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All this childishness in song was truly delightful, but I hope that in her next Recital Miss Browne will include music from the great composers, who can also provide the necessary light-some touch as well, and better, than the moderns. I could not help wondering what Miss Browne's great teacher, Maria Phillipi, would have thought of this programme.

In Maria Phillipi she had a great mistress, who specialised in what one may call Cathedral music, bringing to it a lovely voice, exceedingly rich and mellow in its lower register, and a presence that was positively noble. When I sang a duet with her at a Concert in commemoration of Hans Huber, the Basel composer, I wanted the boards to open and swallow me up, such a miserable little mouse I felt beside her lordliness! And I cannot help but be amused that Miss Browne, the friend and pupil of this stately Alto, should have chosen and evolved an art so different from her teacher's, who has now gone, by the way, to the Conservatoire at Cologne.

The Swiss Colony seemed to have gathered in a certain force to witness the success of Miss Browne, and of course we all of us hope that she will rapidly make the name that she deserves in her own rather exclusive department of song.

#### SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

In connection with the scholastic programme the following lectures were given by the students during last week:—

Miss Annie Lattmann, Zurich: "Graphology." Mr. Paul Scheibenstock, Le Locle: "The Night Train." Mr. Anton Stöckli, Luzern: "Patriotism." Mr. Henri Isler, Winterthur: "The German Nobility." Mr. Rudolf Büttikofer, Burgdorf: "Something about Java." Mr. Guido Marti, Breitenbach: "Swiss Industry Fair in connection with Swiss Industries." Mr. Gottf. Mahler, Zurich: "The Swiss Rhone-Rhine Canal." Miss Hanna Hotz, Wila (Zurich): "Fire." Mr. Martin Schlatter, St. Gallen: "Church and Music." Mr. Emile Siegfried, Küsnacht (Zurich): "The Swiss National Bank." Mr. R. R. Riethmann, Zurich: "Translations by the help of a Dictionary." Miss Emmy Däuble, Zurich: "Swiss Mercantile Students in London." Miss Anni Jaussi, Zurich: "The Child's play and its influences." Miss Rosa Neuenschwander, Oberdiessbach: "Our Girls." Mr. Paul Zulauf, Biel: "Something about Shorthand." Mr. Walter Syz, Lucerne: "Benvenuto Cellini."

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

"Is Education the result of civilisation or civilisation the result of Education?" Proposer: Mr. Adolf Grueningner, Basle; Opposer: Mr. Paul Bachmann. "Should Parents have the right, by legal means, to enforce their decision of marriage upon their children?" Proposer: Mr. Ferd. Ruppman, Zurich; Opposer: Mr. Ludwig Hardmeier, Kilchberg (Zurich).

#### SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY.

For a whole five working days previous to Sunday, the 4th July, the good old sun had given ample proof of his still very strong powers, and hopes ran high that he would continue doing so on the day chosen for the Choir's Outing. But, alas, the early morning sky on that very day did not present a particularly bright face. Had the weather-clerk given a rest to the Sun and had he sent out Pluvius to reign for the day?

These questions were asked by a good many of the Members of the Party when they assembled on the morning of the 4th July outside the Society's Headquarters at the "Schweizerbund," 74 Charlotte Street, ready to spend a jolly day in the country. But, in spite of the uncertainty of the weather, the Singers and Friends of the Choir—46 in number—were in a very happy mood when they took their seats in the charabancs hired for the Outing.

At about 10 o'clock, the cars started for their journey and ere an hour had passed they were already well in the country. A splendid run through fine country lanes, up forest-clad hills and down green dales, presenting a picture of beauty and quietness, brought the Party by way of Harrow-on-the-Hill and Rickmansworth to Chesham. There a stop had to be made to wait for the second charabanc which had made a small "Abstecher" all on its own. Together the journey was continued, through a further succession of hills and dales, to the chosen "spot," Wendover Hill.

In the Guide-book, issued by the Metropolitan Railways, Wendover Hill is called the "Pearl" of the Chiltern Hills and, according to the comments made by the Members of the Party, on arriving there, it fully merits that name. The view from the top of the hill is simply splendid, and as a place for picnics the "spot" is ideal.

It goes without saying that, after a run of about three hours, everybody agreed that the means for such a picnic should be supplied at once. Mr. A. Schmid (better known in the Swiss Colonie as "Stumpeschmid"), who was responsible for the catering arrangements, quickly took heed of that wish and served in record time a lunch which still makes the writer's mouth water when he thinks of all the good things to which Mr. Schmid

liberally helped everyone. Best ham and beef, salad, tomatoes, real Gruyère cheese, rolls and butter, everything *ad lib.* Not even the salad-dressing was missing and the mustard pot was there too, and the lunch was nicely served on china plates, all for 2s. What more does one want? Mr. Schmid fully deserved the vote of thanks, proposed by the Acting President, Mr. Manzoni, and carried with acclamation. For fear that pure water might be lacking in the neighbourhood of Wendover, Mr. Manzoni kindly supplied, at cost price, enough Chianti to prevent dry throats.

Though it began drizzling soon after lunch that did not hinder the Singers in rendering a few songs, nor was it able to chase the party from the "spot." Kind old trees gave sufficient protection to the merry "family." Towards 5 o'clock the charabancs were ready for the return journey over Wendover, Amersham, Uxbridge. A stop was made at Mr. Schmid's place at 14 Uxbridge Road, Shepherd's Bush, for tea, and then the whole party returned to the "Schweizerbund" to spend a few more jolly hours together.

The general verdict, in spite of the early rain, was that it had been a "perfect" day.

May it be added that one of the charabancs was the product of our well known Swiss firm, Messrs. Saurer, Arbon. The opinion of all the Members was that it ran as smooth as any saloon-car. Would they have changed seats for a Rolls-Royce. . . . No fear! BO.

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THE COMMITTEE.

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#### Divine Services.

**EGLISE SUISSE (1762), 79, Endell St., W.C.2**  
(Langue française.)

Dimanche, 18 Juillet, 11.—Mr. Alex. Berthoud.  
6.30.—M. le Dr. D. Anderson.

#### BAPTEME

Mary Patricia BRETSCHEER, née le 30 Sept. 1925,  
fille de Bruno et de Mildred Augusta née Maxwell,  
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Pendant l'absence du pasteur, Mr. Alex. Berthoud  
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et le Dimanche à l'heure du culte. Adressez toute  
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Les cultes du soir seront interrompus pendant le  
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19 Septembre.

#### SCHWEIZERKIRCHE

(Deutschschweizerische Gemeinde)

St. Anne's Church, 9, Gresham Street, E.C.2.

Sonntag, 18, Juli, 11 Uhr vorm.—Predigt.

#### GETAUFT

Ewald Frank Meyer, geb. 19. April 1926, Sohn  
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der Queenie Mabel, geb. Robinson von London.

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Mittwoch 3—5 im 'Foyer Suisse.'

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#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Sunday, July 25th.—SCHWEIZERBUND: Charabanc  
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Monday, July 26th, at 8.30.—SCHWEIZERBUND:  
Half-yearly General Meeting at 74 Charlotte Street,  
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Thursday, July 29th, at 8 p.m.—SWISS INSTITUTE:  
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