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happy idea, for neither building by itself is large enough to make a composition of importance. The site is superb, damatic to a degree. And what is extremely interesting is the completeness with which the new buildings take their place in the landscape. The typical châlet type of building dominates in the near-by village; and though the new hotels break completely with this particular Swiss tradition, and thus challenge criticism, their architecture does not seem forced or out of place. In fact, nothing could be more suitable than these elevations which score heavily in respect of their strength and unity.

The adoption of the modern expression in this instance is a rather important event; for though the hotels are not big—the Alpina has 30 beds and the Edelweiss 50—they are bound to attract attention in a country which is *par excellence* that of the traveller. Particularly so on account of the fact that, with the exception of alterations and enlargements, new hotel building in Switzerland has been officially forbidden for some time past; the ban is to be lifted only in 1930.

The plan follows Continental practice, the most interesting feature being the provision of wide balconies and the standardisation of the room lay-outs. The roofs are flat, and, as Dr. Amstutz remarks, " so they should be." For they provide a fine platform from which to enjoy the mountain tops 2,500 metres up!

SWISS WEEKLY IN PARIS.

A Swiss weekly, the " Journal Suisse de Paris " has made its appearance in Paris on the 1st of this month, due to the financial aid given by Louis Favre. This is the first time in the after-war years that the project of the Swiss colony having its own paper, has been materialised. Former attempts have invariably been scattered by very pronounced feelings of " cantonal patriotism," although the great drawback of not having any organ to advertise the various happenings in the colony and the aims of its different societies, was lamented in all quarters.

The *S.O.'s* very best wishes accompany the new venture with the hopes that it will have a progressive and successful future.

SEAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL BANK.

The house " zum Kirschgarten," 27, Elisabethenstrasse, which will proably become the seat of the International Bank, was built in the years 1782-85 for Colonel Johann Rudolf Burckhardt. It is a magnificent building, in the style of Louis XVI., for which a considerable sum was expended.

The architect had a chequered career. He was accused in 1796 of facilitating the Austrian army's entry into Switzerland at Kleinhueningen, thus violating Swiss neutrality. The trouble caused him a law suit and imprisonment; he fled from the country and entered into the English army where he saw service in the campaigns of 1805. His son was the well-known traveller in the Orient " Schech Ibrahim," who was the first European to enter Mecca, but died at an early age in Cairo.

The proud building at the Klosterberghalde soon proved far too big for the empoverished family. The interior decorations were never completed apart from a small octagonal salon. The house had many proprietors and for a long time belonged to Ratsherrn J. J. Im Hof-Rüsch, the well-known promoter of Fine Arts. Later the house was sold to the government and was for some time the head office of the Schweiz, Volksbank.

For many years the Kirschgarten was considered not only the most beautiful building of Basel but of the whole of Switzerland.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

In connection with the scholastic programme the following lectures were given by the students during last week:—

Mr. F. Falkner, St. Gall: " Constantinople." Miss R. Sennwald, Lausanne: " How to be Happy." Mr. H. Hildebrand, Zurich: " Man-Made Islands." Mr. C. F. Zipperlen, Kölliken-Aargau: " Lord Baden-Powell." Mr. H. Buser, Laufenburg: " From the Pacific to the Amazon." Mr. H. Huber, Thalwil: " Bruges." Miss J. Welti, Zurich: " From Marseilles to Greece." Mr. O. Amstad, Beckenried: " Some Experiences in London." Mr. H. Landis, Zug: " My Journeys."

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

" That the Mother is the Chief Educator of the Child." Proposer: Miss J. Flückiger, Berne. Opposer: Mr. J. Zeller, Zurich.

Friday, November 29th: A very interesting and instructive lecture was held by J. Tinkler, Esq., on: " The Romance of Words."

Saturday: The Students visited the Houses of Parliament.

GYMNASTIC DISPLAY.

The Swiss Gymnastic Society is giving a great display of the men's, ladies' and juniors' sections at 3.45 p.m. next Sunday (Dec. 8th), at the Union Helvetia Club. We should like specially to draw our readers' attention to this interesting event, as previous displays of the Gymnastic Society have not always been patronised from our Colony as much as they unquestionably deserve. Admission 1/6. Dance in the evening.

Swiss Rifle Association.

The report of the Annual Banquet of last week has to be held over till the next issue.

THE EDITOR'S POST-BAG.

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re CITY SWISS CLUB BANQUET.

To the Editor of *The Swiss Observer*.

Dear Sir,—As one who always looks forward to this gathering I cannot but express the opinion —which is held by many—that the musical arrangements were unsatisfactory from every point of view. Surely it should have been possible to make some arrangements with the Swiss Institute Orchestra which as a Swiss organisation should be in evidence on such occasions. I even suggest that the Committee of the C.S.C. would be congratulated by everybody as such a co-operation would not only secure the desired musical fare but accentuate the Swiss cachet of this unique gathering in our Colony.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours sincerely,
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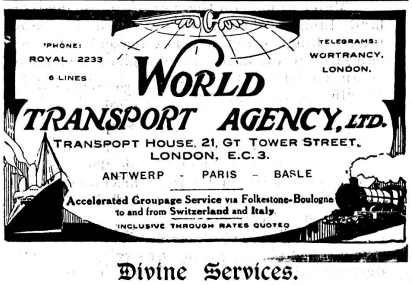

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Saturday, December 7th, at 7 p.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Cinderella Dance at the Midland Grand Hotel. (See advertisement.)

Sunday, December 8th, 1929.—SWISS GYMNASTIC SOCIETY: Inauguration of Society's New Flag, at 3.45 p.m., Union Helvetia, 1, Gerrard Place, W.1.

Wednesday, December 11th, at 8.30 p.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Monthly Meeting at Swiss House.

Wednesday, December 11th, at 7 p.m.—SOCIETE DE SECOURS MUTUELS: Joint Meeting of the Committee and the Finance Commission at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Wednesday, December 18th at 7.45 p.m.—NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE: Ordinary monthly Meeting at Swiss House, 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1. Dr. Charles Ferrière will speak on " The Swiss National Park." All members cordially invited to this interesting causerie.

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