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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Henri Martin, Councillor of Legation, is expected back from Switzerland on Monday, the 7th inst.

Mr. Paul G. Ritter, who has been attached to the Swiss Legation for some time, has now been appointed Attaché.

Mr. Marius L. Martin, of the Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, W.8, is leaving London to take up an appointment as Manager of the Grand Hotel in St. Moritz.

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F. H. Cottier, M. Hoffmann, Rev. U. Wildbolz, A. Bodenehr.

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Friday, November 11th, at 7 p.m.—**NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE:** Supper at 74, Charlotte Street, W. (Schweizerbund).

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