

to elect six Board Members each, already disapproved by three member-associations. The respective number then was set at five, with three for the others, as heretofore. 2. The Pro-Capita Levy to go to the Building Fund; other profits in three parts to the Turners, Maennerchor and Building Fund. 3. In case of dissolution, funds to be divided on pro-capita basis effective for that year. 4. Dissolution to be by majority decision, not as heretofore, by 4/5. There are no particulars about paragraph 7 of those by-laws, said to be rejected by the Gruetli Verein, the National Festival Society and the Maennerchor. The English version of the constitution of the Swiss Hall Association was ratified by all members June 22, 1922.

The AGA 1924 brought the largest attendance in the history of the Society to date, with ninety people, and it was noted with pleasure that young people were taking a keen interest in its activities.

In February 1924, the Schweizer Turnverein petitioned for dissolution of the Swiss Hall Association, which was rejected by the Board of the SBS. The STV stepped out in March, renting a hall of its own at 527 Girard Avenue. The dissolution of the SHA was effectuated in 1925, with assets transferred to the new Swiss Club, which too was not destined to survive a decade. It acquired the property at 1412 North 16th Street. The Swiss Consulate moved in, and a meeting room was offered to the Directors of the SBS, free of charge. They liked their new habitat so much that they decided not to dispense with the monthly meetings for July and August, as heretofore. In May, the passing of Mrs. Bourquin Krusen was noted. Though a member for only eight years, she did a great deal for the Colony, and especially among the young girls.

On September 18, 1929, the Board was advised that the Schweizer Turnverein was opening its new hall October 12. There had been unsuccessful negotiations to bring them under the roof of the Swiss Club.

Consular Secretary Tobler left Philadelphia in February 1930. For his many services rendered, the Board presented him with \$25.00. At the dinner at McAllister's, 80 plates were served before the AGA 1931. Although only his brother John was a member of record, the death of Rudolph Gallati was mourned in June, as loss of a great friend. John was to pass on in 1933, at the age of 99.

If the General Assembly 1932 still brought 63

members together at McAllister's, that of 1933, at the Swiss Club, was attended by only 43.

January 1933 marked another milestone in the Society's History: After devotedly serving as Treasurer since 1920, Honorary Consul J. Knup resigned as Treasurer, due to ill health. He had been installed as representative of the Swiss Government in this district in May 1929, following Dr. Charles Vuilleumier, who had served in that capacity with great distinction. The treasury was given to the illustrious J. Otto Schweizer, and he was to retain it until 1951. When J. Kimmerle had to relinquish his directorship in fall 1933, Consular Secretary Maurice J. Rohrbach was appointed in his stead. He had arrived recently, destined to become truly the most outstanding personality of this Colony, with a distinguished career. In 1953 he was to become the Society's fifth president, and now, as Consul General and Honorary President still is tireless investigator and distributor of record.

The end of the Swiss Club was announced September 20, 1933, and the Board Meetings henceforth transferred to the Schweizer Turnverein. Director Theo Baur was released as distributor, and Carl Gaehler took over this function. Mr. H. c. Saalenach was persuaded to stay on as Financial Secretary.

Mr. Rohrbach was officially welcomed by the AGA, January 31, 1934. His predecessor, Carl Lutz, who had been a director since 1926, was transferred to St. Louis.

J. H. Reichling presided over the Directors' Meeting of November 21, 1934, advising the Board of the passing of our revered President, the Reverend Dr. Charles Vuilleumier. As Mr. Reichling put it in the Annual Report for that year: 'The funeral services of Dr. Vuilleumier in his former Church at 10th Street and Snyder Avenue, were particularly impressive; it seemed that everybody, whoever came in contact with the mild-mannered, fatherly former Pastor wanted to pay his last respects to this noble character, and the Church was therefore entirely too small for this occasion. In behalf of the Swiss Consulate as well as of the Swiss Benevolent Society, Mr. M. Rohrbach paid a last tribute to our beloved and highly esteemed past president, Dr. Chas. Vuilleumier, whom we shall always keep in our memory as a shining example.' In deference to the deceased, a quiet Annual General Assembly, attended by 56, was held January 30, 1935, at the Swiss Turnverein. Two new members were elected on the