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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:—

Mrs. A. Danzeisen, Degersheim: "Barnado Homes." Mr. Fritz Kueng, St. Gall: "The Launching of the Saturnia." Mr. Manfred Walder, St. Gall: "Tea." Mr. Fritz Danzeisen, Degersheim: "Ernest Abbe." Mr. A. Honegger, Wald (Zurich): "Teachers and Children." Mr. W. Schaubacker, Berne: "Death." Miss Helene Seiler, Sarnen: "A Russian Story." Mr. Albert Dimier, Geneva: "Laughter and Life." Dr. Hugo Teuscher, Zurich: "Women's Work." Mr. W. Jeanneret, Bienne: "The Birth of the Automatic Machine." Mr. Willy Frey, Lucerne: "Effective Advertising." Mr. Max Gysler, Zurich: "Sir Robert Baden-Powell."

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

"Can a business man be a perfect Christian?" Proposer, Mr. L. Ruckli; Opposer, Mr. K. Perret. "Should doctors have the right to put an end to an incurable patient in order to prevent useless suffering?" Proposer, Mr. E. Perretti; Opposer, Mr. R. Schnell.

"Should married women be excluded from a position?" Proposer, Mr. A. Kuhn; Opposer, Miss A. Gautschi.

A Lecture on "Herculaneum and Pompeii" with Slides was given by Seymour Kimpton, Esq., B.A. The Students greatly enjoyed it, and the lecturer gave his conference in a clear enunciation and diction.

Saturday.—The Students made a tour in London: Stock Exchange, Old Roman Wall, Holborn and the old Courts, the Curiosity Shop, etc.

PERSONAL.

The Swiss Minister has now returned to London from an extended trip to Egypt and Italy. He went to Cairo in the middle of January and stayed there with his brother. During his stay he had an audience with King Fuad of Egypt, who again manifested to him his great friendship for Switzerland. He was also received by their Excellencies the British High Commissioner for Egypt and Lady Lloyd. The Egyptian Prime Minister and other high functionaries favoured him with interesting interviews. From Cairo M. Paravicini went to Alexandria, where he visited the Swiss Schools and Club and was entertained by the members of the Swiss colony. He took the opportunity of visiting Luxor and Assuan, where he inspected the principal historical monuments, including the tomb of Tutankhamen. He was very highly impressed with the magnificent treasures. On his return he visited Athens and then went on to Rome where he inspected the Swiss Guard and was shown around the Vatican by Colonel von Sury. Previous to returning to London he spent a few days in Berne, where an exchange of views took place between him and Federal Councillor Motta. He arrived in London on March 11th. Madame Paravicini is still in Switzerland and expects to join the Swiss Minister next week.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor is not responsible for the opinions expressed by Correspondents and cannot publish anonymous articles, unless accompanied by the writer's name and address, as evidence of good faith.

1st AUGUST CELEBRATION.

To the Editor of the *Swiss Observer*.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your correspondent "S. D." in last week's *Swiss Observer*, may I be permitted to say that I have no grievance whatsoever, but merely dared to make a suggestion.

As regards voicing the matter before the Committee of the various Swiss Societies of which I am a member, it does not enter into the matter at all.

I addressed myself to you as Editor of the only Swiss periodical we have in London to rouse the interest of the Colony for a common 1st of August celebration, and if I have achieved that, the *vox populi*, no doubt, will see to the rest and perhaps support a voice crying in the wilderness, without allowing it to be conveniently forgotten.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours truly, J.J.S.

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BEERDIGT.

Am 15. März, der am 11.-ds. verstorbene Gustav Heinrich HAGEMANN, von Aesch bei Neftenbach (Zürich); geb. am 29. Juni 1856 in Kriens bei Luzern.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Wednesday, March 21st, at 7.45 p.m.—NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE: Monthly Meeting of the Council, followed by a causerie by the Rev. Hoffmann-de Visme on: "Comment on devenait Canton suisse?—Genève et les Confédérés," at 34-35, Fitzroy Square.
 Saturday, March 31st at 7 p.m.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Cinderella Dance at New Prince's Restaurant, Piccadilly. (See Advert.)

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