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PRICELESS MEMORIES.

To the majority of people comes the day when we go for the first time to the place which becomes rich to the heart, where certain scenes remain imprinted in our minds, when many other things are forgotten.

We remember vividly this memorable spot, and when all our youthful wanderings are finished, we shall return to where hearts lie, and our priceless memories are again renewed, as we relive again the days of indiscribable bliss and amazement.

It is in this aspect that I think of Switzerland — of Lucerne, where I lived for some years. It was my first visit to that country, and the one never to be forgotten. This year I returned to where my choice is — to find the same *big hearted* Swiss friends.

Lucerne is an outstanding memory. No other place can compare with the grandeur of the Alps, nor the beauty of the azure blue lakes, rich meadows, guarded by the vigilant sentinels of the austere peaks, that belong to Switzerland.

Swiss scenery expresses Swiss people. Seeing Switzerland enables you to understand why their country is so dear to them. Why all their past history was fought for freedom, peace and beauty.

Time has not dimmed the gallant spirit of the Swiss.

Climbing the mountains around the Lake of Lucerne, one is forced to stand silent at the indefinable panorama thousands of feet high.

The lugubrious alpenhorn, and the sweet tinkling of many cowbells must be heard to explain the true environment.

Switzerland seems to have been born for fairyland, possessing ancient wooden bridges, towers, and relics of ancient days. The gardens portray master art, and lend enchantment to the numerous villages.

On the mountains, Alpine rose, Edelweiss, gentian, consorting gaily with other flowers, making a rich profusion and glorious colour scheme.

To see Switzerland once breeds desire, and holds fascination. Lucerne is a stronghold which made possible another happy holiday. Auf Wiedersehen!

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SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The quarterly meeting of the Swiss Benevolent Society took place at 31, Conway Street, W.I., on Monday, 7th November. The President, Colonel A. Bon, was in the Chair, and the Swiss Minister, Monsieur de Torrenté, was present at this very well-attended meeting. The resignation of Mr. Rohr was accepted with regret, and best wishes were expressed for his forthcoming retirement in France. Mr. A. Ruef was elected on the Finance Commission. Presenting the accounts the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. M. Rothlisberger, pointed out that subscriptions and donations received were down by £125 compared with the same period last year (January — September). He hoped that any outstanding subscriptions would come in shortly so that the accounts would show a better picture by the end of the year. A legacy of £30 by the late Mr. H. Senn was gratefully acknowledged.

A long discussion then took place about young Swiss Girls, temporarily employed in England, and the desirability of a Social Secretary in this connection. Although the Swiss Benevolent Society has primarily been set up for the benefit of the Swiss residents here it was felt that the care of the young girls could not be left alone entirely. And so it was agreed to help in this matter.

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