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60th BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY OF A WELL-KNOWN SWISS PEDAGOGUE.

On May the 7th, Professor Buser, President of the Association of Swiss Educational Institutions and private schools, celebrated his 60th birthday anniversary.

Professor Buser is one of the leading personalities in the educational sphere of our country, and for many years he has occupied various official positions with great distinction.

He has also taken a great interest in the political life of the canton of Appenzel J. Rh. where he occupies at the present moment the post of Vice-President of the "Kantonsrat."

Professor Buser was born in Basle on May 7th, 1876. He began his studies at the "Seminar" in Wettingen, and later on studied at the Universities of Lausanne, Basel and Berne. For several years he occupied the post of a teacher in England, France and Italy.

In 1905 he was appointed Professor of political economy in St. Gall.

Three years later (1907/08) he founded the "Voralpines Töchter Institut" in Teufen, where he played an important part in the life of the community. Amongst the many offices which he is holding we may mention only a few, such as: Member of the community council, President of the school board, member of the "Kantonsrat," President of the "Propaganda Kommission beider Appenzel," President of the "Schweiz. Instituts Vorsteher Verbandes," member of the "Schweiz. Verkehrsrates und der Kommission für den Publizitätsdienst der S.B.B." etc., etc.

In 1909 he started the "Institut präalpin de jeunes filles," in Chexbres.

In 1930 he undertook the reorganisation of the "Knaben-Institut Dr. Schmidt in St. Gallen, from which emerged the "Knaben-Institut Dr. Schmidt, St. Gallen, A.G." over which Board he presided. Later on the three above mentioned institutions amalgamated and Professor Buser was entrusted with the direction of these.

We extend to Professor Buser, who has achieved in the field of education such remarkable results, our heartiest congratulations on his 60th birthday anniversary, coupling them with best wishes for many more years of fruitful work in the interest of the younger generation and our country at large.

BRITISH CHILDRENS' HOME AT DAVOS. An N.S.H. Lecture.

The announcement of a lecture on the healing power of the Alpine climate and on the establishment of a new British Childrens Home at Davos brought a considerable number of compatriots to Swiss House last week. The lecturer, Dr. Behrens, who is amongst the founders of the new home, gave a most interesting scientific account of the reasons why the Alpine climate and especially the climate of Davos is so much superior to the conditions prevailing anywhere else for the requirements of a rapid and lasting cure of respiratory and other diseases that afflict such a large proportion of mankind. The high and sheltered position of Davos insures a particularly steady sunshine and temperature record with a stimulating effect on the lungs and the blood un surpassed by the experiences of any other health resort.

The ambitious scheme of providing a permanent home for British children at Davos under careful medical supervision, adequate for taking charge of large numbers of patients, partly free of charge and partly at modest cost contribution, is already receiving the attention and the support of various organisations and authorities in England. It is certainly very much to be hoped that the scheme will develop into a permanent living monument of the friendly relations so happily existing between England and Switzerland.

The British Consul at Davos, Mr. W. G. Lockett, honoured the company present at the lecture by addressing it shortly in the most moving manner about the friendship growing up between the little British and Swiss children at Davos. As a token of his esteem for our country he presented a copy of his recently published book of Robert Louis Stevenson, the author of "Treasure Island," who found the last refuge for his failing health in Davos, to the London Group of the New Helvetic Society. The book itself contains a most alluring account of the beauties and the marvellous healing power of Davos.

Dr. E.

CITY SWISS CLUB.

Summer Meeting at Brent Bridge Hotel, Hendon.

As in previous years, the City Swiss Club is holding their Summer Meeting at the Brent Bridge Hotel in Hendon, on Tuesday, June 16th, to which the Ladies are cordially invited.

The City Swiss Club also extends a hearty invitation to their friends in the Swiss Colony.

The Brent Bridge Hotel is an ideal place for a summer outing, and we feel sure that the informal dance which will follow the dinner, will prove to be a great attraction.

This is the only meeting which will take place in Hendon during the summer season, and it is hoped that the attendance will be a numerous one.

It is advisable to reserve seats as early as possible (see advert.), so as to avoid disappointment.