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Agency. Tea Party in the Swiss Parlour: every Wednesday afternoon at 4.30 p.m. *Sundays* 4.30 p.m.: Members Tea Party in the Hampstead Room. *Dances* every Friday and on the third Saturday of each month.

Swiss Y.M.C.A. (Young Men's Christian Association) 12, Bateman Street, Soho, London, W.1. Meetings every Thursday at 6 p.m. Lectures and discussions in English. Subscription 1s. monthly.

London Central Y.M.C.A., 112, Great Russell Street, London, W.C.1. Lounge, restaurant, writing room, swimming bath, gymnasium. Annual Subscription £2.2.0 (less subscription paid to Swiss Y.M.C.A.).

Union Chrétienne de Langue Française, French-speaking Y.M.C.A., 9, Soho Square, W.1, Tuesdays 6 p.m.

Jeunesse d'Eglise. Every other Friday 6.30 p.m., Eglise Suisse.

French-Swiss Réunions for Girls. Held every Thursday, 3 to 7.30 p.m., at Crown Court, Russell Street, W.C.2 (facing Drury Lane Theatre). (Pasteur C. Reverdin.)

Töchterverein "Schwyzerchränzli" held every Wednesday from 4 p.m., at Eglise Française, 9 Soho Square, W.1. (Rev. H. Blum.)

Swiss Catholics, Alpenrosen Club, held every Sunday 7 to 10.30 p.m., at St. Peter's Hall, Westminster Cathedral, Ashley Gardens, W.1. (Rev. A. Lanfranchi.)

Swiss Mercantile College for English and Commercial Courses, daily 6 to 7.30 p.m., at "Swiss House," 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1. Course of twelve lectures £1.

Swiss Youth Club. Holding a weekly dance at 86, Duke Street, Grosvenor Square, W.1, on Saturdays 7 to 11 p.m. (Entrance 2s. 6d.)

Rütli Club for dances, see advertisements in the Swiss Observer.

Unione Ticinese, socials and dancing, see advertisements in Swiss Observer.

Nouvelle Société Helvétique, discussions on Swiss problems, films, etc. On third Tuesday, 7 p.m. every month, at Vienna Café, Berkeley Arcade, Baker Street Tube Station, W.1. Meetings open to all, young Swiss particularly welcome.

Swiss Club "Schweizerbund," 74, Charlotte Street, W.1. Closed for renovation till December.

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COLLEGE OF THE SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

Swiss House had a very busy summer. 160 Students (32 ladies and 128 men), graded in seven classes, attended part or the whole of the Summer Term, 1948, which began on 27th April and closed on 13th August.


The main object of the College is to give the Students an opportunity of acquiring a thorough knowledge of the English language. It is, of course, impossible to learn English in a sixteen weeks' course. A number of Students therefore return to Switzerland before having reached a satisfactory standard. Many of them, however, either possess a good foundation when they enter the College or remain in London for a longer period. Such can aim at obtaining the Diploma of the College. During the past course the Diploma was awarded to 54 candidates.

The College also wishes to acquaint the Students with the country and its institutions. For this purpose courses of lectures on English Literature, British Institutions, Geography of the British Isles, and English Art were given. The lectures were closely connected with, and followed by, visits to several places of interest.

At the Open Air Theatre, performances of Shakespeare's "As you like it," "A Mid-summer Nights Dream," and "King John" were seen. Parties of Students, under the guidance of experts, visited the Houses of Parliament, the Law Courts, the Old Bailey, Hampton Court, and many other buildings and sites connected with the country's institutions and history.

A Saturday afternoon was devoted to a trip by launch through the Docks of London. A visit to Windsor Castle and Eton College — followed by a boat trip up the Thames Valley — and a coach trip to Cambridge were both blessed with good, if not excellent, weather. The climax was reached on the last day of the course, when the Students enjoyed the hospitality of the Royal Navy at H.M. Dockyard in Portsmouth, a unique experience for all of them, which, we hope, will, for a long time, remain the zenith of a series of happy recollections.

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