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For a long while Massner remained at Vienna under the Emperor's protection, but after a while he found the friendly attitude changed to one of coolness and he could no longer endure it.

Heartbroken, homesick and ill, Massner braved the terrible sentence in order to return to his native land. He wandered as a fugitive in the quiet valleys of Glaris; but du Luc's spies discovered him and demanded his delivery. Massner, warned in time, hid himself at night in a farm wagon filled with straw which was going in the direction of Balzers. When on the other side of the Rhine, owing to the badly kept roads of those days, the wagon upset and Massner was mortally injured, dying a few hours later, on Austrian territory and in safety, but too late! So ended this man, who, while he may have transgressed, was truly great in his paternal love, facing such tremendous odds singlehanded in his endeavour to rescue his boy.

Peace was concluded at Baden in 1714 between France and Austria. Among the plenipotentiaries of the Emperor was a nephew of Thomas Massner, who, after strenuous efforts eventually succeeded in getting his cousin out of the dungeon where he had been kept for four years.

When young Massner returned to his home he was received with universal expressions of esteem and delight, and his fellow citizens did their best to atone for his sufferings by covering with honours this innocent victim of great nations at war.

EMILY KEENE BARNUM.

### SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

#### EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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

Miss M. Homberger, Zurich: "A Trip across Umbria." Miss A. Keller, Winterthur: "Holidays in the Canton of Grisons." Miss Bertie Schneider, Winterthur: "A Salad." Mr. F. Michel, Interlaken: "Spiritualism." Mr. Fr. Jaeggi, Solothurn: "Pro Juventute." Miss Berta Hilfler, Rüslikon-Zeh: "Shopping." Mr. Hans Muller, Buchs: "Hotellerie." Mr. Alfred Galli, Burgdorf: "Political Crimes." Mr. Emil Kellenberger, Zurich: "The Financial Situation of the U.S.A." Miss M. Siegenthaler, Bern: "The Eternal Flame." Mr. Emil Bucher: "Personal Aspects of Modern Sports." Mr. Hermann Steiger: "Buried Alive." Some aspects of the relations between the Swiss artist and his country. Mr. K. Rau: "My Journey from Basle to London."

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

"Has the Russian Revolution been for the benefit of the Russian people?" Proposer, Mr. H. Guggisberg; Opposer, Mr. Y. Jéquier, Neuchâtel.

"Which is preferable, Private Management or State Management?" Proposer, Mr. Eugene Walder, Lucerne; Opposer, Mr. A. Bossi, Basel.

"Have you any faith in the League of Nations?" Proposer, Mr. A. Herzog, Huttwil; Opposer, Mr. L. Haas, Zurich.

### A.O.F.B., SWISS VAT.

The second Dinner and Concert was held at the "Swiss Hotel," Old Compton Street, W., on the 16th March, when about 70 members of the Order were present.

Tornado Coleman took the Chair, and announced the entry of the various officers, who attended the meeting in full regalia. Tornado Wyss, the host, then took over his official duties as Chairman. The members then sat down to dinner, and they had the choice of either English or Swiss dishes, which was greatly appreciated by all. After dinner a splendid Concert was given and enjoyed by everyone.

An American auction for a copy of a picture, "The Lake of Uri," was then held and realised the magnificent sum of £5 5s. Miss D. Ballieu, the buyer of the picture, returned it for re-auction at another meeting. The amount paid for the picture, together with the out-box—the collecting with which kept certain members busy—totalled the sum of £10 0s, 6d., 50 per cent. of which will be given to the Swiss Poor in London and 50 per cent. to Sir Alfred Frapp's Fund for his Wee Waifs.

### 58e FÊTE SUISSE DE LONDRES, 1927.

Avec le mois de Mars, le Comité de la Fête Suisse s'est réuni comme de coutume pour prendre connaissance du rapport du Trésorier et des résultats généraux de la fête de l'année précédente, la 57e en nombre. Cette séance a eu lieu Lundi dernier, M. Borsinger ayant eu l'amabilité de venir représenter le Ministre.

Le Trésorier a constaté que les comptes de l'année 1926 soldaient de façon satisfaisante et qu'un don spécial de £5 5s, avait pu être versé au Fonds de Secours, grâce à ce résultat favorable.

Celui-ci est dû essentiellement à la participation enthousiaste des compatriotes venus en très grand nombre l'année dernière. Toute l'atmosphère de la Fête en a grandement bénéficié. Par contre, certains arrangements d'ordre pratique ont quelque peu souffert de cette affluence extraordinaire.

Aussi le Comité, heureux de voir que notre vieux "Thé Suisse" conserve sa vogue au sein de la Colonie, a-t-il voté à l'unanimité le principe de la célébration de la 58e Fête. Il l'a fixée au Mercredi, 22 Juin, à Caxton Hall.

D'autre part, soucieux de ses devoirs envers tous ceux qui participent à la Fête, il a décidé de louer, en outre des locaux employés jusqu'ici, la belle salle du premier (council chamber) où un grand buffet pourra être installé, et quelques pièces en sus, pour servir de vestiaires. L'ancien buffet (lounge) au rez de chaussée, pourra faire office de pièce de dégagement, s'il y'a un trop plein.

De la sorte, la Colonie retrouvera à Caxton Hall tout ce qu'elle avait jadis à Portman Rooms, ou à peu près, et le Comité espère que ces arrangements nouveaux ajouteront un charme de plus à notre bonne vieille Fête de Juin, qui date de 1864 déjà. Le buffet agrandi permettra en tous cas, semble-t-il, à chacun de profiter véritablement de l'entre acte encore prolongé, en dégustant quelque douceur en compagnie d'amis.

D'autres détails seront publiés par la suite.  
Le Secrétaire.

### PERSONAL.

The many friends of Mr. G. Cusi will be glad to hear that he is deriving great benefit from his sojourn at Lugano, where he has been staying for some weeks in order to recuperate from his recent illness.

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Sonntag, den 27 März.—11 Uhr vorm.: Predigt.  
7 Uhr abends: Predigt. Daran anschliessend  
Chorprobe.

### KREMATIION.

Gottlieb FÜRER aus Ichertswil, Bezirk Buchegg-  
berg, Kanton Solothurn, geb. am 3 Dez., 1865, gest.  
am 17 März, 1927 in London.—Kremation am 22  
März, 1927.

Sprechstunden: Dienstag 12—1 Uhr in der Kirche.  
Mittwoch, 3—5 Uhr, im Foyer Suisse.  
Anfragen wegen Amtshandlungen etc., an den  
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Opening of the Shooting Range at Hendon (op-  
posite the Welsh Harp).

Sunday, March 27th.—SWISS GYMNASIIC SOC.:  
Display and Dance at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1.

Wednesday, March 30th, at 8 p.m.—SWISS MER-  
CANTILE SOCIETY: Jass and Bookbier Abend  
at Swiss House, 34-35, Fitzroy Sq., W.1.

Saturday, April 2nd, at 6.30 p.m.—SWISS MERCAN-  
TILE SOCIETY: Cinderella Dance at the Mid-  
land Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, N.W.

Sunday, April 3rd, at 6.30 p.m.—SWISS INSTITUTE:  
Concert at Swiss House, 34-35, Fitzroy Square,  
W.4.

Tuesday, April 12th, at 7 p.m.—CITY SWISS CLUB:  
Annual General Meeting at Pagan's, 42, Great  
Portland Street, W.1.

Saturday, May 28th, at 2.30 p.m.—SWISS SPORTS  
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