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vouched for a good working knowledge of English, from both linguistic and commercial aspects.

An upward trend was also recorded in the attendance at evening courses. The students had, however, largely been recruited from the day classes for the Cambridge First Certificate and Proficiency in English courses. There was still a dearth of external students, owing to the difficulties of obtaining labour permits for our young compatriots, due partly to Common Market regulations and high unemployment.

The number of classes held was 18, with 296 students in 1977, compared with 15 classes and 237 students in the preceding year.

Outstanding results were obtained last year by S.M.S. students at external examinations. Of 53 candidates who received the coveted Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency, no less than six were awarded a first-class pass, a remarkable achievement considering that overall only approximately one-half per cent obtained such passes, which redounded well to staff and students alike.

A record number of 202 students obtained the Cambridge First Certificate, representing nearly 90% of the candidates who sat.

For the second year in succession, students of the College were entered for the English examinations of the Royal Society of Arts. Out of nine students who entered for Stage II, seven were successful, one with distinction. In Stage III, 41 of 66 candidates were successful, two with distinction.

The College employed a full-time staff of 17 teachers, all of British nationality, the majority with academic qualifications, most well versed in languages and several with practical commercial experience.

The language laboratory, with 20 booths, continued to prove of assistance to students in all grades in practising and improving their spoken English, to the various aspects of which special attention had been paid of late.

Due to the difficulties referred to earlier in the report, it had only been possible to assist a few of the students in obtaining employment here on completion of their studies. In spite of very limited success, efforts in this direction were, nevertheless, being pursued.

Full-day excursions to places of historical and cultural interest and class visits to commercial undertakings were arranged in each term, as well as theatre visits, etc. These were generally well attended and appreciated by the students.

Tennis practice and games were arranged in nearby Regent's Park during the summer months. As for many seasons in the past, the College football team continued to compete against English teams in the West End (London) Football League. Table tennis practice and tournaments, with students and staff participating, also formed part of the extra curricular activities.

In connection with the premises, the Chairman was pleased to put on record that thanks to a munificent donation from the First of August Committee in Switzerland, the re-

furnishing of Swiss House had been largely completed during the year.

Apart from the activities of the Society and the College, accommodation had also been afforded at Swiss House to the Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate and the Royal Society of Arts for their examinations, as well as to various Swiss societies and committees.

Finally, Mr. Hausermann thanked the Swiss Ambassador and his staff for their continued support, the Swiss Federal Government for their annual subsidy, the central authorities of the S.K.V. and the Swiss Commercial Employment Office in Zürich for their constant help and encouragement.

Acting as Chairman *pro tem.* for the election of the Council and the Committees for the ensuing year, Mr. A. Jaccard thanked the President and Chairman of the Education Committee, Mr. F. O. Hausermann, and all the other members concerned, including the staff, for their valued services during the past year.

All members having declared their willingness to continue in office for another year were declared duly elected, with Mr. J. F. Meyer as an additional member of the Education Committee.

A motion that Mr. A. Jaccard, former President and Hon. Member of the S.K.V. and the London Section, be appointed a Trustee and *ex officio* a member of the Council, was adopted unanimously with acclamation.

The proceedings then terminated.

W.B.

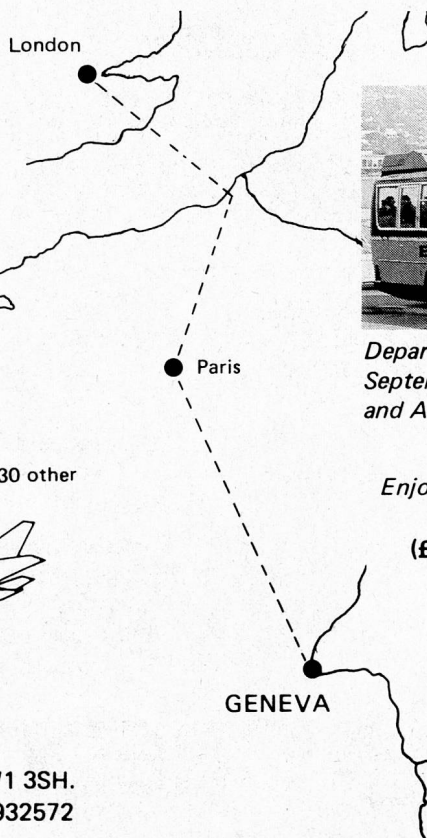
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