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Leute selber, allgemeiner Sitte folgend, keine grosse Wertschätzung dafür aufbringen. Auch in den Tessinertälern hat der Kaufmann seinen siegreichen Einzug gehalten. Das Fremde war schöner, als das, was man besass, und man war weder im Maggiatal, noch im Verzascatal klüger als irgend ein Bauer im Norden oder im Süden.

Heute regen sich wieder Kräfte, die dem Tessiner zureden, er solle sich auf sich selber besinnen. Sie sind noch nicht stark und nicht sehr verbreitet. Allzuviel Kraft geht im Politischen verloren, allzuvielen kämpfen für eine unbestimmte "italianità," die sie bedroht, spüren, statt das Wesentliche dieser Tessiner, die sich nicht ohne weiteres bloss schablonenmässig in den Begriff der "italianità" sperren lassen, von seinem Grunde aus zu begreifen.

Doch wir freuen uns dieser Anzeichen und zitieren gerne einen Satz, der kürzlich im "Il Paese" zu lesen war: "Früher hatte man im Winter genug zu tun: aber man hat den Spinnrocken und die Spindel und den Webstuhl erst auf den Estrich geworfen und nachher ins Feuer. . . Und heute sind wir genötigt, winterliche Hausindustrie zu suchen."

Wenn sich das Tessiner Volk wieder auf sein angeborenes Geschick zu künstlerischer Handfertigkeit besinnt, dann ist es auf einem guten Wege.

Felix Moeschlin in "National Z."

CITY SWISS CLUB.

Monthly Meeting held on 7th September, at Pagani's Restaurant.

This meeting was attended by thirty members and friends, Mr. L. Jobin, Vice-President, taking the Chair. Our devoted President, Mr. C. Marchand, who anticipated presiding at the Meeting, unfortunately was unable to do so, due to his train from the Continent being nearly three hours late.

The Chairman opened the Meeting at 8.50, after having duly honoured the toasts to H.M. the King and La Suisse.

He extended a cordial welcome to the guests, Mr. Borsinger, Chargé d'Affaires of the Swiss Legation, Messrs. Guignard, Eigeldinger and Jobin. Mr. Borsinger replied in a charming little speech, stating how touched he was by the effort of the C.S.C. in respect of the collection made for the victims of the recent cyclone in Switzerland.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last monthly Meeting held on 3rd August, which were unanimously accepted and adopted.

The Chairman, Mr. L. Jobin, read a letter received from the Swiss Legation, acknowledging with thanks receipt of £58 7s. 6d., the result of the collection made by the C.S.C. for the benefit of the victims of the recent disasters in the Jura, Central and Eastern Switzerland.

Mr. R. de Cintra read a letter from the N.S.H., asking for our financial support in view of the present difficulties they were experiencing. A prolonged discussion followed, Mr. P. F. Boehringer giving the Club details of the present activities of the N.S.H.

It was unanimously resolved to make a special donation of 10 guineas to the N.S.H.

Mr. Charles William Guignard and Mr. Oscar Jaeggi, were unanimously elected active members.

A further letter from the N.S.H. dated 1st September, was read, soliciting the Club's support in connection with a lecture to be given shortly on "The Schnapsgefahr (Eau-de-Vie) Question." This matter received full consideration, and it was unanimously decided that in view of the fact that the C.S.C.'s aims are purely social, it was impossible for the Club to take an interest in political matters.

The Meeting closed at 9.50 p.m., and a record number thereafter paid tribute to our "great national sport" of Jass, or maybe Bridge.

M. G.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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

Mr. Reinhold Eichenberger, Burg (Aargau): "Tobacco Plantation." Mr. Peter Milani, Basel: "Ideas of Marriage." Mr. Robert Eibel, Zurich: "Where is the World going?" Mr. Ed. Stübi, Basel: "Some interesting historical features about architecture of London buildings." Mr. Daniel Burga, Au (St. Gall): "Has the British Empire a future?" Mr. David Kern, Buchberg: "Cairo." Mr. Ed. Frizzoni, St. Moritz: "Mussolini." Mr. Emile Ruegger, Zurich: "Textile Printing." Mr. Ed. Hoffmann, Gossau (Zch.): "Silk Culture." Mr. Peter Vest, Basel: "League of Nations." Mr. Gottfried Künzle, Lichtensteig: "Some things to laugh about." Mr. George Fontannaz, Genève: "Spain's claim for a permanent seat in the Council."

