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#### THE EDITOR'S POST-BAG.

April 20th, 1931 The Editor, Swiss Observer, E.C.2.

Dear Sir, Your correspondent in last week's issue seems

Your correspondent in last week's issue seems to convey a most opportune note of warning. Whilst I doubt the practicability of amalgama-ting all our festivities into one "big affair," present conditions certainly warrant a thorough stock taking. All our societies and clubs suffer from the same ailment—the impossibility of re-placing the inevitable "déchêts" by fresh blood. Since the war two institutions that have rendered valuable and essential services to the Colony have placing the inevitable "déchéts" by fresh blood. Since the war two institutions that have rendered valuable and essential services to the Colony have disappeared and unless some of the old spirit is revived one or two other societies, identified with Swiss national pastimes, will be sharing a similar fate. I now gather from an advertisement in the same issue that a well-known Swiss centre, fre-quented and supported by more compatriots than any other Swiss institution in the Colony, is likely to pass into other hands. The existance of the building in question is due to the enthusiasm and practical patriotism of—I may justly say—the last generation. Have we lost all appreciation of the ideal side of life? I am not in a position to suggest remedies, but I believe that the friendly competition be-tween the clubs and the assurances of existing cordial relations so studiously repeated at the annual banquets should give way to a more liberal mensure or real and constructive co-operation. I enclose my card and remain Yours faithfully, *Vereins Meyer*.

#### SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY LIMITED.

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects :-

" Should Bachelors be Taxed?"

"Should Bachelors be Taxed?" Proposer: Mr. H. Kubly. Opposer: M. A. Merz. "Are You in Favour of Capital Punishment?" Proposer: Mr. Oberli. Opposer: Mr. A. Merz. "That this house is in favour of Prohibition." Speakers: Messrs. Bonnet, Scherer, Neidhart, Mueller

Mueller. "That this house is in favour of professional-"That this house is in favour of professional-ism in sport." Speakers : Messrs Gmuer, Mueller, Mietlich, Gander, also Messrs. Landsrath, Baltensperger, Jurnitschek, Herren, Ruchti. "That this house deplores the increasing em-ployment of women in industry." Speakers : Messrs. Scherer, Gander, Jurnitschek, Ruchti, Neidhart, and Miss Heussi.

Mr. E. Isler, "The Political situation in Europe" and "The Economic Crisis in Switzer-land."

Messrs. Bonnet, Ruchti, Brunner, "The Situation in Spain."

Mr. Neidhart, "The Swiss Guard at the Vatican."

Vatican." Mr. G. Bernasconi, "Hyde Park." Mr. Mueller, "A Visit to Chinatown." It had been decided to go for a Country Ramble in West Middlesex on this date, but our fickle climate prevented this. As an alternative we resolved to visit the London Museum. On our way, the changing of the Guard at St. James's Palace occupied a considerable part of our time, but neved ones more that it alware hes an abid

Palace occupied a considerable part of our time, but proved once more that it always has an abid-ing interest for visitors to the Metropolis. The remainder of the time at our disposal was spent in viewing the extremely interesting exhibits at the London Museum. The basement seemed to offer the greatest charm to Students on account of the miniature models of old London before the Great Fire of 6666 not to mention the grim relies of Old New 1666, not to mention the grim relics of Old New-gate Prison. It was altogether an interesting and instruc-ting morning in spite of the inclement weather.

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- Thursday, May 14th, at 8 p.m.—A Concert of classical music. (Sophie Wyss, Franz Walter and Spencer Shaw) at Swiss Church, Endell Street, W.C.2.

Saturday, May 30th, at 2.30 p.m.—Swiss Sports at Herne Hill Athletic Grounds.

Thursday, June 25th, from 6-10.30 p.m.-62nd "Fête Suisse" at Central Hall, Westminster. -62nd

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