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not afraid of discrediting the good name of your country, you would stand up to anyone coming along and act simply and naturally as a Swiss."

Oh, it is simply horrid, that mirror and its language! You would not believe all the things it has told and shown me. However, I had a little bit of inspiration and did not fight against it, but rather thought about its peculiar reflexes. Well, in the end I had to admit the truth of everything it said.

Yes, we are afraid of showing off as Swiss. Everyone seems to have the idea that it is somehow not an honour to be an alien in general, and a Swiss in particular. This may have its cause in the Great War, when every alien was more or less unwanted, but to-day there can be no reason for such behaviour, unless one was not quite straight with the Immigration Officer.

We have our Clubs and Societies where we meet, and where many a good deed has its origin. But as part of a nation amongst another nation we do not do enough. I have noticed individuals standing up to their full height and fighting for the good name and the good cause of the home country with endless endurance. But they seem to have been—and remain—individuals.

True, we cannot all be heroes. We have different work, different qualities, different opportunities. But we all have and can make opportunities to help in one way or another for the benefit of our Country without being disloyal to the country and the people where we stay as guests.

Last week's proceedings at Geneva have shown clearly that it is not the international spirit which is wanted first. It is the proper national spirit which has to build the road to international understanding and international work. Only those members of the League of Nations as it exists, or any other which may one day be called into existence, who are able to and do perform their duties as nations to themselves and their own members can be of greater use in an international union. But the same thing applies to the individuals making up a nation. A man who does not fulfil his duty to his own country can never be a good member of an international union.

So then, it devolves on us to do our bit. We are, by good fortune, the pioneers for nationalism and internationalism. If we are able to live and work amongst foreign nations in a way which forces them to respect and love us, then we have done a great work. By that we have strengthened the bonds between the country of our adoption and the country of our nativity. But in all this we must also remain true to the Home Country as such.

I may be wrong, but I have always felt pained when I have heard of a son or a daughter of a Swiss who was not able to speak one or other of our languages. I, for one, want my children to speak not one, but two of the languages spoken at home, in addition to English. Do not tell me it is impossible. I know it is easy; more easy than it ever will be for the children to learn one of those languages later. A man or woman with many languages is a born pioneer; why not make all our sons and daughters pioneers of internationalism as we Swiss would like it?

That is what—amongst other things which, for reasons of policy I keep to myself—the mirror has told me. And then, having been humiliated, as I was, I remembered that to-morrow was a day of humiliation, our Swiss "Buss- und Bettag."

Believe me, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours sincerely, JOHN HENRY.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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

Mr. Albert Hollenweger: "The Personal Relation between Worker and Capitalist." Mr. Arthur Merz: "The Hotel Industry at Montreux." Mr. A. Seschliman: "Swiss Cheese." Mr. Max Hintermann, Schaffhausen: "The Swiss Watch Industry." Miss Elsie Gemp, Basle: "Westminster Abbey." Miss Yvonne Baillod, Zurich: "How we should Spend our Leisure Hours." Mr. James Bauert, Zurich: "A Visit to Rheims and the Battlefields." Mr. Ernst Mühlhaupt: "Grisons." Mr. Walter Sieber, Münsingen: "The Simplon." Mr. Charles Koch, Paris: "Ideal Holidays." Mr. Maurice Rohrbach, La Chaux-de-Fonds: "The finest Jewel of the British Empire."

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

"Would life be happier without death?" Proposer, Mr. O. Masterman-Smith, Headmaster; Opposer, Mr. W. Schüpfer, Menziken (Aarg.).

"Has a doctor the right to end the sufferings of an incurable patient?" Proposer, Mr. E. Honegger; Opposer, Mr. W. Burren.

"Are you in favour of a National Federation of Europe?" Proposer, Mr. W. Sieber; Opposer, Mr. J. Meier.

A Public Conference will be given at 15, Upper Bedford Place on Monday, 19th September, at 8 o'clock, by the Headmaster on "Why the Christian Religion satisfies me." All members of the S.M.S. are invited.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

Assemblée Mensuelle tenue 6 Septembre au Restaurant Pagani.

Cette Assemblée, précédée du dîner habituel, réunit 44 Membres et amis au local du Club. Mr. L. Jobin, le Président, après avoir proposé les toasts traditionnels, qui sont dûment honorés par l'Assemblée, ouvre la séance officielle à 8h.40 et souhaite la bienvenue aux invités suivants: Dr. Pettavel, Ancien Consul Général de Suisse en Afrique du Sud; Mr. W. Deutsch; Mr. Th. Siegfried; Mr. A. Stahelin, de La Chaux-de-Fonds et Bâle; Mr. E. Mathey, de Les Ponts de Martel; Mr. A. Barbey, Ancien Membre du Club.

Les différentes questions à l'ordre du jour ayant été liquidées normalement, Mr. Despond, sur invitation du Président, donne lecture du rapport qu'il a bien voulu rédiger sur la participation du Club à la Fête des Vignerons à Vevey. Ce rapport, qui a paru in extenso dans le S.O., est très apprécié par l'Assemblée et le Président en remercie l'auteur au nom du Club. Il remercie également Mr. Ch. Chapuis qui s'est chargé des arrangements préliminaires, et a tant contribué au grand succès de la réunion de Vevey. Le déficit occasionné par la séance officielle tenue le 2 août, à Vevey, est ensuite approuvé à l'unanimité.

On discute alors la question des Cinderellas, qui, cette année, auront lieu au Princes Restaurant. La salle a été retenue pour 3 dances; les dates sont fixées et seront publiées en temps opportun. Le prix des billets est fixé comme suit: 10/6 pour dames, et 12/6 pour messieurs. Le séance est levée à 10.05 h.

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St. Anne's Church, 9, Gresham Street, E.C.2.

Sonntag, den 18. September: Egidienössischer Bettag. Vorm. 11 Uhr: Gottesdienst und Feier des Heilg. Abendmahls.

Die Abendgottesdienste beginnen am 25. September um 7 Uhr.

Sprechstunden: Dienstag 12—1 Uhr in der Kirche. Mittwoch, 3—5 Uhr, im Foyer Suisse. Anfragen wegen Amtshandlungen etc., an den Pfarrer der Gemeinde C. Th. Hahn, 8, Chiswick Lane, W.4. Telefon Chiswick 4156.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Sunday, Sept. 18th, 1927.—SWISS Y.M.C.A.: Celebration of the "Eidgen. Dank, Buss- & Bettag," at 15, Upper Bedford Place (Foyer Suisse), W.C.1. Reception at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. sharp. (Ladies invited.)

Saturday, Sept. 24th, at 5 p.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Garden Party, followed by Dancing, at Nuthall's Restaurant, Kingston-on-Thames.

Friday, Nov. 25th, at 7 p.m.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Annual Banquet and Ball at the Victoria Hotel, Northumberland Avenue, W.C.

SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY.—Rehearsals every Friday evening. Every Swiss heartily invited to attend. Particulars from the Hon. Secretary, Swiss Choral Society, 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

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