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come here every year with inadequate contacts or resources to make the best use of their precious time spent in this country. The speaker paid a warm tribute to the work performed by Miss Wolfer as welfare officer, he expressed the hope that a hostel may soon be established by the same societies responsible for the social secretariat, and he put in a strong final plea for supporting the impending collection to be made for the establishment of a social Swiss *Youth Centre* in the heart of the metropolis. Prof. Inebnit supported this plea most effectively, stressing that the colony was motivated solely by its concern for the best interests of the young visitors as well as the homeland. Mr. Fries as well as Prof. Inebnit joined some speakers from other colonies in regretting that not all young Swiss who go abroad are inspired by the sense of responsibility and mission on behalf of Switzerland, which counts for so much in holding high the world's esteem for our home country.

Regarding the old bone of contention the *military tax* Prof. Inebnit expressed the view that there are other and more efficient ways for the Swiss abroad to serve their country than merely paying their military tax. He regretted that owing to their duty to collect tax payments due, our Consulates and Legations are so often regarded with less than the complete trust due to them.

In the general debate Dr. Zschokke stressed the old demand to free the Swiss abroad from the military tax altogether. Dr. Egli intervened to make it quite clear that by no means all Swiss abroad share this

view, reminding the meeting that the Presidents' Assembly of our colony had repeatedly expressed in the past the view that the principle of the military tax in place of military service was sound, their only concern being for reforming the tax according to modern conceptions.

At the final session Mr. P. Dürrenmatt, editor of the Basler Nachrichten and Prof. J. Freymond of Lausanne spoke at length and most interestingly on the present position of neutral Switzerland in the world of our time. The Lucerne branch of the NSH organised a delightful evening's entertainment for the conference, with enthralling performances by a group of Yodlers, dancers, singers and Fahnenschwinger from Unterwalden. The Journée des Suisses de l'Etranger found a dignified and moving end on the Rütli, where the President of our Confederation, Mr. Kobelt, the President of the Commission des Suisses à l'Etranger and of the whole Conference, Dr. H. P. Zschokke, as well as our Mr. A. F. Suter, former President of the London Group of the NSH, spoke on the importance of the Swiss abroad for the homeland.

Dr. E.

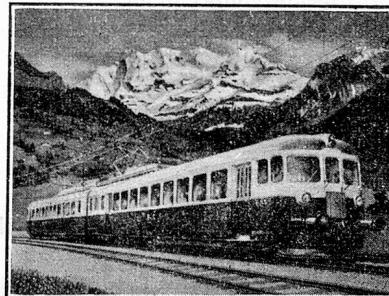
LONDON SWISS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The new season opened on September 26th when the main part of the business of the evening was a very successful auction. Under the aegis of Mr. M. Waloff over eighty lots came under the hammer. Two new members were elected.

The next meeting, on October 31st, is a new departure. As a change from the monastic "maleness" of the usual meeting it has been arranged to have a Ladies Night when members of the softer sex will be especially welcome. The star guest of the evening is Miss Rose Titford, Secretary of the Royal Philatelic Society, who will be showing some of the gems from her collection.

W.B.H.

JIG-SAW PUZZLE OF A SWISS ELECTRIC TRAIN.



Messrs. G. J. Hayter & Co., Ltd, Bournemouth, have recently produced a jig-saw puzzle showing a beautiful picture in four colour print of the "Blue Arrow" (rail-car of the Bern-Loetschberg-Simplon Railway) with the Jungfrau mountain as a background. This puzzle is obtainable in two sizes:—

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