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# SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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

"Ought the S.M.S. Students to speak English only when in the School?" Proposer: Mr. E. Hug. Opposer: Mr. K. Seiler.

"Is the Modern Girl degenerate?" Proposers: Messrs O. Benz, K. Kunzler. Opposers: Miss A. Honegger, Mr. E. Niggli.

"Has the Cinema a good or a bad Influence?" Proposers: Messrs. J. Keller, H. Frey. Opposers: Miss E. Geissmann, Mr. H. Kubly.

The debating classes dealt with the following subject:—

Mr. P. Bertschmann, Basle: "Practice makes perfect." "Are strikes Justifiable?" Mr. E. Staub, Geneva: "Are strikes Justifiable?" Mr. A. Isotta, Lugano: "Dante and Beatrice." Mr. J. Luthy, Wohlenburgovia: "Scheller." Mr. H. Roth, St. Gall: "The Cheese boxes Industry in Switzerland." Mr. E. Hug, Soleure: "The Parisian Spirit." Mr. A. Schmuckle, St. Gall: "Milan."

On the evening of Friday, January 16th, 1931, we were fortunate in having such a distinguished man and experienced traveller as Mr. Clive Holland, M.B.E., J.P., for our lecturer. His extremely interesting talk on "Things seen in Belgium" was admirably illustrated by a unique collection of lantern slides mostly of the lecturer's own personal making from actual photographs. It was obvious that Mr. Holland was completely at home with his subject, and the fact that he had been decorated by King Albert of Belgium thoroughly endorsed that view. The chief delight in listening to him was that we were taken through the more unfrequented parts of Belgium—parts generally missed by the average traveller, who uses more orthodox means of transport. Mr. Holland apparently does most of his exploring by means of the humble bicycle. At the end of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by the Chairman, and enthusiastically seconded by the students.

Afterwards, a concert arranged by the students was thoroughly enjoyed. Miss Gilliard obliged with two piano solos, Miss Ostrini with a song, Miss Wyss and Mr. Gandon with solos on the accordion, and the Chairman also contributed a song.

The evening's entertainment terminated at 10.45 p.m.

*Saturday, January 17th, 1931.*

On Saturday morning, January 17th, an excursion was arranged to the Natural History Museum at South Kensington.

About 60 students were present, and an instructive and enjoyable morning was spent.

We passed a great part of the time in the Natural History Museum viewing the interesting exhibits, and then went over to the Science section and afterwards to the Imperial War Museum. The latter seemed to be especially interesting to the students.

## LECTURES BY A SWISS UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR

M. Jean Piaget, Professor at the University of Geneva and director of the "Institut J. J. Rousseau," has given two public lectures on the 14th and 15th inst. at the request of the University of London on "Psychology of children and the new methods of education." Sir Percy Nunn was in the chair.

Professor Piaget was also lecturing on "La vie sociale de l'Enfant" at Birmingham University on the 16th of January. He discussed the question of the intelligence of the individual independently of society, and the changes which society brought about.

Considering first the individual, there were, he said, two characteristics: there was practical intelligence in contrast to reflective intelligence, which was essentially social, and there was immediate experience in contrast to scientific experience, which supposed the correction from the immediate or personal point of view and the co-ordination of different points of view. With regard to society, he called society not the social instincts but that which was transmitted in an exterior way from individual to individual: for example, by language, the rules of games, morality, customs, discussion and mutual criticism. Thus, society from this point of view brought three things to the development of the individual, namely consciousness of self and the habit of reflection, rules of games which children played, and the dissociation between that which was subjective and that which was objective in the experience of the child. Did the child become socialised all at once? If one thought of the social instincts, yes; if of the exterior social life, no. There was a phase of apprenticeship which he called ego-centrism. An example which would make them understand the passage from the individual to the social was the logic of relations. Professor Valentine presided.

# SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY

## Annual Banquet and Ball

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Mittwoch 5-6 Uhr im "Foyer Suisse."

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Friday, January 30th at 8 p.m.—SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY: Social Evening and Tombola at the Union Helvetia Club, 1, Gerrard Place, W.1.

Saturday, January 31st.—SWISS BANK CLUB: Dinner and Dance from 7 to 11 p.m. at Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria.

Wednesday, February 4th, at 7.30 p.m.—SOCIÉTÉ DE SECOURS MUTUELS: Monthly Meeting, at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Saturday, February 7th, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Annual Banquet and Ball, at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W.1.

Thursday, February 19th.—SWISS INSTITUTE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY: Concert at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, W.6.

Saturday, February 21st.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Last Cinderella Dance of the season at the May Fair Hotel, Berkeley Square, W.1. (From 7 p.m. to midnight.)

Wednesday, February 25th, at 8 p.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Annual General Meeting at "Swiss House," 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Tuesday, March 10th.—UNIONE TICINESE: Annual Banquet, Ball and Cabaret, at the Monico Restaurant, Piccadilly, W.

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