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

Miss K. Kirschbaum, Zuerich: "Florence Nightingale."

Mr. Ch. Emmert, Berne: "Brussels."

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

"That the World is Degenerating."

Proposer: Mr. Ch. Emmert,
Opposer: Mr. R. Gandon.

On Friday evening September 26th, one of the most interesting lectures ever heard at the Swiss College was delivered by Mr. Joseph Locke on "What I saw in Russia."

For more than an hour the audience was enthralled by the lecture. There is probably no country in Europe about which we are more ignorant than about Russia; it was therefore most refreshing to hear in an impartial manner how the Soviet Republic is living under the vigorous "Five Year Plan."

The political side of Russian Life was not discussed, the speaker confining himself solely to his observations and personal reminiscences of his stay in Russia. In addition, he cleverly interspersed his lecture with humorous anecdotes and experiences, making the whole an unqualified success.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the Chairman and vigorously seconded and applauded by the students.

The Musical Programme arranged by Mr. von Arx and Mr. Faillietaz, was then enthusiastically received by the students. The following items were performed:— Old Comrade March and Blue Danube by the Orchestra; Pianoforte solos by Miss Kirschbaum; Violin and Piano by Messrs. Aeberhard and Merz; Flute and Piano by Miss Blank and Mr. Aufranc; Accordion solos by Mr. Gandon; Tichens's Choir and a Violin solo by Professor EH.

The evening finished with a vote of thanks proposed by the Chairman to the Artistes and the singing of the National Anthem.

A most interesting and instructive excursion was made by about fifty students of the S.M.S. College on Saturday last the 26th September. Under the leadership of Mr. R. S. Thompson, the students visited the Houses of Lords and Commons Westminster Hall and Westminster Abbey. The party entered the Houses of Parliament by way of the Norman Porch under the Victoria Tower and passed through the King's Robing Room, the Gallery, Princes Chamber and Peers' Lobby. The Wall paintings and portraits were much admired, also the beautiful stained glass windows and wonderful vaulted roofs were the objects of great interest. Entering the House of Lords the Thrones of the King and Queen, the famous Woollack and the appointments of the chamber were closely inspected. Passing on to the Central Hall, the lower House was entered; the contrast between the large, bright and well appointed House of Lords and the rather gloomy Commons was most marked and leaves one with a sense of disappointment. But nevertheless, the scene of so many historic and important debates proved of great interest and the time devoted to the visit was well spent. Westminster Hall with its fine oak roof and splendid stained glass window was the next object of attention and the Chapel of St. Stephens in the crypt presented a dignified aspect. In this chapel, marriages are still the subject of ceremony. The party afterwards proceeded to Westminster Abbey and became deeply absorbed in the many statues and memorial tablets for which this historic pile is noted. Poet's Corner attracted the attention of the literature students. The chapels of Edward the Confessor and King Henry VII provided food for reflection on the glories of the past, particularly the fine carving and ironwork there exhibited. A pocket edition of Tassauds in the form of waxfigures dressed in the clothes as actually worn by the individuals in life was the topic of great interest, particularly those of Queen Elizabeth, King Charles II and Lord Nelson. Next came a visit to the cloisters, the chapel of the Pyx and the Chapter House, the latter being noted for its beautiful floor of tiles.

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Monday, October 5th, at 8 p.m.—Swiss Mercantile Society Ltd.—Reception of the Schweizerische Gewerbe Verein at "Swiss House," 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Council of Nouvelle Société Helvétique also invites all their members to "Swiss House."

Tuesday, October 6th, at 8.30 p.m.—City Swiss Club—Monthly Meeting at Pagani's Restaurant. The Meeting is preceded by a dinner at 7 p.m. (see advert.)

Wednesday, October 7th, at 7.30 p.m.—Société de Secours Mutuels—Monthly Meeting—at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Saturday, October 10th, at 2 and 4 o'clock p.m.—Nouvelle Société Helvétique—Swiss Film Show at King George's Hall, Caroline Street, Tottenham Court Road. Admission Free.

Wednesday, October 14th, at 8.30—Swiss Mercantile Society Ltd.—Monthly Meeting—at "Swiss House," 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Wednesday, October 21st, at 7.45 p.m. Nouvelle Société Helvétique—Monthly Meeting of London Group at "Swiss House," 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

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8 Uhr, Chorprobe.

Dienstag, den 6 Oktober 1931.

3 Uhr nachm. Näherein im "Foyer Suisse."

TRAUUNGEN.

Am Samstag, den 26. September wurden folgende Paare getraut: Adolf Rudolf Karl Krebs von Gerzensee (Kanton Bern) und Elisabeth Hornung von Basel (Stadt).

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