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NEW PUBLICATIONS

by the Zwingli-Verlag, Zurich.

Some of our readers may be interested in the following new publications which have recently appeared and which are highly recommended:

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| "Der erste Petrusbrief" | | | |
| by Pte.Lic. Dr. Ed. Schweizer | Swiss Frs. | 3.40 | |
| Reduction for quantities) | | | |
| "Jugend — und Gemeindespiele." | | | |
| "Die unnützen Güter" No. 19 | " | " | 1.20 |
| "Ein kleines Zwinglispil" No. 20 | " | " | 1.20 |
| "Marie Durand" No. 21 | " | " | 1.80 |
| "Das Lehen" No. 22 | " | " | 1.70 |
| "Der erste Petrusbrief". | | | |

In the past, most commentaries on Holy Scripture were edited and published in Germany. Such publications being no longer obtainable to-day, it is of great value that a number of Swiss Theologians have taken up the important labour of creating an entirely independent Swiss Bible Reference Work under the title of

PROPHEZEI

Schweizerisches Bibelwerk für die Gemeinde.

As an initial fruit of this intensive work a commentary on the First Epistle of St. Peter by the Rev. Dr. Edward Schweizer has recently been published. The edition is modest in appearance and fulfils two purposes. Whilst based upon the newest scientific researches, it is a simple and clear exegesis which will not fail to become extremely popular, not only with preachers and Theologians, but also with all laymen to whom the study of the word of God is a matter of special interest. This edition also serves as an indication of shape and form of subsequent publications.

In his introduction to "Der erste Petrusbrief," the Rev. Dr. Edward Schweizer, Pte. Lic. of the Theological Faculty of the University Zurich, deals with the importance of the origin of the Epistle, its sender, its receiver, and also the time and place at which it was written. He then dedicates a chapter to the question of its author.

In the fifteen chapters follows a deep going exegesis verse by verse, with appropriate headings of the subject matter contained in each chapter.

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"Jugend — und Gemeindespiele".

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SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

The Monthly Meeting was held at Swiss House on Saturday, November 14th. Despite the vagaries of the weather about 30 members were present when the President, Mr. J. J. Boos, opened the proceedings. He was pleased to announce that no less than five applications for membership had been received, all of which were accepted by the meeting. This brought the number of new members elected since the Annual General Meeting in February last to 17, a very gratifying result considering that there is no new influx into the London Swiss Colony. These new members will form a modest but nevertheless welcome addition to the drive for increased membership launched by the parent Society in Switzerland, whose aim it is to reach the figure of 43,000 Active Members by the end of the current year. The President exhorted all present to contribute to this laudable effort by trying to induce their friends to join the S.M.S. In this connection it may be of interest to record the astounding growth of the association, which the following figures will best serve to illustrate: —

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| 4th August 1937 | 35,501 members |
| 31st August 1939 | 38,324 " |
| 1st September 1941 | 40,102 " |
| 4th June 1942 | 42,122 " |

The above figures do not include the Junior Members, numbering about 4,500.

Thus in five years the S.K.V. has increased its membership by 6,600, or 10%. There is probably no other association in Switzerland which has been able to swell its ranks to such a degree during recent years. Zurich, with a membership of 11,300, is easily the largest Swiss Section, whereas London is still the largest foreign Section with close on 250 Active Members.

Another noteworthy event occurred recently in the most popular institution of the S.K.V., the employment department, when it placed its 100,000th applicant. The gentleman in question was interviewed by the Editor of the "Schweiz. Kaufmännisches Zentralblatt," which journal published an interesting account of the interview in the form of a dialogue, giving details of the applicant's professional career. This in-