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scythe. Houses standing yards away from the water, strong enough to withstand a severe earthquake, were just gradually undermined, and then there was a rumbling, a few cracks, and where a minute before they had stood there was nothing but—a surging yellow vortex. In such moments we feel our own littleness. I have seen fires, have experienced earthquakes, but the grandest, the most imposing sight, is the mountain water in revolt. Autumn is here again. A few more weeks and winter will call. This is the time when some of the younger members of the Swiss Colony, in common with part of the younger generation of most nations, replace their tennis rackets by books. I do not know how many of you take to study and how many to dances. But this question is quite irrelevant. What I want is simply to offer a word of advice to those who have not yet quite decided.

It is, I think, not as well known as it might be, that we who live in or near London are very fortunate so far as educational facilities are concerned. I am speaking particularly of the student who has to earn his livelihood. As next week the term opens at the University of London, and as some of the Polytechnics have already started their winter programmes, I thought I might mention the matter to-day. There is still time to start any of the courses, and if any one would like to know more before next Saturday, please write me at once; I shall be pleased to help. But, with the Editor's permission, I shall revert to this matter in my next week's letter. I really think our young folk should take more advantage of the good things offered—and probably would if they knew more about it.

Hoping that your coal cellars are all well filled and that someone will in time think of you and present you with a new pair of "Endfinke," I remain, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours sincerely, JOHN HENRY.

**SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.**

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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

Miss Elsi Raths, Wetzikon: "Franz Schubert." Miss Trudel Sigrist, Lucerne: "Lucerne." Mr. Jos. Hug, Lucerne: "Music as an Art and a Hobby." Mr. Max Ehinger, Basle: "How Many do You Know?" Mr. Her. Jeanrenaud, Basle: "A Great War Arms Factory at Bofors." Mr. Rob. Schiess: "The Vatican Court." Mr. Henri Gut, Oerlikon: "Modern Export Methods." Mr. James Baurer, Zürich: "Rouen and its Beauties." Mr. Jean Nordmann, Fribourg: "My Native Town." Mr. W. Schüpfer, Menzikon: "The City, the Parks and the People of London." Mr. F. Zihlmann, Marbach: "Derby." Mr. A. Wuest, Brittnau: "My Impressions of Italy and Fascism." Mr. A. de Limoge, Chaux-de-Fonds: "Lord Kitchener." Mr. Ernest Niederer, Wolfhalden: "Some Reflections about Newspapers." Mr. Hans Volkart, Zürich: "The English Government." Mr. Maurice Rohrbach, Berne: "The League of Nations—its Work and its Future."

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

"Are you in favour of Constitutional Government?" Proposer, Mr. O. Masterman-Smith, M.A., Headmaster; Opposer, Mr. A. Margot, Lausanne. "Was life happier 50 years ago than it is now?" Proposer, Mr. Maurice Rohrbach, Berne; Opposer: Mr. Walter Sieber, Münsingen (Berne).

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

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To the Editor of the *Swiss Observer*,  
27th Sept., 1927.

DEAR SIR,—For months past the British Public has been thrilled by more or less exaggerated news of various disasters said to have happened in Switzerland. The *Daily Express* is the chief culprit in this respect, and its Geneva Correspondent does not seem to have the faintest notion of the extent of Switzerland, nor of the surrounding territories.

When a railway disaster took place somewhere near Chamonix, it was published in that paper under the heading "Swiss Railway Disaster."

When a slight earth-tremor took place in the Grisons, the *Daily Express* wrote of British visitors fleeing from the Engadine, panic-stricken!

To-day fourteen persons are said to have been killed by a railway accident in Switzerland, although the scene of the accident is in the now Italian Tyrol!

I have hoped in vain for our Swiss authorities to move in the matter and to point out these errors. Anything more calculated to harm the Swiss Tourist Industry it would be difficult to imagine, than just such erroneous statements in widely-read British newspapers. It may be, of course, that the Canadian-owned *Daily Express* wishes British Tourists to spend their money in Canada.

However, what about it? Have we no Swiss Government Representatives over here who could use their influence to stop such practices?

I acknowledge that a faint—oh, so faint—denial that such an accident took place in Switzerland appeared some weeks ago in the columns of the *Swiss Observer*. But something much stronger is needed. Hence my using up some of my time for writing to you.

With kind regards, always sincerely yours,  
KIBURG.

**VACANCIES IN SWITZERLAND.**

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Pour faciliter les arrangements, le Comité recommande aux participants de s'annoncer au plus tôt à M. P. F. Bohringer, 23, Leonard St. E.C. 2. (Téléphone: Clerkenwell 9595).

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**Divine Services.**

**EGLISE SUISSE (1762), 79, Endell St., W.C.2**  
(Langue française.)

Dimanche, 20 Octobre, 11h.—M. R. Hoffmann-de Visme, Jean 15/5: "L'impissance de l'homme."

6.30.—M. R. Hoffmann-de Visme.

11h.—**Réouverture de l'Ecole du Dimanche.**

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Pour tous renseignements concernant actes pastoraux, etc., prière de s'adresser à M. R. Hoffmann-de Visme, 102, Hornsey Lane, N.6 (Téléphone: Mountview 1798).  
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(Deutschschweizerische Gemeinde)

St. Anne's Church, 9, Gresham Street, E.C.2.

Sonntag, den 2. Oktober, 11 Uhr vorm: Predigt. Herr Pfarrer W. Dietsche aus Azzorno.  
7 Uhr abends: Gottesdienst.

Am 12. Oktober findet im "Foyer Suisse," 15 Upper Bedford Place, eine familiäre Gemeindeversammlung statt, zu der jedermann herzlich eingeladen ist.

Sprechstunden: Dienstag 12—1 Uhr in der Kirche.  
Mittwoch, 3—5 Uhr im Foyer Suisse.  
Anfragen wegen Amtshandlungen etc., an den Pfarrer der Gemeinde C. Th. Hahn, 8, Chiswick Lane, W.4. Telephon Chiswick 4156.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS.**

Tuesday, Oct. 4th.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Monthly Meeting at Paganì's (see Advert.).

Saturday, 29th October, at 8.15 p.m.—SWISS CHORAL SOC. and SWISS INSTITUTE ORCHESTRA: Concert at Wigmore Hall in aid of the "George Dimier Fund."

Friday, Nov. 25th, at 7 p.m.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Annual Banquet and Ball at the Victoria Hotel, Northumberland Avenue, W.C.

SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY.—Rehearsals every Friday evening. Every Swiss heartily invited to attend. Particulars from the Hon. Secretary, Swiss Choral Society, 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.