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some three hours. The London team, with the Union Helvetia Flag (unfortunately the Swiss Gymnastic Society has not yet a flag of its own and still waits for some kind friend to come along and supply the wherewithal to get one) and the Union Jack in smart tenue looked exceedingly attractive, and was warmly applauded on all sides by the otherwise very emotionless population of the hospitable city on the borders of the Vierwaldstättersee.

On Sunday afternoon our friend Kleiner (Leader of the Basle Bürger Gymnastic Society) inspected the work of the team, corrected and polished it up and brought it 'up to scratch.'

On Monday morning—the day fixed for the exhibition by the London team—everyone was astir at 5 a.m. and once again a short rehearsal took place, followed by final instructions from the leader. The work of the team was really good and does the utmost credit to them and to their leader, W. Schneberger. The parallel bar exercises were excellent and better work could scarcely have been imagined. The performance was loudly applauded by the many spectators. The jumps—both the straddle on the vaulting horse and the long jumps—were first rate. In the long jumps we were one of the few teams to do more than the required average. The marching and drill exercises—apart from a slight *contretemps* due to our having to change at the last moment—were fairly good, and on the whole one cannot but state, with due regard to modesty, that the team did its work really well.

On Sunday afternoon the wonderful work by the Swiss Olympic Team for Amsterdam was enjoyed by enormous crowds, and providing Mack, Miez, Hängy and Co. work as well at Amsterdam the Swiss flag should be raised at the conclusion of the Olympic Gymnastic Competition. Their work is truly magnificent, and nothing like it has ever been seen before even in Switzerland, where great gymnastic feats are a daily occurrence. The *pièce de résistance* (to use a term to which contributors to the S.O. are so partial) was, of course, the mass exercises executed by some 18,000 men. Their marching into position and their execution of the new Hocker-Uebungen was a sight never to be forgotten. It was more impressive still than in Geneva in 1925—and that means a lot!

Tuesday saw the final act of this great Concours Fédéral—the repetition of the mass exercises (and they were even more successful, naturally, the second time), preceded by "Fahnschwinger" and followed by the crowning of the flags of the successful sections and of the individual "Kranturner." The sequence of the sections is not yet known, and the number of points obtained by the London team will be a secret for some time, but it will certainly be an improvement on Geneva.

In "Kunstturnen" Eugen Mack (Basel Bürger) and our Olympic hero is first, followed by Miez (Olten), as second. In "Nationalturnen" Kyburg (Bern) was first, and in Athletics Ruckstuhl (Aardorf) obtained first place.

The London team have kept their promise to worthily represent the Swiss Colony at this great National Competition, and have not only won but well deserved their laurels.

On August 1st at Hendon the Drill Exercises will be repeated, apart from 'living pictures,' by those members of the team who are back in England by then.

E. S. Block.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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

Miss Frieda Lieb, Stein a/Rhein: "Dante." Dr. K. Schaefer, Basle: "No Life without Heat." A. Schmied, Langenthal: "The Royal Air Display at Hendon." Miss A. Gutzwiller, Bremgarten (Aargau): "An Exciting Evening." C. Senn, Chur: "Life." E. Boller, Wangen a/A.: "London." Miss Edith Peter, Effretikon (Zurich): "Some Remarks About my Fellow Men and a Few Words About My Childhood." W. Schauwecker, Berne: "Age. Success in Life." Max Gysler, Zurich: "Dr. Barnado's Homes." Miss I. R. Vogler, Zurich: "My Opinion of Italy and her People." A. Grumser, Lausanne: "Criminals." Miss A. Gutzwiller, Bremgarten: "A Few Sketches in the Neighbourhood of Rome." G. Fromm, Basle: "My First Ball."

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