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VAUD.

The death has occurred at Villeneuve, of M. Henri Chenaux at the age of 72. The deceased was a member of the "Grand Conseil" from 1901-1926. He was also a member of the National Council for some time. Since 1890, M. Chenaux was Professor of topography at the "L'école d'ingénieurs" in Lausanne.

AARGAU.

M. Gottfried Bader, Proprietor of the "Eisengiesserei Erzenberg" has died at Liestal at the age of 60.

TICINO.

Three hundred gangers are working to clear a landslide on the St. Gotthard Railway line between the tunnels at Biasca and Osgona. The line is completely blocked for a distance of 200 yards, and it is expected that the work of clearing it will not be completed for two days. A motor service is meanwhile carrying passengers, baggage, and mail between Biasca and Osgona.

VIOLETTA MONTUSCHI.

At a recent concert of the Recital Club of London we had the great pleasure of hearing Miss Violetta Montuschi, whose father is well-known to many members of the Swiss Colony, playing various compositions on the piano with great technical perfection and a fine sense of musical values. Her programme included some lovely selections from Bach, Scarlatti and Haydn, a Brahms Rhapsody and various pieces by Chopin. While the more formal style of the older composers may perhaps suit Miss Montuschi's self-possessed temperament better than the strong emotionality of Chopin and Brahms, she nevertheless showed herself fully equal to giving an interesting and pleasing interpretation of the latter as well as the former. A clever and a charming artist!

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"Disastrous consequences of my first ball."

By ST.

Continued.

One little happening on that memorable evening pleased me mightily, although it consisted in the fact, that my fair partner, made, what is called in French a *fau pas* or in English "putting one's foot into it."

Amongst the numerous spectators, was my aunt, — the one who had intimated that my mental faculties were somehow impaired through the fall which I had sustained at a very tender age. — There she sat in all her glory, as if it was *her* show. Her critical eye scanned the happy faces of the revellers, but the happiness of all the young people, which was written on their faces, did not seem to find an echo in her spinster bosom.

Each time I passed her, I noticed a sarcastic smile passing over her visage, in fact it was so obvious that my partner asked me, who that lady with the "rhinoceros face" was.

I could have hugged her for that remark, but as it rather cast a slur on my family I had to inform her, that the Lady with such "distinguished" features was a great-aunt of mine; which brought forth some profuse apologies, which, I need hardly mention, were accepted in good grace.

In fact, this little slip of the tongue, increased her attention to me, and I noticed consequently a little squeeze of the hand, which I took for a happy omen. —

As all good things come to an end, so this "Soirée Dansante" finished up amongst great enthusiasm. Many a parting glance, from a pair of sparkling eyes laid the foundation for future romance.

This time my cab took us back, minus the chocolate box, but with an additional weight of happiness and sweet remembrances.

WIT AND HUMOUR.
From the Mother of Parliaments.

In moving the address to the King's Speech in the House of Commons Mr. W. W. Wakefield (C.) in a maiden speech said that he approached his task with great diffidence, for in touching on great political questions of the day he must do so without introducing matters of a controversial nature, and he was not sure how that was to be done. If he crossed the white line he begged the forbearance of the House for he was a beginner, steering through the maze of traffic without even a large red letter L attached to his person fore and aft.

Referring to the air defences, he continued: Just over 300 years ago efforts were made to expedite the business of the House from below. To-day we might still search the cellars with various fears — and hopes — but the real threat was from the clouds.

Mr. Attlee (Opposition Leader) in criticising the King's Speech was struck by a "lull" in foreign affairs, believing that there was still a war in Abyssinia. He described the attitude of the Government in the latter conflict as follows:

What we want to-day is a vindication of public law against an aggressor. Can you imagine a situation in which the Home Secretary could get up and deplore an outbreak of house-breaking, but could say that he hoped he would shortly come to a settlement which would be equally acceptable to the house-breakers, the victims, and the Home Secretary?

It would be a difficult task. But I am sure the present Home Secretary would be equal to it, because, after all, that is exactly the line he took in the case of Japan. That would involve sympathy with the house-breakers.