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EGLISE SUISSE.

The Swiss Church at Endell Street was filled to its utmost capacity last Sunday morning when more than twenty young people were confirmed.

The service was conducted by the Rev. R. Hoffmann-de Visme, who, with moving words, made a passionate appeal to the girls and boys, before bringing their religious instruction to a close, the sincerity and depth of which are unmistakable.

There are few voices within the Colony to which young hearts listen more eagerly than that of Mr. Hoffmann, who during 19 years of devoted service, has made himself loved and esteemed by all.

"Follow ye the Christ,...not that I have already seized Him, but I endeavour to seize Him,..." was the centre of his message.

"Wherever your vocations may lead you, keep your face turned on Him." By so doing our lives will be made holier, purer, more Christlike, and by striving to influence others for all that is noblest the presence of such people will become one glad benediction. E.M.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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

Miss Lily Pluger, Lausanne: "The Life of Goldsmith." Mr. Adolf Heierli, Zurich: "The Progress of Italy." Miss A. Gutzwiller, Bremgarten (Aarg.): "A Cheap Way to Go to the Theatre." Mr. Fritz Häni, Laufen: "Mechanical Book-keeping." Mr. Edmond Giromini, Geneva: "Neuchâtel Through the Ages." Mr. Hans Schlee, Bâle: "Paris and London." Mr. Walter Keller, Weinfelden: "Alfred Nobel." Miss Gertrud Streiff, Arosa: "The Normal and the Abnormal." Mr. F. Mayor, Montreux: "How England became the first Colonial Power." Mr. Walter Müller, Burgdorf: "The Chinese Question." Mr. Hans Schwarz, Zurich: "Gambling Dens." Mr. A. Biedermann, Horgen: "Graphology." Mr. André Müller, Lausanne: "The Fortifications of St. Maurice." Miss Paula Roth, Basle: "The Neutrality of Switzerland." Mr. Walter Wilhelm, Zurich: "The Police on the Ocean." Mrs. Gertrud Hasler, Zurich: "Buried Alive," by Arnold Bennett." Miss A. Gutzwiller, Bremgarten (Aarg.): "My Native Country (Cont.)." Mr. Adolf Heierli, Zurich: "Lord Leverhulme."

The debating classes dealt with the following subject:—

"Should women possess equal rights with men in politics and government?" Proposer, Miss B. Schmid; Opposer, Mr. E. Haerberli.

"Is there an after life?" Proposer, Mr. Baer; Opposer, Mr. Perretti.

"Should bachelors be taxed?" Proposer, Miss Pluger; Opposer, Mr. Leuthold."

Friday evening: A Lecture on "Nationalisation of Industries," by Jewell Thatcher, Esq., Barrister-at-Law.

Saturday: The whole School spent three hours at the Wallace Gallery.

APPEAL for SWISS NATIONAL DRESSES.

The Swiss Committee of the League of Nations Union has again to arrange for a Swiss Contingent to represent the Swiss Colony at the Festival of Youth, organised by the London Branches of the League of Nations Union. Last year we took part in the international entertainments as well as at the massed gathering, and were represented by a contingent of over thirty members of different Swiss Societies. Our Historical Group, and also the different productions, was received and applauded with great enthusiasm on the part of our English friends.

As this year the Festival falls on the same day as the Swiss Sports, we have abstained from organising anything so elaborate and costly as last year, but as Switzerland has the seat of the League we found it almost our duty to be represented and have promised to appear with a contingent at the massed gathering.

To give again a little bit of colour to the group, we need a few National Dresses, and therefore I now appeal to those few ladies who are in possession of such dresses to take part in the function or, if this is impossible, to be good enough either to arrange for a deputy or to lend the dress to the Committee. The latter would, in this case, take all responsibility for the return of the dress in proper condition.

The Massed Gathering is timed for 6 p.m., but we have to be at the Palace at 5.15 p.m.

We are informed that almost all of the thirty nations taking part will send at least part of their contingents in national dress. This should also be possible for the Swiss Colony of London.

Will applicants please write at once to the Chairman, (Swiss Sub-committee) League of Nations Union, 32, Queen Anne Street, W.1. (Swiss Legation), or direct to the Secretary, J. Henry Buchi, 72, Netherlands Road, New Barnet (Herts). Telephone: Barnet 2779.

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6.30.—Culte musical d'adoration suivi de St. Cène
Lundi, 28. Mai.—Promenade à Oxshott. Rendez-vous: 10h., Quai 4, Waterloo Station.

CONFIRMATION du 20. Mai.

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Pfingstmontag Ausflug nach Chalfont-St. Giles. Besammlung: Baker Street (Metrop. Station) ab 10.30 Abfahrt 11 Uhr. Reiseproviand ist mitzunehmen. Thee unterwegs.

Getauft wurde am 20. Mai Rex Emil FRITSCHI, Sohn des René Karl Fritschi aus Zürich und der Sarah Jean geb. Schenker von London—geb. am 26. März 1928.

Sprechstunden: Dienstag 12—1 Uhr in der Kirche. Mittwoch, 8—5 Uhr. Im Foyer Suisse. Anfragen wegen Amtshandlungen etc., an den Pfarrer der Gemeinde C. Th. Hahn, 8, Chiswick Lane, W.4. Telefon Chiswick 4156.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Friday, June 1st, at 8.15 p.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Lecture by the Headmaster of the Day School, at Swiss House, 34-35 Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Saturday, June 2nd, at 2.30 p.m.—"SWISS SPORTS" at Herne Hill Athletic Ground.

Tuesday, June 5th.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Monthly Meeting and Dance, at Brent Bridge Hotel, Hendon. (See Advert.)

Friday, June 8th, at 8.15 p.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Lecture on "Algiers: the Arab, his Work, his Home and his Wives, with Lantern Slides, by Seymour Kimpton, Esq., B.A., at Swiss House, 34-35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Sunday, June 10th.—A.O.F.B. SWISS VAT: Charà-banc Outing to Hindhead and Boxhill, Particulars from A. Wyss, Swiss Hotel, 53, Old Compton Street, W.1.

Wednesday, June 13th, at 8.30 p.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Monthly Meeting at Swiss House, 34-35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

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