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This short, and very appropriate address was acknowledged with three hearty cheers in honour of Monsieur and Madame Paravicini. A special interest was created by the Veteran's 440 yds. walking Handicap for men over 40; which was won by M. Donati, who by his victory, became the owner of the beautiful Challenge Cup having won it for three consecutive years. It was almost a foregone conclusion, as M. Donati, right from the beginning, set up a pace which gave his fellow competitors a hard nut to crack. Amongst the entrants for this event I perceived the popular Hon. Treasurer lined up in his fullest glory with a confident and determined air on his face, and the participation in this race filled me with considerable envy. Had I not as many years to my credit as he, and why should I not have the pluck to join these valiant men? there was even more than mere envy, a feeling of unaccountable jealousy took hold of me, which shortly afterwards however, turned into not less creditable joy, when, after having walked but a few yards, our friend left the track and the field to his fellow companions. The reason of such an inglorious ending was not apparent then, but I think he

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**SOLOTHURN.**

M. Théodore Trog, a merchant in Olten, has given an amount of 40,000f. to the town of Olten towards starting a Fund for charitable purposes.

**VAUD.**

A performing bear attacked two spectators at St. Sulpice, a man called Constant Krieg and his 5 year old son. The little boy was so badly bitten, that he had to be taken to the hospital at Lausanne. M. Krieg was also seriously bitten. The owner of this ferocious animal, an Austrian, has been arrested and the bear has been put under lock and key.

N.N.Z.

**TICINO.**

About 50 school children from Dino, Cadro, Villa and Sonvico, have been taken for a trip to Zurich, none of them have ever left their native place, and some of them have never even seen a railway. They were taken round the town in motor coaches, and a visit to the Zoo was included in the programme. A trip on the lake was greatly enjoyed and the authorities excelled themselves in giving these youngsters a good time. Judging from the exciting faces the guests from beyond the Gotthard enjoyed this trip immensely.

N.N.Z.

**GRAUBÜNDEN.**

M. J. Schmid, former National Councillor died at the age of 81 at Zizers. In the nineties the deceased was a member of the cantonal government and afterwards belonged for 25 years to the cantonal tribunal, over which he presided.

N.N.Z.

**SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY LIMITED.**

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

Mr. H. Renold, Aarau: "Experiments on Animals."

Miss C. Chollet, Vevey: "La Fête des Vignerons."

Mr. H. Katzenstein, Zurich: "Foreign Visitors in Switzerland."

Miss L. Gehrig, Bern: "Jewellery."

Miss M. Schmid, Zurich: "Oberammergau."

Mr. H. Blass, Horgen: "Bullfight."

Miss M. Rigling, "Evening in the Valley of Zermatt."

Miss H. Ritter, "A Day on the Thames."

Miss N. Ebnetter, "The International Day for Mothers."

Mr. W. Von Arx, "The Pan-European Union."

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

"That Persons of different Nationality should Marry."

Proposer: Mr. Ramsauer.

Opposer: Mr. A. Gander.

"That Cigarette Smoking is a Vice."

"That Holidays as such should be abolished."

An extremely able and interesting lecture on "Jerome K. Jerome" was given by Mr. F. Blackaby on Friday evening the 29th of May.

The lecturer gave an excellent portrayal of the humour of this great writer, taking examples from the book "Three men in a boat."

The lecturer was well received by the students and at the close the lecturer was enthusiastically cheered.

**DIE "FETE SUISSE" VOM 25. JUNI.**

Wie schon mitgeteilt, wird am 25. Juni die 62. "Fête Suisse" in der schönen und geräumigen Westminster Central Hall stattfinden. Dazu sind alle lieben Landsleute recht herzlich eingeladen. Das Programm ist reichhaltig und gediegen und so sind wir sicher, dass die Landsleute aus allen Gauen und von allen Landessprachen sich dort heimisch fühlen werden. Wir hoffen auch, dass das Gefühl der Einigkeit dadurch gefördert werden möchte. Das ist der Sinn und Zweck dieses Familienfestes.

**R. OBERHOLZER.†**

We have much pleasure to acquaint our readers, that a subscription list has been opened in order to perpetuate the memory of our compatriot M. R. Oberholzer, who was at one time one of the finest all round athletes Switzerland ever produced, in the form of a Memorial.

We recommend this appeal especially to all the members of the colony, who have at one time witnessed the glorious ascent of our compatriot to fame in the sporting community. He has been a true and faithful son to our land, and the least we can do now, is to make his resting place a sanctuary to which he was fully entitled. Subscriptions will be received at the office of the Swiss Observer, 23, Leonard Street, E.C.2, and by Mr. E. A. Nussle, Hon. Secretary, Swiss Club, Schweizerbund, 74, Charlotte Street, W.

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**"FUNNY CUTS."**

A negro woman was telling a friend that she had been to a wedding. She described the bride's white satin gown, the veil, the slippers, the flowers and everything.

"And what did the bridegroom wear?" asked the friend.

"Well, do you know that good for nothing nigger never showed at all," was the astonishing reply.

Everybody's.

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In reply to the teacher's question, "Which is the national flower of England?" the class answered in unison: "Roses, miss."

"Good. Now, what is the national flower of France?"

"Lilies, miss."

"Excellent. Now, which is Spain's national flower?"

There was a long pause, then one small boy volunteered the answer, "Bulrushes, miss!"  
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Sonntag, den 7. Juni 1931.

11 Uhr vorm., Gottesdienst und Sonntagschule  
7 Uhr abends, Gottesdienst.

Anfragen wegen Amtshandlungen und  
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Th. Hahn, 43, Priory Road, Bedford Park, W.4.  
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**FORTHCOMING EVENTS.**

Wednesday, June 10th, at 7 p.m.—Société de  
Secours Mutuels: Committee Meeting, at 74,  
Charlotte Street, W.1.

Wednesday, June 10th, at 8.30 p.m.—Swiss Mer-  
cantile Society Ltd.—Extraordinary General  
Meeting—at "Swiss House" 34/35 Fitzroy  
Square, W.1.

Saturday, June 13, at 4 p.m.—Unterhaltungsa-  
bend zu Gunsten einer Ausflugskasse für die  
Sonntagschule.—at the "Foyer Suisse,"  
15, Upper Bedford Place W.C.1. Jedermann  
ist herzlich eingeladen. Das "Schwyzer-  
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Wednesday, June 17th at 7.45 p.m.—Nouvelle  
Société Helvétique—Monthly Meeting, fol-  
lowed by an address by Dr. Walter E. R.  
Mons on: "The origin and activities of the  
order of St. John." at "Swiss House," 34-  
35, Fitzroy Square W.1. Members and  
Friends very cordially invited.

Thursday, June 25th, from 6.10.30 p.m.—62nd  
"Fête Suisse" at Central Hall, Westminster.

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