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SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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

Miss Anna Senn, Arbon: "Should School-children do Homework?" Miss Mary Schmid, Lucerne: "Poetry of the Biedermeier Time." Dr. Karl Bertheau, Zurich: "Swiss Law of Marriage." Mr. Max Mühlberg, Basle: "Can Religion based on Reason only exist?" Mr. Max Roessler, Rorschach: "The Belgian People." Mr. Werner Schild, La Chaux-de-Fonds: "Anatole France, the last classic author." Mr. Arthur Stalder, Zurich: "Physical Energies." Miss Hanny Widmer, Lucerne: "Observations by 'Phone Calls.'" Miss Cécile Vogel, Zurich: "Classic and Modern Music." Miss Martha Schoch, Zurich: "Graphology." Mr. Ewald Schrör: "The Revision of the Alcohol Legislation in Switzerland." Mr. Walter Müller, Basle: "The Swiss Ribbon Industry and the English Protection Duty." Mr. Fritz Bigler, Berne: "The Development of the Banks." Miss Nelly Rutishauser, Zollikon: "What Switzerland owes to her Mountains." Mr. Paul Zulauf, Biel: "The Rowing Sport." Miss Emmy Däuble, Zurich: "From Naples to —." Mr. Emil Rügger, Zurich: "Why British Clothes are Best." Mr. Max Vollenweider, Zurich: "Unemployment in Switzerland." Mr. Jean Grand, Payerne: "Some Impressions of a Motor-cycle Journey in the West of England."

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

"Should the Ruling Heads of Central Europe previous to the War be deprived of their Property without Compensation?" Proposer: Mr. Paul Enz, Zurich; Opposer: Dr. Karl Bertheau, Zurich. "Which is preferable for the whole of Europe, Free Trade or Tariff?" Proposer: Mr. Ludwig Hardmeyer, Kilchberg-Zurich; Opposer: Mr. R. R. Riethmann, Zurich. "Should Women have the same Rights for the same Position and have the same Pay for the same Work?" Proposer: Miss Rosa Neuenschwander, Oberdiesbach (Berne); Opposer: Mr. Erwin Widmer, Wädenswil.

VIOLETTE BROWNE.

Owing to the general strike, the Song Recital of Miss Violette Browne was postponed from May 17th, and will take place next Friday evening, July 9th. As mentioned in *The Swiss Observer* of 8th May, Miss Violette Browne is a daughter of Mr. A. Brauen, and is a young vocalist possessing the happy combination of a beautiful and supple voice with a charming and vivacious personality. The programme is most intriguing, and we predict a very successful evening.

Further particulars of the Recital will be found in the advertisement columns of this number.

R. D. M.

PERSONAL.

In conjunction with two of his colleagues, Mr. Henry Senn has taken over the firm of C. Hoffmann & Co., of 11, Hart Street, Mark Lane, E.C., the business of Ship and Insurance Brokers which for the last 40 years has been carried on by the late Mr. William Rappard. We are sure we voice the sentiments of his large circle of friends in our Colony in wishing Mr. Senn every success and in expressing our satisfaction that he should have the opportunity of following in the wake of such a distinguished compatriot as the late Mr. William Rappard.

Mr. E. Burge has acquired the Angel Hotel in Staines, which is one of the oldest and most historic hostleries in that part of the country, priding itself upon its associations with the "Windsor Coaches" and Charles Dickens—in fact, privileged visitors may repose on a bench the comfort of which is reputed to have inspired the famous writer with some of his stories. As regards Mr. Burge, he is, of course, well known in the colony, especially to the members of the City Swiss Club in connection with the Kingston meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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To the Editor of *The Swiss Observer*.
Re ADULA ALPINE HUT.

Sir,—With reference to what appeared in the S.O. last year about the Adula Mountain chain (Piz Walrhain) and its beautiful hut, built by the S.A.C. Sezione Ticinese, intending visitors to Switzerland will be pleased to note that photographs and other views of this picturesque district will be on view in the show windows of the Swiss Federal Railways, 11b, Regent Street, S.W.1, from Monday next for a limited time.

I may repeat that the panorama and views enjoyed from this particular cabane are simply splendid. The newly-constructed hut is considered the best of its kind in the Swiss Alps and offers sleeping accommodation to 35 tourists, an English-speaking caretaker being always in attendance. It can be reached from Olivone at the foot of the Greina Pass and the Lukmanier in the Val Blenio,

or from Dangio via Val Soja, also in the Blenio. Olivone, a large village on an extensive plain, offers itself as an admirable base for a series of romantic excursions. Yours truly, G. Cusi.

PUBLICATIONS

of the "Verein für Verbreitung Guter Schriften" and "Lectures Populaires."

