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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Swiss Society will take place, as per notice elsewhere in this issue, on June 9th.

In any Society this annual gathering is the most important event, illustrating in a small way our democratic way of life. It is the one time where any member has the right to voice his or her points of view, criticise the committee's actions and exercise the right to vote.

However, when criticising let's stop and think before we do so; let's channel our thoughts constructively. Constructive criticisms can be very helpful and beneficial and are generally received in the spirit they are given; destructive criticisms tend to put the recipient's "back up" and have a negative effect.

The Swiss Society's practice to hold the annual meeting in another district every year gives all the members a chance to attend at some time and should be taken advantage of. It should give the people the feeling of being a member of a nationwide organisation, connected with the Helvetic Society in Switzerland, which has a great tradition and embraces the whole world.

When, six years ago, the decision was taken to hold the meeting alternatively as described it was thought that from time to time, to the benefit of the Society, the governing body should move around also and thus spread responsibilities and privileges. This coming general meeting could well prove to be an opportune time to bring these ideas into effect.

—THE EDITING COMMITTEE