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Party and its leaders, just as I have not always

As to the justification for this election and the attempt to present the result as an overwhelm-ing proof of the citizens' common sense, I will not enter into details. A few remarks will be sufficient.

sufficient. The parole given out before the election was : As long as the Socialists maintain their present attitude there can be no possibility of allowing them a say in the Federal Government. Question : Do you seriously believe, that their defeat will "tame" them into a different attitude? Do you believe you can correct someone's erroneous im-pression by boxing his ears? Second Question : Is it not reasonable to believe that Labour's representative will honour his oath of allegiance in spite of political radicalism and not necessarily representative will honour his oath of allegiance in spite of political radicalism and not necessarily aim at political upheaval? And finally: Can you improve feelings and achieve good fellowship with-out showing your opponents some consideration, without making them forget by justice previous unjustice and harshness? It is said, that History is a great teacher. When, oh Sons of Helvetia, will you begin to learn the lessons History teaches you? JOHANNES LUTZ.

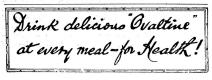
Johannes Lutz, in the "Kirchenbote für den Kanton Zürich."

The above translation has been sent to us by an old collaborator. We gladly give it publicity as the view expressed therein on the election of two new Federal Councillors by Parliament last December has not previously been presented to our readers, many of whom may feel the same way about the matter.—THE ED.

NEUE ZUERCHER ZEITUNG. 150th ANNIVERSARY.

150th ANNIVERSARY. With justified pride the Neue Zürcher Zeitung has just celebrated its 150th anniversary with a special 100 page issue, a formal ceremony at the University and a banquet at the Zunfthaus zur Meise. On the 12th January 1750 the first number of the Zürcher Zeitung was published. At that time the Federal Diet and the Cantonal Govern-ments would not suffer any political criticism, so that most of the news which could be published emanated from abroad. Only in the second decade of the last century the political affairs of the home yursued a liberal and national policy, thus con-tributing very materially to the victory that Jiberalism has won in most parts of our country uring the second half of the last century. Re-maining faithful to the early ideals of national idealism the N.Z.Z. has in the course of time to the second half of the last century. Re-maining faithful to the early ideals of national ideal inself ranged more on the right side of the ideal inversement while a considerable number of radical-liberal contemporaries sprang into exist. found itself ranged more on the right side of the liberal movement while a considerable number of radical-liberal contemporaries sprang into exist-ence. That the N.Z.Z. on the whole still repre-sents the large majority of the liberal movement was last December strikingly proved by the results of the election of two new Federal Councillors, one of whom, Dr. Albert Meyer, has for the last 15: years been the editor-in-chief of the Neue Zürcher Zeitung. The radical wing of Swiss Liberalism had strongly supported the election of a Socialist candidate, the first one officially put up-by the Swiss Social-Democratic Party, which had up to the present consistently refused participation in a bourgeois government. The opportunity of engaging the socialists to share in the responsibilities of the country's Administra-tion and, thus to learn the necessity of moder-ation—even as the Labour Party has done in this country—was missed by our Parliamentarians. The ostensible reason was that the Socialist Party prefused to free its candidate from his allegiance to the party programme in deference to the demands refused to free its candidate from his allegiance to the party programme in deference to the demands of loyalty to the Constitution imposed on the members of the Government. Many people think that this formal difficulty might justifiably have been disregarded for the sake of having all the parties represented in the government, which might have helped considerably to bridge the gulf of class antagonism. In a risky choice Parliament preferred to be on the safe side and elected a moderate liberal and a conservative representative of arriculture. of agriculture.

of agriculture. The place of Dr. Meyer at the Neue Zürcher Zeitung is filled by Dr. Klötzli, formerly a foreign editor of the paper. From an edition of barely 5,000 in 1880 the N.Z.Z. has, especially in the last 30 years grown in size and circulation by leaps and bounds up to over 50,000. How, with such a small circulation compared with English news-papers, the N.Z.Z. manages to maintain a standard in contents and make-up unsurpassed by any contemporary is a fact of which the paper by any contemporary is a fact of which the paper can justly feel proud.



SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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

week:—
Mr. A. Schmied, Zurich: "Dr. Barnardo's Home." Miss C. Schaerer, Wildegg: "Sugar."
Mr. A. Hodel, Lucerne: "The town of the Puture." Miss H. Mange, Geneye: "A walk through Geneya." Mr. E. Gruber, Liestal:
"Rhine Navigation." Mr. S. Deutsch, Romans-horn: "Houses of Parliament." Mr. A. Fatton, Bienne: "A Bicycle Excursion." Mr. E. Weber, Beinwil: "Tobacco Industry." Mr. H. Buser, Laufenburg: "Boulogne to South America." "Should Switzerland attempt to get a Sea.

Beinwil: "Tobacco Industry." Mr. H. Dusci, Laufenburg: "Boulogne to South America." "Should Switzerland attempt to get a Sea-Harbour." Proposer: Mr. J. Zeller. Opposer: Miss R. Trechsel. On Friday January 17th an interesting lecture was given by Wm. Maxwell Batten, Esq., on "Indian History, Ancient and Modern." On Saturday January 18th the students visited Madame Tussaud's Wax-Works Exhibi-tion.

visited Madame Tussaud's Wax-Works Exhibi-tion. On Tuesday January 21st. Thanks to the kindness of Messrs. Mullard Valve Co., the students attending the Swiss Mercantile Society's School were enabled to listen-in on Tuesday morning to H.M. the King's ad-dress to the delegates attending the London Naval Conformation. The students greatly appreciated has Conference. The students greatly appreciated being able to take part in this event.

PERSONAL.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Peter Stoeri, who passed away on Tuesday 21st inst., at the age of 67, at 38, Ferme Park Road, N.8, after a long and painful illness. Mr. Stoeri was born at Hätzingen (Glarus) and has been living in Engkand for nearly 45 years. For many years he was established in the City as a Foreign Produce Merchant and had only negative the agent of the starting as the blickmont the City as a Foreign Fronce Merchant and not only recently taken over a catering establishment at 32, Tottenham Court Road, W.1. He took a keen interest in the activities of our Colony and was a member of several societies. The funeral took place yesterday (Friday) at the Finchley Cemetery, the Rev. C. Th. Hahn officieting

the Finchey Centery, the Rev. C. Th. Hann officiating. Mr. Stoeri, who was a well-known figure in the Swiss Colony, will be mourned by a large number of friends and we wish to express our sincere condolences to the bereaved family.

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