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Doings in Our Colony.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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

Mr. H. Paravicini, Wädenswil: "A Visit to a British Warship." Mr. O. Freitag, Davos: "Our Mountains." Mr. A. Fauquel, Lausanne: "Beethoven." Mr. F. Hofer, Grenchen: "Something about Watches." Mr. K. Rebmann, Wimmen: "Ski-Sport." Mr. J. Müller, Aeffretikon: "A Bull-Fight." Mr. A. Jaeggi, Recherswill: "My Native Country." Mr. G. Joos, Chur: "An Idealistic Aspect of Mountains." Mr. R. Moeschlin, Basle: "A Trip in Southern Europe." Mr. G. Wuthrich, Brugg: "Electricity." Miss L. Krusci, Appenzell: "County Appenzell." Mr. F. Yaux, Lausanne: "Chain Letters of Good Luck." Miss H. Ammon, Berne: "Diamonds." Mr. E. Bachmann, St. Gall: "United States of Europe." Miss L. Henninger, Lausanne: "Some Impressions of Scotland." Miss G. Claus, Winterthur: "Lolo People and Chinese Customs." Mr. R. Moeschlin, Basle: "My First Trip in an Airship." Mr. W. Stoll, Zurich: "Automatic Telephones." Mr. T. Oehninger, Zurich: "Europe's Success in Peace Politics." Miss M. Stüssi, Wädenswil: "A Visit of Bach to Frederick the Great." Mr. W. Ruefenacht, Berne: "Are we better than our Grandfathers?" Mr. G. Wirz, "Naples." Mr. H. Wolf, "Should Capital Punishment be Abolished?" Mr. A. Bondolfi, "Is Democracy Dying?"

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

"Should People Marry Young?" Proposer: Miss Prenant. Opposer: Miss Bader.

"Should a Doctor be permitted to end the sufferings of an incurable patient?" Proposer: Miss Menzi. Opposer: Mr. Rentsch.

Great consternation prevailed round Fitzroy Square on Tuesday morning (June 10th). People inquired whether it was permissible for the Square to be used as a Motor Coach Station as ten motor coaches were there ready for picking up passengers. Soon after 9.30 about 300 Students of Swiss House (Swiss Mercantile Society) entered these coaches on a trip westward. The first halt was at Windsor where the Students entered the grounds of the Castle. Eaton with the boys in tailed coats and silk hats provided much interest. Oxford was reached by 2.15 p.m., where our Students were met by Mr. De Beer (one of the Fellows of Merton College) and a number of Undergraduates who kindly showed the Swiss 'boys and girls' round a number of the Colleges. Tea was served at the Carfax Assembly Rooms. Mr. De Beer welcomed the Swiss Students to Oxford in an able and fit speech. One of the Swiss Students (Mr. Renold) thanked the Undergraduates on behalf of his colleagues and Mr. Gould replied in French expressing the pleasure of his fellow Undergraduates in being able to further the good feeling existing between this country and Switzerland. The return journey was via High Wycombe and Swiss House was reached after a most enjoyable day.

There is only one Harrow just as there is only one Switzerland. Harrow is charming. As one of the oldest and most famous of the Public Schools of England it was a happy inspiration to have selected such a spot for a visit, which took place on Saturday, June 14th, under the leadership of Mr. Cooke. The visit took place by the courtesy of Dr. Cyril Norwood, Headmaster. They were shown round the School by Custos and had the great privilege of the presence of Mr. Carlile, one of the Masters of the School. A mere recitation of the places visited though interesting in itself can convey no real idea of the charm of the particular places themselves or of our Guides. To an Harrovian the old Fourth Form Room in which the names of countless men who have also carved their names in the history of the British Empire were to be found—carved by boyish penknife—on unrepentent form, seat, desk or wall. There, Byron, Sir Robert Peel, Cardinal Manning, Marquis of Hastings, Lord Lytton, Admiral Rodney, Sheridan, etc., etc., have left an indelible record of youthful zeal and penknife energy. Vaughan Library, the Alexander Fitch Memorial Room, the Speech Room with chairs presented by numerous old Boys (many Swiss Students are now indebted to Mr. Winston Churchill for a fleeting repose in a chair marked "W. S. Churchill"). The Chapel (with Communion Chapel containing the names of over 500 Harrovians killed in the Great War)—and an outside glimpse of one of the dozen houses into which the School is divided, completed the actual school tour.

