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more his rhetorical talent. Indeed, for such an important function the Committee of the S.M.S. has to be congratulated upon the choice as Mr. De Brunner outlined in his opening speech with particular ability the necessity for the extensive and comprehensive commercial education of the 'rising generation,' indicating at the same time not only the commercial possibilities and advantages, but showing the invaluable effect of such an education upon the general reputation of Switzerland and the Swiss people. Ex-Minister Director Junod, President of the visiting Society, expressed the satisfaction of the Swiss visitors at the hearty welcome the party had received from the Swiss Colony in London, and emphasized his extreme appreciation of the manner in which everything had been prepared for them by Messrs. Martin, DeBrunner and Pfaendler. Director Junod, too, endorsed the Chairman's remarks regarding the absolute necessity for a thorough training of the young Swiss 'commerçants.' The great applause which followed both speeches left no doubt as to the opinion of the audience. more his rhetorical talent. Indeed, for such an im-

ment of the Union Helvetia doubtless contributed appreciably to the humour and high spirit prevailing. At all events, when the orchestra of the Swiss Institute played a potpourri, the audience joined in singing "Min Vater isch en Appizeller-er" and "Im Aargäu sind zwei Liebi." Mr. Masterman-Smith, addressing the visitors in response to Director Junod's speech, elaborated the working of the Education Department and the magnificent results achieved in the first 18 months, while Mr. Ulr. Bretscher, in his usual most humor-ous style, explained the "constitution" of the Swiss Colony in London. As a consequence, hav-ing regard to the up-to-date constitution and modern institutions which the activity of the colony has bestowed upon itself, we will undoubtedly soon be known at home as the most advanced "dependency" of the noble Lords in Berne! How-ever, in order to obviate any possible misunder-standing, and for "good order's sake," an in-accuracy, or better a "slip in der Hitze des Ge-fechtes" has to be pointed out, much to the regret of the whole colony, of course, in the speech of Professor Widmer, of Berne, who said: "... jedoch haben Sie keine Steuern." If he only knew! With much enjoyment we listened to beautiful knew

With much enjoyment we listened to beautiful With much enjoyment we listened to beautiful songs by Mille. Fletscherin, who admirably ren-dered "SVreneli ab em Guggisberg" and two classical songs. The productions of the double quartette of the Swiss Choral Society and the orchestra of the Swiss Institute were likewise much appreciated. The Committee feels very much indebted for the help which has been freely forthcoming.

much indebted for the help which has been freely forthcoming. At the close of the programme Director Junod once more took the opportunity to thank the Society for a highly enjoyable evening, and presented in his capacity of Inspecteur Fédéral pour l'Enseigne-ment commercial à l'Etranger a 1st class diploma to our active member, Mr. M. W. Gut, who has been awarded this distinction, with bronze medal, by the examiners of the National Union of Teachers. Teachers.

Teachers. The audience included, amongst other distin-guished visitors, Monsieur Martin, Counsellor of Legation, Dr. Rezzonico, Professor Colonel Borel, Messrs. Barbezat, Schupbach, Rohr, and—last but not least—Mr. J. Geilinger, "still going strong" and being present at every im-portant meeting of the Colony. G.

portant meeting of the Colony. G. Following the "Souper familier," as above re-ported, the party from the "Union Suisse pour l'Enseignement commercial," in turn, invited the committee members of various Swiss clubs to a boat trip to Windsor for last Sunday. About 96 joined the party on the steam launch "King," departing at 20 minutes past 10 o'clock from Molesey Lock, Hampton Court, and arriving after a very pleasant journey at 4 o'clock in Windsor. On account of the time, only 45 minutes could be spent in viewing the courtyards and terraces of Windsor Castle; the other parts, un-fortunately, were not open to the public. Quite exceptionally for Swiss affairs in London, indicating, however, the earnest desire for remedy, the "King" left Windsor again at 4.45 p.m. *sharp*, arriving at Hampton Court at 9.15 p.m.

Eidgen. Schützenfest (Tir Fédéral), Aarau.

Monsieur Paravicini, the Swiss Minister, has forwarded to the Donations Committee in Aarau, on behalf of the London Colony, a large silver cup, on benaries of the London Colony, a large silver cup, suitably engraved, as a special prize. The matter had already been discussed in some of the London societies, but in the absence of concerted action no decision was taken; they will, however, all have an opportunity of contributing towards the cost of this cup. The Swiss Rifle Association will be represented in Aarau by a team of five members, Mr. Chas. Strübin being prevented at the last minute from joining. They are:-Mr. E. Hirt.

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,, W. Krucker,
,, Alf. Moser,
,, Arn. Schmid.

They have all left, and most of them should by now be in the thick of it. Mr. E. Hirt left yester-day afternoon in charge of the Cup from the London Colony, and is also carrying a special letter of felicitation from the Swiss Minister to the "Festkomitee" in Aarau.

### FRIENDLY RECIPROCITY.

**FRIENDLY RECIPROCITY.** The Annual Athletic Sports of the Boy Scouts Association, Wandsworth, Putney and Barnes District, were held at Battersea Park on Saturday last, the 19th of July. At the finish of the Sports there was a presentation of medals to the winners and runners-up of the two football teams com-peting in the final for the Edwards Football Cup, namely, the 1st Wandsworth Common (winners) and St. Andrew's, Earlsfield (runners-up). The medals were kindly given by P. F. Boehringer, Esq., Editor of *The Swiss Observer*, and G. E. DeBrunner, Esq., President of the Swiss Rifle Association. Lt.-Col. Crane, D.S.O., L'.C.C., etc., presented the medals and also presented the Cup at the final match when it was won on the 19th of April last. The Sports Committee of the Boy Scouts Association have duly tendered their thanks to the donors for their handsome gift. , E.

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