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THE EDITOR'S POST-BAG.

April 20th, 1931

The Editor, *Swiss Observer*, E.C.2.

Dear Sir,

Your correspondent in last week's issue seems to convey a most opportune note of warning. Whilst I doubt the practicability of amalgamating all our festivities into one "big affair," present conditions certainly warrant a thorough stock taking. All our societies and clubs suffer from the same ailment—the impossibility of replacing the inevitable "déchêts" by fresh blood. Since the war two institutions that have rendered valuable and essential services to the Colony have disappeared and unless some of the old spirit is revived one or two other societies, identified with Swiss national pastimes, will be sharing a similar fate. I now gather from an advertisement in the same issue that a well-known Swiss centre, frequented and supported by more compatriots than any other Swiss institution in the Colony, is likely to pass into other hands. The existance of the building in question is due to the enthusiasm and practical patriotism of—I may justly say—the last generation. Have we lost all appreciation of the ideal side of life?

I am not in a position to suggest remedies, but I believe that the friendly competition between the clubs and the assurances of existing cordial relations so studiously repeated at the annual banquets should give way to a more liberal measure or real and constructive co-operation.

I enclose my card and remain

Yours faithfully,

Vereins Meyer.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY LIMITED.

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

"Should Bachelors be Taxed?"

Proposer: Mr. H. Kubly.

Opposer: M. A. Merz.

"Are You in Favour of Capital Punishment?"

Proposer: Mr. Oberli.

Opposer: Mr. A. Merz.

"That this house is in favour of Prohibition."

Speakers: Messrs. Bonnet, Scherer, Neidhart, Mueller.

"That this house is in favour of professionalism in sport."

Speakers: Messrs Gmuer, Mueller, Mietlich, Gander, also Messrs. Landsrath, Baltensperger, Jurnitschek, Herren, Ruchti.

"That this house deplores the increasing employment of women in industry."

Speakers: Messrs. Scherer, Gander, Jurnitschek, Ruchti, Neidhart, and Miss Heussi.

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

Mr. E. Isler, "The Political situation in Europe" and "The Economic Crisis in Switzerland."

Messrs. Bonnet, Ruchti, Brunner, "The Situation in Spain."

Mr. Neidhart, "The Swiss Guard at the Vatican."

Mr. G. Bernasconi, "Hyde Park."

Mr. Mueller, "A Visit to Chinatown."

It had been decided to go for a Country Ramble in West Middlesex on this date, but our fickle climate prevented this. As an alternative we resolved to visit the London Museum. On our way, the changing of the Guard at St. James's Palace occupied a considerable part of our time, but proved once more that it always has an abiding interest for visitors to the Metropolis.

The remainder of the time at our disposal was spent in viewing the extremely interesting exhibits at the London Museum.

The basement seemed to offer the greatest charm to Students on account of the miniature models of old London before the Great Fire of 1666, not to mention the grim relics of Old Newgate Prison.

It was altogether an interesting and instructing morning in spite of the inclement weather.

INFORMATION SWISS NATIONAL TOURIST OFFICE.

Forwarding of Messages by Telegraph and Telephone through the Train Staff of the Swiss Federal Railways:—The staff of the Swiss Federal Railways on all trains take messages for forwarding by telegraph or telephone. The message for communication should be written on a slip of paper with the exact address or telephone number, and should be handed to the attendant on the train, who will pass on the message at the next stop. For telegrams the ordinary charges are payable together with a charge of 60 Cts. For messages by telephone, the charge is Fr. 1.50 up to 15 words in Switzerland. This innovation is being extensively utilized by the travelling public.

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Sonntag, den 26 April, 1931.
11 Uhr vorm., Gottesdienst und Sonntagschule.
7 Uhr abends, Gottesdienst.
8 Uhr Chorprobe.

TRAUUNG.

Am 18. April wurden in der Kirche getraut: Marcel Joseph Ferdinand Müller von Interlaken, wohnhaft in Genf und Margrit Lina Hostettler von Wahlern (Kanton Bern), wohnhaft in Bern.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Monday, April 27th, from 9 p.m.—2 a.m.—Swiss Culinary Society Dance at 1, Gerrard place, W.

Monday, April 27th, at 8.45 p.m.—Soirée Valaisanne, at Swiss Club, 74, Charlotte Street, W.C. All friends cordially invited.

Thursday, April 30th, at 8.30 p.m.—Swiss Mercantile Society: Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company, at Swiss House, 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Friday, May 1st, at 8.30 p.m.—Swiss Choral Society: Concert at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, W.6.

Tuesday, May 5th, at 8.30 p.m.—City Swiss Club: Monthly Meeting at Pagani's Restaurant, Great Portland Street, W. The meeting is preceded by the usual dinner which starts at 7 p.m. (See advert.)

Wednesday, May 6th, at 7.30 p.m.—Societe de Secours Mutuels: Monthly Meeting at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Thursday, May 14th, at 8 p.m.—A Concert of classical music. (Sophie Wyss, Franz Walter and Spencer Shaw) at Swiss Church, Endell Street, W.C.2.

Saturday, May 30th, at 2.30 p.m.—Swiss Sports at Herne Hill Athletic Grounds.

Thursday, June 25th, from 6-10.30 p.m.—62nd "Fête Suisse" at Central Hall, Westminster.

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