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SWISS MALE CHOIR. 35th Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Male Choir took place on Thursday, November 3rd, at the "Schweizerbund", 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Mr. F. G. Sommer was in the Chair, and there were twenty members present.

After the President had opened the meeting, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. P. Dick, read the minutes, and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R. Fehr, reported on the financial position of the choir; the accounts show a deficit of £24.0.0. mainly due to non-payment of subscriptions, but as there is "still some money in the Bank", there is nothing much to worry about. After the auditors had testified to the correctness of the balance sheet, same was accepted.

Mr. F. G. Sommer then read out the Annual Report, giving a short *resumé* of the choir's activities, during the past year.

According to the report, the active membership is 26, six passif and eight life members. 30 rehearsals took place with an average attendance of 20.

The choir again gave its support to various events in the Colony.

The President, on behalf of the members, very warmly thanked the conductor of the Choir, Mr. Dick for his services rendered, both as conductor and Hon. Secretary, and also expressed the appreciation to Mr. G. N. Ross, for having deputised during the absence of Mr. Dick.

In conclusion the President thanked his colleagues on the committee for their helpful collaboration.

The report of the Chairman was accepted with acclamation, and Mr. L. Jobin, Vice-President of the Choir, expressed sincere thanks to Mr. Sommer, for the great services he had rendered.

The elections for the committee for 1955/56 then took place, as there were no resignations the committee was confirmed. Mr. A. Jaccard and Mr. W. Wagner were elected auditors.

The Meeting was closed at 9.15 p.m.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

90th Annual Banquet & Ball, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1, on Friday, November 18th, 1955.

We wish again to direct the attention of our readers to the 90th Annual Banquet and Ball of the City Swiss Club, which will take place on Friday, November 18th, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1. (See circular enclosed.)

The Committee is anxious that this Banquet should be, in the real sense of the word, a "Swiss evening", and they extend their invitation not only to their members and their friends, but to all members of the Swiss Colony in London and the Provinces.

We are given to understand that the speeches will be kept within reasonable bounds, so that there will be plenty of time available for dancing.

Applications for tickets can be sent to the "Swiss Observer", 23, Leonard Street, E.C.2 (Tel. CLERkenwell 2132) or any members of the Committee.

The list for bookings will be closed on Monday, 14th of November, 1955.

MAITRE ANTOINETTE QUINCHE. Forthcoming visit to Londn.

We have pleasure in drawing our readers' attention to the forthcoming NSH Lecture on November 29th, on "The Women's Position in Switzerland", to be given by Maître Quinche, of Lausanne. She is one of the foremost protagonists of political rights for women in Switzerland. Maître Quinche is President of the "Association Vaudoise pour les suffrage féminin" and Vice-President of the "Association suisse pour le suffrage féminin". For several years she was also President of the Swiss Federation of University Women. Further, she acts as Honorary Secretary of the "Alliance internationale des Femmes". Maître Quinche was one of the first women to become barrister at Lausanne 25 years ago. She has been a member of the Federal Commission of Experts who prepared the new law regulating the acquisition and retention of Swiss nationality, which represented such a great advance regarding the possibility of re-acquiring Swiss nationality by Swiss born women married to non-Swiss. Mademoiselle Quinche could probably claim a considerable share in having brought about this advance which is of great importance to all Swiss abroad. No doubt she will be able to give us a most interesting talk about her subject matter. She will speak in French and answer questions in English.

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