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LETTER-BOX.

R. S. — Yes, we agree. Episodes from the life of prominent members of our Colony would make very good reading. It is a delicate matter and we do not always see the funny side of them after some time they are apt to become legendary. Why not send us some on appro? Here is one we happen to remember. Some twenty-five years ago your Editor was invited one Sunday to join a well-known bachelor member of the Colony trout-fishing. We were a party of six or seven and drove to a beautiful spot somewhere near Midhurst. We were armed with the usual tackle including a biscuit-box containing an appetizing selection of red worms, spiders and gnats, and last but not least our luncheon baskets. We industriously despatched the contents of the latter and after having recovered from the open-air banquet we surveyed the field of action which consisted of a small pond and a cosy brook bordered by shrubs and low trees and reputed to be well stocked with trout. We commenced operations in the pond along which we had our siesta. We were of course, novices, and we could not help thinking that the long hours of unredeemed patience and frustrated hope should constitute an excellent training field for prospective committee members — a contemplation which we believe was justified by later events. However, we did have a bite and after a combined struggle succeeded in landing a large pike; he fought dearly for his life but we finally stopped him wagging his tail. We decided to shift our vantage-ground to an opening on the bank of the brook. My bachelor host dropped his line again; it was not long before the float bobbed; the line was hoisted and at the end was a glutinous coloured lump something like a small marble. It was too hot and too late to submit the mysterious apparition to a serious investigation so into the water it went again. After a quarter of an hour my host noticed a movement and he studiously lifted the line and lo and behold he caught a pretty little perch that had thus successfully retrieved the eye that got inadvertently hooked up fifteen minutes before.

LONDON SWISS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

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J.B.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Wednesday, May 10th, 1944, at 6 p.m. — Swiss Mercantile Society Ltd. — Monthly Meeting, at Swiss House, 35, Fitzroy Square, followed by a lecture on "Company Law" by a Solicitor.

Sunday, May 14th, 1944 — Unione Ticinese — Thé Dansant — (see Advert.).

Saturday, May 20th, 1944, at 2.15 p.m. — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — Monthly Meeting, at Swiss House, 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1, followed by Mr. G. J. Keller's usual talk on "Current Events."

Tuesday, May 30th, 1944, from 5 o'clock — London Swiss Philatelic Society — Monthly Meeting, at Swiss House, 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1. — Official part at 5.45 sharp, followed by "Swopping."

City Swiss Club no meeting in May. Next Monthly Meeting takes place on Tuesday, 6th June, 1944. Details later.

Unione Chretienne de langue française (French speaking Y.M.C.A.) 9, Soho Square, W.1, Reunion chaque mardi à 5.45 p.m. Invitation cordiale à tous.

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