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### SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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

M. Schaefer (Miss): "Literature." W. Sturm: "An Excursion to Vesuvius." A. Bondolfi: "A Visit to the Times." R. Bucher: "The Girls' Village at Barksideside." H. Paravicini: "Portofino." A. Graf (Mrs.): "Dreams." H. Neeser: (Miss): "Influence of War on Nations." S. Menzi: (Miss): "Teachers, Lessons and Experiences at the S.M.S." A. Gentsch (Miss): "My first Days in England." E. Thomann, Geneva: "Letter to a Friend."

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

"Are you in favour of Autocracy?" Proposer: G. Du Bois. Opposer: W. Stoll.

On Tuesday, August 12, a party of nearly 300 students visited Canterbury. It was a magnificent day and the journey was most pleasant. The first stop was at Rochester, where the students visited the magnificent old castle. This was an object of so much interest to them that it was some time before the journey could be continued. One or two enterprising students dashed across to see the Cathedral.

Canterbury was reached by 1.45 p.m. St. Martin's, the oldest Christian church in England, was first visited, though our students were so numerous that it was really quite a job getting them all inside. Afterwards our party visited St. Augustine's Abbey, the lovely gate-house, in particular, being much admired. Later on we viewed the magnificent Cathedral and many stayed here for two or three hours, so much was there to be seen and admired. The beautiful old West Gate Towers were afterwards visited. The little Museum of Arms, the first floor was of special interest, though the old man in charge rather cynically denied the authenticity of some of his exhibits. The famous "scold's bridle" caused much merriment.

Finally the Dane John Gardens with their beautiful lime avenue awakened much admiration. Many students ascended the curious conical mound in the centre, from which a fine view of Canterbury was obtainable. Of particular interest to most students was the "Invicta," built by Stephenson in 1825, and the first engine used for passenger traffic. Many photographs of this interesting locomotive were taken.

Some students also discovered Marlowe's birthplace, a quaint little old house in a side-street. The poet's name was engraved on the pavement.

At 6.30 p.m. our party left Canterbury and reached London three hours later after a most enjoyable day in which instruction and pleasure had been ideally combined.

### PERSONAL.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. Despond-Hulin will sympathise with them in their bereavement; Mr. Despond's father having died in Switzerland at the age of 65.

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### Home News—(Continued)

#### BERNE.

The Municipal Buses seem to have taken the fancy of the Bernese population, and the authorities are doing their best to meet the wishes of their passengers. On August the First another new line was put into operation, the route connecting the Bahnhofplatz with the Wyler.

#### ST. GALL.

St. Gall also has its traffic troubles. The solving of the problem of West to East traffic is most difficult, as in the small valley of the Steinach only a few parallel streets exist. In connection with this problem, better traffic regulations in the old town, where the bottle-neck near the Union causes a lot of trouble, will have to be studied. The Town Council has now opened a competition and a credit of 45,000 frs. has been voted for prizes to be given to those who are able to suggest a successful solution of this most urgent problem. The competitors must have been residents of the Canton of St. Gall for at least twelve months.

#### BASLE.

Two serious accidents have happened in the vicinity of Pratteln. A workman, E. Rot, driving a horse and van, arrived at a level crossing and found the barrier closed. Although an express train was due, the barrier-keeper opened the barrier in order to let a cyclist pass, and Rot apparently followed under the impression that the crossing was clear. Just as he was passing the track he saw the train approaching; he jumped off the van and was trying to pull the horse back, when he was caught by the engine, which dragged both man and horse along for about 100 metres. Rot was killed outright whilst the horse was so badly injured that it had to be destroyed. The barrier-keeper, a woman aged 51, is suffering from nervous shock and has had to be taken to hospital.

Only about 600 metres from where this accident happened, a car, driven by a M. Heiss from Bâle, arrived at a level crossing shortly before midnight. After waiting for about three minutes for a goods train to pass, the barrier was opened, when, just as the car was crossing the line, a passenger train from Bâle approached, catching the car broadside and carrying it along for about 40 metres. Two passengers, Messrs. Heiss and Kabli, were killed instantaneously, whilst the other two occupants had a miraculous escape from death, but both sustained injuries and had to be taken to the cantonal hospital. The barrier-keeper has been arrested. N.Z.Z.



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Sonntag, den 17. August 1930.

11 Uhr vormittags: Gottesdienst.

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Thursday, August 28th, at Sp.m.—NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE and SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Lecture by Professor Dr. C. Schröter of Zurich with over 100 coloured lantern slides on "Naturschutz in der Schweiz und der Schweizerische National Park," at King George's Hall. Admission free.

Wednesday, September 3rd, at 7.30 p.m.—SOCIÉTÉ DE SECOURS MUTUELS: Monthly Meeting at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Wednesday, September 10th, at 7 p.m.—SOCIÉTÉ DE SECOURS MUTUELS: Committee Meeting at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Wednesday, September 10th, at 7.30 p.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Monthly Meeting, followed by an Extraordinary General Meeting, at Swiss House.

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