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IN a country which, like Switzerland, has no other raw materials than the quality of its work, it is normal that professional training and education should occupy a preponderant position.

Hence, complementing the official education, more than 55,000 students, of whom 40,000 are Swiss, every year attend courses offered by over 250 private establishments, of

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which two thirds are situated in French-speaking Switzerland.

It is on the shores of Lake of Geneva that we find the greatest concentration of private schools. There is no doubt that the

reputation of the Swiss institutions is based on four elements. The beauty of the countryside in which they are established helps that state of relaxation which is propitious for study.

The quality of the teaching staff has, for many decades, brought students to the region to take advantage of a training system which, within the framework of a smiling but strict discipline, takes account of the individual needs and ambitions of each student.

As for security, this is guaranteed by a stable and democratic political system that has had the effect of giving this country a peaceful assurance of which some people are envious.

