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SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

The debating classes dealt with the following subject

Debates I.: "Do you prefer the Cinema to the Theatre?" Proposer, Mr. E. Witschard. Opposer: Dr. H. Brunner.

the Theatre?" Proposer, Mr. E. Witschard. Opposer: Dr. H. Brunner. In connection with the scholastic programme the following lectures were given by the students during last week:— C. Schaer, Langenthal: "The Polish Corridor." Mr. F. Dick, Brittnau: "Great Britain"; Mr. H. Merz, Bern: "Are strikes justifiable?" Mrs. A. Gaudenz, Engadine: "Is the World growing better?"; Mr. H. Furer, Lüsslinger: "Observations on Fascism in Italy"; Mr. H. Kubly, Zurich: "Are strikes justifiable?" Mr. H. Frey, Zurich: "Are strikes justifiable?" Mr. H. Frey, Zurich: "Are strikes justifiable?" Mr. H. Frey, Zurich: "Are strikes justifiable?" Mr. H. Staly, Zurich: "Music as a pastime." On Friday evening, the 30th January, Mr. John Clee addressed the students of the S.M.S. on "Citizenship." Mr. Clee is a member of the Willesden Council, a great social worker. He was thus able to speak with authority on a vitally interesting subject. His enthusiasm and practical idealism were much appreciated and he received an ovation at the conclusion of his speech. Mrs. Pinard was in the chair. Saturday morning, the 31st January, the stu-dents met at the S.M.S. and were conducted by Mrs. Pinard on a visit to the British Museum which, among other things, is showing an ex-tremely interesting exhibition of Persian Art. This is a supplementary exhibition to the one now on at Burlington House. The Assyrian and Egyptian Monuments were also visited and a tour was made through

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SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY.

Not where princes, dukes and millionaires Not where princes, dukes and millionaires meet, but at the Union Helvetia Club, 1 Ger-rard Place, W., the above Society held their Social Evening with Tombola, and it was a most enjoyable and truly democratic affair. The Choral Society somehow seems to have the happy knack of arranging their social functions in such a way, as to make everybody feel at home right from the beginning. The choir, under the very able conductor-ship of Mr. Seymour, rendered various Swiss songs with their usual efficiency, and the almost riotous applause which greeted each item was proof enough how much the visitors appreciated their efforts.

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proof enough how much the visitors appreciated their efforts. Mr. Conrad, the sympathetic President of the S.C.S addressed the company, which num-bered well over 200 persons with a few words of greetings, introducing at the same time a little dancer, Miss Daphne de Witt, who gave us some exquisite dancing. A beautiful bunch of flowers, presented by the President together with an accolade, were well merited rewards for her re-markable performance. A very lively dance band (I am told there were two, but honestly I saw only one, and I stuck to the same vintage the whole evening) brought all and sundry on the floor, the happy chatter of the youngest and the oldest was proof enough how much everyone was enjoying them-selves. The "Yoddling," without which no function of the Swiss Choral Society is com-plete, somehow did not "come off"; no doubt due to the bad cigars in which some of the visi-tors indulged and the objectionable pipe smokers (among which your reporter is to be included) will bear the blame for depriving the "well-behaved" of a real treat. The result of the Tombola was announced well after midnivelt and I hear that arrance.

The result of the Tombola was announced well after midnight and I hear that arrange-ments have been made to let those who had de-parted earlier and who are amongst the lucky ones know. I was unfortunately not able to par-take of the customary plate of onion soup which was served shortly before the gathering broke up, but I am told that it was much enjoyed, and no doubt greatly assisted those who came "single" to face a second concert on arriving home early in the morning. The committee of the Swiss Choral Society and the stewards of the Union Helvetia Club, Mr. and Mrs. Rossier, deserve the thanks of all those who had the pleasure of spending a few happy hours amongst the "nightingales" of the colony.

mappy nours amongst the "nightingales" of the colony. On leaving those hospitable dwellings I re-membered a little poem which one of my musical friends once sent to me, it would no doubt be a suitable motto for the Swiss Choral Society, here it is:

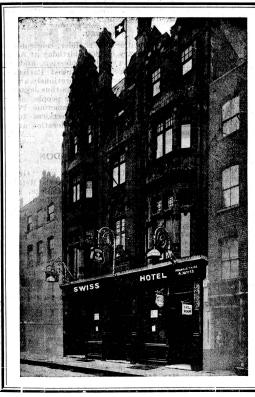
Sei adagio in Genüssen, Sei allegro in Entschlüssen, Sei allegro in Entschlüssen. Wer forte seine Pflichten übt Und piano sein Vergnügen liebt, Der spielt in schönster Harmonie Des Lebens schwerste Symphonie.



their leaders.

He assured the Commissioners that the British Rovers will be received next Summer at Kan-dersteg in that very spirit by the Swiss people.





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