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sent Dr. A. Schedler, Swiss Consul at Manchester, and Mr. A. Montag, Swiss Consul at Liverpool.

Both the President of the Swiss Club Manchester and M. Montag, Consul at Liverpool, extended heartiest congratulation to Dr. A. Schedler who has just accomplished 10 years service as Swiss Consul at Manchester.

The company numbered about 80 persons and the evening was a great success.

#### SWISS GYMNASIAC SOCIETY LONDON.

*By a casual Observer.*

When other Swiss Societies have restricted their activities, it is quite "refreshing" to see the Gymnastic Society going as strong as ever. This was proved by an excellent Display staged at the Swiss Club "Schweizerbund" on Sunday evening last. A numerous and enthusiastic audience was "treated" to a very fine exhibition of Gymnastics on the Horizontal Bar, Parallel Bars, Pommeled and Vaulting Horse as well as on the Rings, coupled with free exercises performed by the Junior Section which made its first appearance in public and showed the real reason why the Gymnastic Society flourishes. These children of 10-13 years of age performed the new Relaxation and Contraction exercises like veterans and worked together with admirable precision. They also showed their paces on the Parallel Bars revealing good training and familiarity with Swiss style and smartness. The seniors revealed a very good "average" and also they excelled on the Parallel Bars, their all round work is on a high plane. Special mention must be made of the young Ticinese campione A. Lepori who thrilled by his audacious and very difficult work on the Rings, Parallel Bars and on the Horizontal Bar. As he will compete for the Championship next month, there is every prospect of a Swiss carrying it off this year.

A second Display will take place on Sunday December 2nd, 1934, at the Union Helvetia Club, Gerrard Place, W.1, and if the performance is anything like the one of last Sunday, it should well be worth everybody's while to watch it.

#### EDUCATION IN SWITZERLAND.

Switzerland, through the ages, has been noted for its culture and its respect for education. Probably it would be true to say that to-day the Swiss people are the best educated nation in the world, their universities, technical and commercial schools, being world famous, and attracting students of many nationalities. Owing to its geographical position the country had the advantage of both the Latin and Germanic culture, and the fact that French, German and Italian are the native languages in different parts of Switzerland has made the Swiss good linguists and has given the pupils in the schools great advantages in the acquiring of foreign tongues.

For a small country, Switzerland is well provided with universities, seven in number, some dating from the pre-Reformation and Reformation day, all most progressive and all offering to foreigners the advantages their own young people enjoy. And this welcome to foreign pupils and students and the special courses for the English at several of the universities and higher places of instruction has resulted in the attendance of many of our elder boys and girls at the various courses. Geneva, Zurich and Lausanne offer every type of higher education to both sexes — as indeed do all the university towns — at very moderate fees under distinguished professors. All the State education colleges and schools are non-residential.

In a brief article such as this it is impossible to do justice to the admirable State educational institutions of Switzerland. Mention must be made of the famous Federal Polytechnic School at Zurich, noted especially for its engineering courses, and of the Higher Commercial School of Lausanne, which also possesses one of the few hotel-keeping schools, which may be attended by both young men and young women of all countries. The larger towns in Switzerland have schools of music and art, domestic science schools of a most practical and efficient kind and every type of school for children from five upwards.

It is, however, the private boarding schools that attract most of our elder girls to Switzerland though quite a number have always lived with their own families or in good Swiss families in the various educational centres and attended classes at the university or the schools. Probably Lausanne and Geneva offer more educational facilities combined with healthy, suitable and delightful outdoor activities than any other places, and it is in these two towns that most of the boarding schools are situated. There are, however, many excellent private schools also in the various towns on the Lake of Geneva and the surrounding district, such as Vevey, Montreux; in the sub-Alpine environments in Berne, Basle, Zurich, and Neuchâtel.

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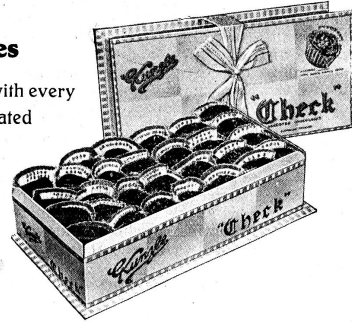
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The schools have many advantages to offer their pupils, not the least probably being in the view of these pupils all the joys of the summer outdoor life — mountain expeditions, bathing and boating and tennis, and the glorious winter sports. English girls are generally very happy in their Swiss schools, for the Swiss seem to have both a genius in educational work and in making young people happy and comfortable. They are a friendly nation, and as much of their prosperity depends on foreigners, it is to their interest to make their young students feel at home in a strange country. Food and accommodation are generally very good in the best boarding schools for girls, but as there are so many in both Geneva and Lausanne it is important to get first-hand information before making a choice.

It may be truly said that in Switzerland so varied is the educational system that there is a college or school or course to suit practically every type of boy or girl and the purse of most parents.

*F. B. L.  
(Queen).*

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Tuesday, November 20th — from 8-12 o'clock — Swiss Mercantile Society Ltd. — Cinderella Dance, at the Royal Hotel, Woburn Place, Russell Square, W.C.1.

Wednesday, November 21st at 7.45 p.m. — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — Monthly Meeting to be followed by a talk by Dr. H. W. Egli on: "Topical subjects of Swiss interest" — at Swiss House—34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

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