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## SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY LTD.

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

“That Cinemas are to be preferred to the Theatre.”

*Proposer:* Mr. H. Blattmann (Zurich).

*Opposer:* Miss M. Mosimann (Milan).

“That this house is in favour of the formation of the United States of Europe.”

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*Opposer:* Miss A. Lang.

“That it is not always possible to tell the Truth.”

*Proposer:* Mr. E. Emmert.

*Opposer:* Mr. W. Gempeler.

“That there are Objections to a Man’s being Naturalised in a Foreign Country.”

*Proposer:* Miss E. Brivio.

*Opposer:* Dr. M. Viet.

“That the Modern Girl is a Good House-keeper.”

*Proposer:* Miss N. Waechli.

*Opposer:* Mr. R. Gandon.

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

Miss M. Heer, Milan; “The English Sunday.”

Mr. W. Graf, Ramsen; “The Principality of Monaco.”

Miss J. Schaffter, Valencia; “Heredity and Strong Drink.”

Miss M. Mosimann, Milan; “Trip to West-cliff.”

Mr. F. Maurer, Erlinsbach; “Farming in France.”

Miss M. Rosset, Morges; “Happiness.”

Miss F. Courvoisier, La Chaux de Fonds; “Swimming as a sport.”

Miss Y. Flury; “Madame Tussauds in London.”

Mr. M. Eichenberger; “Switzerland and Invested Capital.”

Mis M. Rigling; “The Ragpickers of Paris.”

In spite of the very uncertain state of the weather on Saturday last the 8th inst., a party of fifty-seven Students from the Swiss Mercantile Society’s College left London for a day’s excursion to Chislehurst under the direction of Mr. R. S. Thompson. The Southern Railway Company very kindly assigned several compartments for the use of the party so that everyone was able to keep together. The genial manager of the Bickley Hotel was there to meet the students on their arrival and after the customary preliminaries, the first object of interest was a visit to the wonderful Chislehurst Caves which extend for some miles. The party did not, of course, attempt to traverse so great an extent but the guide saw to it that the journey was long enough and his series of little talks were much appreciated and to do the students credit, his jokes were thoroughly understood and caused a great deal of merriment. During the exploration of the Caves, a violent storm broke over the district but no one inside the caves had the slightest idea of the disturbing elements. After the exertions of walking and the interesting incidents in the caves such as the Well of pure water, the Druid’s Alter, the Acoustic properties of a certain section of cave as demonstrated by the vocal efforts of both guide and students, the terrific hand-clap which proved nothing more terrible than banging an old teatray against the wall and the interesting remains of the fossil described as half fish and half lizard, the party partook of the excellent light lunch provided by the Hotel attached to the Caves. This being over, the students settled down comfortably to a Dance of a strictly impromptu nature. Mr. Thompson suggested a walk for those who were well enough equipped for storms and soft ground and then proceeded to visit Campden House, the one-time residence of the Empress Eugenie; near by, was seen the memorial to Napoleon III, and then a long walk through Petts Wood and back brought to a close a most successful day.

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Some are born good, others make good.

*In Pearson’s Magazine.*

“HYSPA”  
GREAT HYGIENE AND SPORT EXHIBITION.

Wherever one goes in Switzerland just now, one catches the mysterious word “Hyspa.” In all prominent places in that wonderful little country the word is displayed. It stands for a great exhibition, devoted to hygiene and sport, the first of its kind to be held in Switzerland, which is being held from July 24th to September 20th, and all English and Swiss visitors who travel in Switzerland this summer should not fail to visit Berne, the Swiss Federal capital, which is situated in the very heart of the country, and would appear to be specially designed as an ideal site for exhibitions on a grand scale. All that has been achieved up to the present by scientific and welfare institutions in the domain of public and personal hygiene, together with the improvements brought to bear on the products of the Swiss industries which specialise in sanitary articles, will be demonstrated in a clear and instructive manner. The success of the exhibition will be still further promoted by the active participation of the chief transport undertakings and that of the various well-known health resorts, which will contribute interesting documentary groups illustrating the facilities of travel and communication and the beauty and advantages of Swiss climatic stations Davos, St. Moritz, and Arosa will make a particularly brilliant show, whilst the Syndicate of Swiss Hydrostatic Establishments will provide exhibits demonstrating and illustrating the balneological resources of Switzerland, and in particular those of Baden, Ragaz, Riefein, Schinznach, Schulz-Tarasp, and other well known spas. The sports centres of Switzerland, i.e., the Bernese Oberland, Lucerne, Appenzell, Schaffhausen, Thurgau, Glarus, Wallensee, and the Tessin will be represented in a special section. The town of Zurich intends to concentrate all its efforts on showing the recent development in its sports and recreation activities, e.g., its artificial ice rink, golf course, and local Lido.

To complete the exhibits made by the various spas and sanatoria, the Federal Institute for Physiological Research in high altitudes and the Meteorological-Physical Observatory of Davos will show a number of scientific apparatus and charts and diagrams illustrating the result of their work.

The interest which has been aroused in sporting circles by the Hyspa is far greater than was anticipated, the demand for space sent in by various associations far exceeding the area originally allocated for the Hall of Sports, so that it was proved necessary to increase the space to three times the original size. All branches of gymnastics will be represented, including physical culture at schools and orthopaedic exercises. The Swiss Association for Physical Culture will also give exhibitions of its manifold activities, in conjunction with representations of various forms of athletics, football, hockey, basket-ball, etc. The group representing the Swiss Union of Cyclists and Motor-cyclists will be complemented by exhibits of light sports aircraft.

Mountaineering will occupy an important position in this review of Swiss National Sports. The Swiss Alpine Club is engaged in the preparation of a most interesting show which will comprise the entire organisation of Alpine huts and life-saving measures. A section of juvenile mountaineers will give demonstrations of what has been achieved in Switzerland in this respect. Closely connected with mountaineering are the winter sports, i.e., skiing, skating, and ice-hockey.

Among the many sporting events which will take place during the exhibition, the following are of particular interest: Tournament of the Swiss Lawn Tennis Association; an automobile rally of the Swiss Touring Club; matches arranged by the Swiss Wrestling and “Hornuss” Associations. (The game of hornuss is a very ancient rustic game, a cross between golf and tennis.) The exhibition will also furnish the occasion for an international regatta on the Lake of Thun, fencing matches, world championships in cycle football, Swiss athletic championships, international football matches, national horse shows, etc.

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