member, Mr. E. Hofstetter, Consular Agent in Balloch. Mr. Gualeni explained that after eight years' existence as a Swiss Club we had recently decided to join the N.S.H., and he was happy to announce that we had been admitted as a group of this great Society. Even although we in Dunfermline were only a very small section, we would endeavour to be a wholehearted member of the great family.

Following our President's remarks, Mr. Suter took the chair and gave us a most interesting lecture about the Neue Helvetische Gesellschaft in general, its institutions and its great work for the benefit of us Swiss living abroad. It was also a treat for us listeners to hear from Mr. Suter in his humorous way about the varied activities of the London Section of the N.S.H. Furthermore, eager ears listened to his details of the recent performances in London of the magnificent Swiss Film "Marie Louise."

Mr. Hofstetter, who next spoke to us, gave us an interesting resumé of his recent visit to Switzerland. Naturally, we were all extremely keen to learn as much as possible of the conditions prevailing in our mother country. Mr. Hofstetter vividly described his visit to the "Rutli" and without any doubt, he made many of us listeners secretly vow that we would set foot on that historic place too when our luck would come to visit our homeland again.

As a really enjoyable interval in the proceedings we adjourned to a delicious "Güggeli Bankett" which some of our members had prepared. Refreshed, we plunged heroically into a "Witz- and Anektoten" competition which was arranged to follow the supper. It is needless to say that the jokes and anecdotes created a happy and elated atmosphere for the rest of the evening.

### ALBERT FERBER WITH THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA.

Our compatriot, Albert Ferber, played the solo part in Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto, No. 2 in C minor, with the London Philharmonic Orchestra, on Friday, November 16th, at the Town Hall, Wembley, under the conductorship of Karl Rankl.

The exquisite playing of the artiste in this concerto, which is one of Rachmaninoff's most popular works, was greeted by a large attendance with prolonged applause, and Mr. Ferber was repeatedly recalled to make his bow to an enthusiastic audience.

### LETTER BOX.

**E.A.N.** — Thanks for forwarding to us a cutting received from your son in India, concerning the Swiss Film "Marie-Louise." It is gratifying to learn, that this really fine film, is applauded in such far away quarters.