A delightful hour on the School Cricket field, when students were initiated into some of the mysteries of the game, brought a memorable visit to a close at about 6 p.m.

SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION. A DREAM.

All who were present at the Dinner given by the Swiss Colony to Monsieur Paravicini, to commemorate ten years of a successful mission, must have been struck by the general tone of smartness and well-being of most participants. Personally, what struck me most, and on enquiry I found it to be the case with several friends, was how few I had the pleasure of knowing personally. The most important ones were pointed out to me, leaders in industry and finance, successful in various walks of life and enterprises, in the City and in the Country. I was astonished, for little did I realise how many of my compatriots there were who "really counted."

The proceedings over, many went to the Helvetic Club, where more was talked and discussed. Finally, I retired rather late, I must say, and then I had a dream:

I saw a big open space of green, with tennis-court, swings, bowling-alleys, skittle-alleys, shooting ranges, all nicely laid out and beautifully arranged; from the crowd walking to and fro, arose a babel of tongues where Schwyzertisch almost drowned French, while Ticinesi were not behind in loudly airing their views. A stranger took me round and kindly explained how everything was conceived, organised and financed by a few generous and well-thinking of our compatriots, with the collaboration of the various Societies in London. Coming to a hut, I recognised it as something familiar. Lists affixed on the walls revealed names well-known to me. I doubted no more, I knew: I was at the range of the Swiss Rifle Association at Hendon . . . and then I woke up.

It was, after all, only a dream, but a dream whose realisation was not an entirely remote possibility.

Last week-end I went again to the range: It was as before, only more flourishing and basking in the glorious sunshine of Whitsun-tide. Friendly competitions were keenly contested. A few Members had already started their Yearly Competition, for which final entries will be received until the 29th of June, and not later. So, do not delay, come out, practice hard, and maybe YOU, yourself, Dear Reader, may be the fortunate Winner of a coveted Cup. A.R.

FIRST OF AUGUST CELEBRATION.

The delegates of the different societies met last Monday at the Swiss Legation and settled the outlines of this year's celebration. The gathering will take place on the grounds of the Swiss Rifle Association which have again been placed at the disposal of the Committee free of charge. The arrangements will include the erection of a covered-in dancing floor permitting about 400 exponents of the terpsichorean art to disport themselves. Further particulars will be published in due course.

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7 Uhr abends: Gottesdienst.

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Anfragen wegen Amtshandlungen und Religionsunterricht sind erbeten an Pfr. C. Th. Hahn, 8, Chiswick Lane, W.4. Telefon: Chiswick 4156. Sprechstunden: Dienstag 12.1 Uhr in der Kirche. Mittwoch 5.6 Uhr im "Foyer Suisse."

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Tuesday, July 1st, at 7 p.m.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Monthly Meeting at the Brent Bridge Hotel, Hendon. (see advert.)

Wednesday, July 2nd, at 7.30 p.m.—SOCIETE DE SECOURS MUTUELLE: Monthly Meeting at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Friday, August 1st, from 3 to 9 p.m.—FIRST OR AUGUST CELEBRATION, at the Rifle Range, Hendon.

Thursday, August 28th, at 8 p.m.—NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE and SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Lecture by Professor Dr. C. Schröter of Zurich with over 100 coloured lantern slides on "Naturschutz in der Schweiz und der Schweizerische National Park," at King George's Hall. Admission free.

SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION: Shooting Practice every Saturday and Sunday at the Range (see advert.).

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