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FROM THE EDITOR

*NOTHING much may come of it but
even so I started this year with some
resolutions which I hope may last a
little longer than those of previous
years.*

Essentially I would like to lead a
more healthy life — eat less, walk
more rather than drive, take up some
form of physical exercise again —
improve my mind by setting time
aside for reading more books and
generally become a better person.
Well, we shall see.

I also intend to make a determined
effort to talk to my young son more in
"Schwyzerdütsch" rather than in
English, to please his grandparents

and also to strengthen his ties with
Switzerland.

A friend of mine suggested that it
might be interesting to find out how
many of the female readers of the
Swiss Observer in Britain, married to
non-Swiss husbands talk to their
children in their native dialect. If the
parents themselves converse in
English most of the time it seems
probably easier to talk to the children
in English too. Are your children
willing to speak a different language
than their English-speaking friends?

I would much appreciate to hear
from you on this subject.

Marianne Hill-Moser

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