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

"Has Patriotism been the principal cause of wars?" Proposer, Mr. Ludwig Hardmeyer; Opposer, Mr. Robert Eibel, Zurich.

"Is it to the benefit of our girls to enter a business career?" Proposer, Miss Marguerite Boltrès, Genève; Opposer Mr. R. R. Riethmann, Zollikon-Zurich.

"Should Education in Switzerland be given in one language throughout the country?" Proposer, Mr. Armin Senn; Opposer Mr. Robert Kunz, Wetzikon.

SWISS SPORTS.

A Meeting of Delegates was held at the Union Helvetia on July 1st last, to approve the accounts for 1925/26: Mr. Barbezat, the President, was in the chair. Owing to various sums of money not having been paid to the Hon. Treasurer by that date, he was not able to give the accounts completed, but he informed the meeting that he expected a surplus of about £30. Upon this assurance it was decided to give £12 to the Fonds Dimier and £12 to the victims of the cyclone disaster in Switzerland. The balance was voted to the Reserve Fund.

The outgoing Committee was re-elected *en bloc* for the ensuing year. The place and date of next year's Sports Meeting was left to the Committee, as the Delegates expressed a strong wish that an effort should be made to find a ground with less drawbacks than Herne Hill.

ACCOUNTS to 31st JULY, 1926.

Revenue		Expenditure	
Donations	172 0 6	Cost of Prizes	80 17 1
Advertisements		Rent of Sports	
on Programmes	31 17 6	Ground, etc.	32 14 0
Sale of "	7 1 6	Printing, etc.	43 12 0
Unclaimed		A.A.A. Fees	1 18 0
money for Badges	15 0	Band	10 10 0
Interest on a/c at		Donation to St.	
bank & securities	7 10 5	John's Ambice	2 2 0
		Do. Lüthy Fund	2 2 0
		Police	3 6 6
		Gratuities on the	
		Ground	2 15 0
		Cost of Badges	1 18 0
		Sundry Expenses	6 5 7
		Donation to G.	
		Dimier Fund	12 0 0
		Do. Cyclone	
		Victims' Fund	12 0 0
		Credited to	
		Reserve Fund	7 4 8

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7. Put your feet on the tables or lean on the desks; it will be of great assistance to those writing on them.
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13. In case you wish to inspect our premises, kindly do so during wet weather, and carry your umbrella with you. We admire the effect on the floor, and it gives an air of comfort to the establishment. The umbrella stand is only for ornament, and on no account to be used.

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6.30—Service spécial de prière et d'intercession.

Cultes de Ste. Cène matin et soir.

Les services du Dimanche soir auront lieu régulièrement, désormais.

Reprise de l'Ecole du Dimanche le 3 Octobre. Prière d'annoncer les enfants au pasteur et de lui signaler les jeunes gens (15 ans) en âge de faire leur instruction religieuse. Les cours reprendront en Octobre.

Pour tous renseignements concernant actes pastoraux, etc., prière de s'adresser à M. R. Hoffmann-de Visne, 102, Hornsey Lane, N.6 (Téléphone: Mountview 1798). Heure de réception à l'Eglise: Mercredi 10.30 à 12h.

SCHWEIZERKIRCHE

(Deutschschweizerische Gemeinde)

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

Sonntag, den 19. September.—Eidgenössischer Dank-, Buss- und Betttag.

11 Uhr.—Predigt und Feier des hl. Abendmahls.
Gesangsvortrag einiger Mitglieder der "Swiss Choral Society."

Die Abendgottesdienste beginnen am 26. September um 7 Uhr anstatt 6.30.

Sprechstunden: Dienstag 12-1 in der Kirche.
Mittwoch 3-5 im "Foyer Suisse."
Anfragen wegen Amtshandlungen etc. an Pfr. C. Th. Hahn, 8, Chiswick Lane, W.4.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Sunday, September 19th, at 3.30.—SWISS Y.M.C.A.: Celebration of the Eidg. Dank-, Buss & Betttag, at the Foyer Suisse, 15, Upper Bedford Place, W.C.1.

SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY.—Rehearsals every Friday evening. Every Swiss heartily invited to attend. Particulars from the Hon. Secretary, Swiss Choral Society, 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION.—Every Saturday and Sunday (weather permitting) Shooting Practice at the Range, Hendon (opposite Old Welsh Harp). Lunch provided on Sundays.

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