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* Der Berner Verein für Verbreitung guter Schriften bringt in seiner Nr. 141 (Juni 1926) die gemüt- und humorvolle Erzählung "Mozart auf der Reise nach Prag" von Eduard Mörike, die uns einen tiefen Einblick in das innere und äussere Leben des lebenswürdigen Tondichters tun lässt.

Ein Reiseerlebnis, das zuerst grossen Verdross bereitet, wird zur Quelle der höchsten Freude. Der zerstreute Tondichter pflichtet, ganz in Gedanken an ein Jugenderlebnis versunken, im Parke des Grafen Schinzberg eine Pomeranze. Der Gärtner meldet den vermeintlichen Diebstahl seiner Herrschaft, die von der zufälligen Gegenwart des berühmten Musikers hochbeglückt ist und ihm mit seiner Gattin in das Schloss einladet, wo gerade die Nichte des Grafen, eine begeisterte Mozartverehrerin, ihre Verlobung feiert. Die Gesellschaft verlebt mit dem unterhaltenden Musiker und seiner lebenswürdigen Gattin einen herrlichen Tag. Am andern Morgen schenkt ihm der Graf einen bequemen Reisewagen. Aber die heitere Erzählung schliesst mit einer wehmütigen Ahnung von dem frühen Tode des Meisters, verursacht durch seine aufreibende Lebensweise, von der seine Gattin ein anschauliches Bild gibt. Möchte dieses Meisterwerk den Dichter und den Komponisten unsern Lesern menschlich näher bringen!



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Messieurs les membres sont avisés que la prochaine

Assemblée Mensuelle

aura lieu le MARDI 6 JUILLET au Brent Bridge Hotel, Hendon. Cette assemblée sera précédée d'un souper familial à 7 h. précises (7/6 par couvert) et suivi d'une danse.

Pour faciliter les arrangements, le Comité recommande aux participants de s'annoncer au plus tôt à M. P. F. Böhringer, 23, Leonard St. E.C.2. (Téléphone: Clerkenwell 9505).

Ordre du Jour:

Procès-verbal. Démonstrations.
Admissions. Divers.

Divine Services.

EGLISE SUISSE (1762), 79, Endell St., W.C.2
(Langue française.)

Dimanche, 4 Juillet, 11h.—M. R. Hoffmann-de Visme. (Ste. Cène.)
6.30.—Phil. 4, 10 (Ste. Cène.)
Dimanche, 11 Juillet.—Collecte spéciale en faveur des victimes du cyclone du Jura.

BAPTEMES.

Harry Frederick BAXTER, né le 25/8/25 à Bombay, fils d'Alexander Henry Baxter, de Peterhead (Aberdeenshire) et de Marguerite Caroline née Gremay, de Gallion (Vaud)—le 27/6/26.

Alfred Reynold HOFSTETTER, né le 3/3/26, fils de Guidon Hofstetter, de Luterbach (Soleure) et de Ivy née Taylor—le 27/6/26.

MARIAGE.

Charles Emil VOGT, de Menziken (Argovie), et Evelyn Maud SMITH, d'Atherstone (Warwickshire)—le 25/6/26.

Pour tous renseignements concernant actes pastoraux, etc., prière de s'adresser à M. R. Hoffmann-de Visme, 102, Hornsey Lane, N.6 (Téléphone: Mountview 1798).
Heure de réception à l'Eglise: Mercredi 10.30 à 12h.

SCHWEIZERKIRCHE

(Deutschschweizerische Gemeinde)

St. Anne's Church, 9, Gresham Street, E.C.2.

Sonntag, 4. Juli, 11 Uhr vorm.—Predigt.

Sprechstunden: Dienstag 12-1 in der Kirche.
Mittwoch 3-5 im 'Foyer Suisse.'

Anfragen wegen Amtshandlungen etc. an Pfr. C. Th. Hahn, 8, Chiswick Lane, W.4.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Sunday, July 4th.—SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY: Charabanc trip by the members of the Choir and their friends to the Chiltern Hills (neighbourhood of Amersham).

Tuesday, July 6th, at 7 p.m.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Monthly Meeting, preceded by a Supper, at the Brent Bridge Hotel, Hendon.

Saturday, July 10th, at 8 p.m.—UNION HELVETIA: Grand Ball at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1. Proceeds in aid of victims of the recent disastrous cyclone in Switzerland.

SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY.—Rehearsals every Friday evening. Every Swiss heartily invited to attend. Particulars from the Hon. Secretary, Swiss Choral Society, 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION.—Every Saturday and Sunday (weather permitting) Shooting Practice at the Range, Hendon (opposite Old Welsh Harp). Lunch provided on Sundays.