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SWISS HOUSE: As in previous years, Swiss House has been the centre of much Swiss activity. The temporary tenancy agreement expired at the end of 1945 and negotiations for a new lease of seven years are still in progress. Repairs, renovations and rebuilding will be carried out by the Landlord and the S.M.S., and it is hoped that before the end of the present year, Swiss House will be fully restored and once again become a centre of education and social activities as it was known in pre-war years.

S.K.V. HEADQUARTERS. With the resumption of more or less normal postal facilities, the S.M.S. has been able to resume its close contact with the association and its leading organs at home. The "Kaufm. Zentralblatt," which now arrives again regularly, keeps us fully informed of what is happening, just the same as our friends in Switzerland are pleased to learn how its largest section abroad is faring. The S.M.S. will always form a strong link in an association now comprising about 120 sections and 50,000 active members as well as 5,000 junior members."

In conclusion, the Chairman expressed thanks to all who had loyally supported the cause of the S.M.S., members, patrons and donors, and expressed the wish that they may continue to give their help as readily as they did in the past and thus further the aims and objects of the Society, chief of which, he said, was the education of our young compatriots.

The President's address was cordially applauded and a motion that the report be adopted, printed and circulated, was passed unanimously.

Mr. R. P. Huxley, C.A., was re-appointed auditor for the financial year 1946.

Before vacating the chair for the election of Council and Committees, Mr. Boos informed the meeting that Mr. Charles Chapuis, who had been a member of the Council ever since the Society was registered as a Company Limited by Guarantee, did not seek re-election. He expressed to Mr. Chapuis the Society's sincere thanks for the excellent services he had rendered and the keen interest he had always taken in all its affairs. This was supported by all present by prolonged acclamation.

Mr. P. F. Boehringer, past President and Honorary Member, who acted as Chairman *pro tem*, thanked the outgoing members of the Council and Committee for the way they had steered the Society through a very critical period, particularly as most of them had served right through the war years, and was pleased to state that with the one exception already mentioned, all had offered themselves for re-election. He further submitted nominations for both the Education and House Committees, whose services had been dispensed with during the period of emergency but which, with the return to normal and increased activity, were now being reformed in accordance with the Bye Laws. In a humorous aside, Mr. Boehringer recalled his own term of Presidency over 40 years ago, when the Society, during a turbulent period, was carried on by a triumvirate (sic).

As a result of the ensuing election, the Council and Committees for the financial year 1946 were constituted as follows:—

Council: Chairman: Mr. J. J. Boos; Vice-Chairman: Mr. W. Meier; Trustees: Messrs. G. E. De Brunner, W. Eichenberger, E. Steiner; Members: Messrs. W. Burren, R. Chappuis, O. Grob, M. Heil-

inger, G. Jenne, L. W. Krucker, J. J. Pfaendler, A. C. Stahelin, A. Steinmann, F. Streit.

General Purposes Committee: President: Mr. J. J. Boos; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. W. Meier and L. W. Krucker; Hon. Secretary: Mr. W. Burren; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. H. Heilinger; Members: Messrs. W. Fuchs, A. Haerri, E. H. Schlatter, R. Senn.

Education Committee: Chairman: Mr. W. Meier; Members: Messrs. K. E. Ammann, F. Burri, E. M. Huber, H. Knoll, O. Roethlisberger.

House Committee: Chairman: Mr. L. W. Krucker; Members: Mr. O. Grob, Mrs. G. Jenne, Mr. J. Trachsel.

Auditor: Mr. Robert P. Huxley, C.A.

Press Reporter: Mr. W. Burren.

Delegate on the Advisory Board of the Employment Department: Mr. Ch. Chapuis.

Delegate to the N.S.H.: Mr. R. Weist.

This terminated the proceedings, the Annual General Meeting being followed by an Ordinary Monthly Meeting, at the close of which tea and refreshments were served by the lady members, which was much appreciated by all present.

The next Monthly Meeting will be held at Swiss House on Wednesday, April 10th, to be followed by a talk by Monsieur E. de Graffenried, Commercial Attaché and First Secretary of Legation, on the Monetary Agreement between Great Britain and Switzerland. This will prove a most interesting and topical subject and members will be able to put questions following the address. Please, therefore, reserve April 10th for the S.M.S.

W.B.

SWISS SOCIETIES, INSTITUTIONS AND CLUBS IN THE LONDON COLONY.

- SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY (FONDS DE SECOURS),
31, Conway Street, Fitzroy Square, W.1.
- SECOURS MUTUELS DES SUISSES A LONDRES,
74, Charlotte Street, W.1.
- CITY SWISS CLUB, Brown's Hotel, Dover Street, W.1.
- UNIONE TICINESE,
"Swiss House," 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.
- UNIONE TICINESE (SEZIONE FEMINILE),
"Swiss House," 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.
- SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY,
"Swiss House," 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.
- UNION HELVETIA,
1, Gerrard Place, W.1.
- SWISS CLUB (SCHWEIZERBUND),
74, Charlotte Street, W.1.
- NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE,
"Swiss House," 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.
- SWISS Y.M.C.A.,
12, Bateman Street, W.1.
- SWISS MALE CHOIR,
74, Charlotte Street, W.1.
- LONDON-SWISS PHILATELIC SOCIETY,
"Swiss House," 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.
- RÜTLI LADIES CLUB,
74, Charlotte Street, W.1.
- THE EDELWEISS CLUB,
Trinity Hall, Great Portland Street, W.1.
- EGLISE SUISSE,
Endell Street, Shaftesbury Avenue, W.C.2.
- SCHWEIZERKIRCHE,
"Oak Room," Kingsway Hall, W.C.2.