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hoped they would take home with them very good impressions, in spite of the weather, and that we should have the pleasure of seeing them again soon.

Mr. W. Siegentaler was deeply touched by the hospitality offered them in this great town. They were one and all returning with the very best impressions. Everything went splendidly, thanks to all those who helped so unselfishly. They had been rowing and training hard for two months, and it would have been a hopeless proposition if they had had to look after the organising part as well. He was sorry to say that their failure was his fault. He did not know how it was, that they could not show Henley what they were capable of doing. Henley was the 'greatest ever' for a Rowing Club. To achieve fame there was everything. They had been told to be quick at the start, and that the English crews were quick starters. So they did their utmost at the beginning. They went to the start quiet, collected and confident. The starter was good enough to explain to them all about the start, which they very much appreciated. Off they went, and when after ten strokes they dared to look up to see where their opponents were, they had gained a length. They were astounded. Still they gained until they had a lead of two lengths which they easily held against all spurts of their opponents. One somewhat disconcerting feature was the fact that the English coach of their opponents rode on a bicycle along the Thames, shouting his instructions to his boat. Also the spectators were very much nearer than they had ever experienced before. Now they had the wind against them, about 300 metres from the winning post, still leading by two lengths, when suddenly his legs, arms and back became limp, ten more strokes and he saw black and collapsed! He knew no more and for two hours afterwards he was absolutely down and out. It was not the distance, being 2,111 metres, their usual distance being 2,000 metres. The end came too sudden, he simply could not understand it. Once more he expressed his very best thanks to everyone.

Mr. A. Reinhard also addressed the meeting. What was to be said had been said. He paid a high compliment to the English Clubs with whom they came in touch. They had been very well received. The Leander Club made them Honorary Members during their stay, and he was deeply impressed by the fairness shown all round. He called on the members of the Rowing Club "Reuss" to stand up and give the City Swiss Club a hearty "Rudergruss."

Mr. L. Jobin told the meeting that Dr. Riedweg, who had made final arrangements in Henley, had had to leave England, and was sorry he could not attend to-night. He once more assured the "Reuss" representatives that we are looking forward to seeing them again next year, that our sympathies are with them, and that we wished them "Bon voyage."

Mr. Vallaster was deeply moved by the good wishes and intentions of the City Swiss Club as expressed that night. They were returning with the very best impressions and hoped to come again next year. They had set their hearts on a win at Henley and a first failure would not discourage them.

The meeting broke up at 11 o'clock, although the writer has heard it rumoured that the fleet of three motor-cars downstairs did not take the most direct route home! 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. Ed. Steck, Bern: "Albert Einstein." Mr. Paul Schindler, Zurich: "Universal Artificial Languages." Mr. Alfred Lüscher, Schöftland: "International Arbitration and the League of Nations." Miss Elsie Gempp, Basle: "Sweet Peas." Miss Lottie Walker, Berne: "Ladies of To-day." Miss Margot Aeschbacher, Berne: "Patience." Miss Margrit Stoeri, Bilten (Glarus): "Locarno." Miss Huldy Rahm, Zurich: "Modern Girls." Mr. Fritz Vogel, Zurich: "The Russian Revolution." Mr. Arthur Dardel, Zofingen: "The Necessity of Advertising." Miss Gertrud Zurlüh, Engelberg: "The Task of a Housekeeper." Miss Odette Pfähler: "The Italian Opera at Covent Garden." Mr. Stephan Sprecher, Chur: "Something about the English Language and its Origin." Mr. Adolf Wegmann, Zurich: "Moving Pictures."

The debating classes dealt with the following subject:—

"Is War a Necessity?" Proposer, Mr. A. de Limoge, La Chaux-de-Fonds; Opposer, Mr. Ernest Schaal, Zurich.

On Friday night there was a Debate, with Mr. J. W. Klein in the chair, and it was decided to form a circle of old students who make it their duty to speak English whenever they meet. For this purpose they will soon be wearing a badge of their own, the design of which was supplied by the students themselves.

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To the Editor of the *Swiss Observer*.

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I avail myself of this opportunity to thank you and all those of our countrymen who have helped towards commemorating the deeds of valour of our forbears who did their duty so valiantly during the "Sacco di Roma."

I remain, Yours sincerely,

June 30th, 1927. C. R. PARAVICINI.

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reisen begleitet. Die Erzählung "Zwei Frauen" stellt den Gegensatz dar zwischen einer braven schweizerischen Hausfrau und einer weltgewandten Amerikanerin.

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Sprechstunden: Dienstag 12—1 Uhr in der Kirche. Mittwoch, 3—5 Uhr, im Foyer Suisse.

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