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As regards the general results of glacier survey, the following table shows the conditions for one hundred Swiss glaciers in the years 1926 to 1932:—

Year.	Growing (advancing).	Stationery.	Decreasing (in retreat).
1926	52	3	40
1927	22	7	71
1928	14	5	81
1929	11	12	77
1930	8	12	80
1931	22	12	66
1932	13	7	80

There had been a general advance of the Swiss glaciers in the second decade of the twentieth century, coinciding with an augmentation of the snowfall on the high mountains and a lowering of the summer temperature. The general retreat shown in the above table for the third decade has corresponded with an accentuation of the summer heat, and not with any sensible diminution of precipitation. Hence the essential factor of variation would appear to be the temperature of the summer season. This was indicated long ago by the late Professor Forel shortly before his lamented death, and has now been definitely established, both by the above results and by Dr. Billwiller in a detailed discussion of the subject in a report in the *Annales de l'Institut Fédéral Suisse de Météorologie*, 1930.

During this third decade the Savoy glaciers of the Chain of Mont Blanc have also been in retreat, but the change has now again arrived. For when the writer was at Chamonix in June 1933, the Glacier des Bossons, the Mer de Glace, the Glacier d'Argentière, and the Glacier de Taconnay, all of which he personally visited, were again advancing, a fact confirmed by the Guide Chef, M. Balmat. The retreat of the Bossons glacier had been so great that the lower reach of the icefall, which some years ago had actually come down on to the green meadows of the Chamonix valley, had almost disappeared up its ravine.

Surveys in Switzerland.

The movements of some of the more important Swiss glaciers have been measured during the last three years. The exceptional advance of the Lower Grindelwald glacier has been the most outstanding occurrence. It receded eight and a half metres in 1930, but advanced five metres in 1931 and three metres in 1932. The Rhone glacier, in receding sixteen metres per annum during the last two years, has lost much of its celebrated beauty and also its famous ice cave. It may be remarked before concluding that an average of one hundred Swiss glaciers have been observed every year (varying from ninety-five in 1926 to 108 in 1932). Similar regular work has been carried out on the glaciers of Savoy and Dauphiny, and on those on the Italian sides of the Mont Blanc and Mont Rosa-Matterhorn chains. The total value of this immense glaciological research is beyond estimation, not only in advancing pure knowledge, but in the prevention of disastrous calamities such as formerly occurred with distressing regularity.

A striking instance of the latter beneficent effect may aptly be referred to in conclusion. The shocking disasters in the Vallee de Bagnes of 1818 and 1898, both in the month of June, when lakes which had formed in the Glaciers du Gêtroz and Grête-Seche suddenly burst and deluged the valley as far almost as Martigny, caused appalling destruction and loss of life; they are still remembered with fear by the inhabitants of the beautiful valley. In the latter and relatively smaller catastrophe no less than a million cubic feet of water were suddenly let loose. This menace has since threatened time after time, but owing to the constant observation and the construction of siphoning trenches since the year 1899, and their careful supervision and clearing of obstructions, the menace has been averted.

Discovery.

Basel und London, in Dezember 1933.

P.P.

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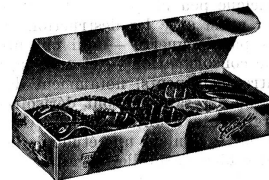
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FOOTBALL.

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SWISS CUP, ROUND THREE.

Young Fellows	4	Blue Stars	0
Bern	1	Biel	3
Basel	3	Nordstern	1
Locarno	2	Winterthur	0
Luzern	1	Grasshoppers	4
Servette	8	Olten	1
Montreux	4	Monthey	0

A fortnight ago, Bern beat Biel 3:1 in a League game and now they find themselves knocked out of the Cup by a complete reversal of form. I am sure Biel would rather have it that way; there is glory and money in the Cup! As usual not many of the "lesser fry" fought their way into the last eight; this year six are of the National League, F.C. Brühl is the sole survivor of the First League and Montreux represent the lowly League II where they are making a glorious fight to get back to the First League at the first attempt.

Take your choice for the Cup. Basel, Biel, Grasshoppers or Servette?

FIRST LEAGUE

Bellinzona	1	St. Gallen	0
Juventus	3	Brühl	2
Seebach	2	Aarau	2
Grenchen	2	Carouge	0
Fribourg	3	Etoile Ch.-de-F.	2

I am sorry to see St. Gallen beaten for the first time this season in a League game. Their visitors, Bellinzona displace them from second place with 10 points, on account of a slightly better goal average; Brühl 9 points is now fourth, Juventus fifth, 8 points, with a match in hand and a chance to get even to second place yet at the halfway stage. Kreuzlingen thus have a clear lead of 2 points in group East.

In group West there are still four matches to be played and whilst Carouge in spite of their defeat still lead with 11 points, Monthey has a good chance to catch up. Etoile Ch.-de-F. third, 3 points behind the leaders.

M.G.

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Wednesday, December 20th, at 7.45 p.m. — Monthly Meeting — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — at 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W. No lecture. Annual General Meeting, January 17th, 1934.

Saturday, January 6th, 1934, from 7 to 1 a.m., Fancy Dress Ball — Swiss Mercantile Society Ltd. — at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, N.W. (See advert.).

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Sonntagsschule.

7 Uhr abends, Gottesdienst.

8 Uhr, Chorprobe.

Sonntag, den 24. Dezember, nachm. 4 Uhr: Weihnachtsbaum in der Kirche. — Der Morgengottesdienst fällt aus.

BEERDIGUNG.

Am 12. Dezember wurde bestattet Schwester Margaretha Staehelin, von Basel (Stadt); geb. am 12.1.1895, gestorben am 7.12.1933.

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