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friendly official support to our informal gathering. Three other guests, Messrs. P. Liechti, G. Vautier and E. L. Baker, were included in the President's speech to "Our Guests" and the toast given in their honour.

Mr. J. Borsinger, in his reply to the toast was a credit to his diplomacy, since, just as Monsieur Vallotton-Warnery, he managed in his official capacity to mention the "taxes militaires" without, however, giving us an inkling of his own personal thoughts on the matter. And we could hardly press him for more enlightenment, either.

At the close of this thoroughly enjoyed meeting (the purely administrative part is recorded in the minute book), Mr. M. Golay gave, to the delight of everyone, a selection of gramophone records from last year's "Fête des Vignerons" at Vevey; and what more natural than that he should afterwards make us join in some community singing. If a good many had recourse to the book of words we noticed particularly that our distinguished guest, Monsieur Vallotton-Warnery, was leading at his table, but without the aid of the *chansonnier*.

It is some time already since we had indulged in such a happy, care-free, sing-song evening, and it no doubt did us good to brush up our memory of some of those songs.

SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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

Miss M. Rosenstock, Zurich: "Friendship."
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The debating classes dealt with the following subject:—

"Are you in favour of Socialism? Proposer, Mr. Kappeler; Opposer, Mr. Eggstein.

"Could Switzerland maintain her independence without her Hotellerie?"

Friday: A Lecture by the Headmaster on "The Kellogg Pact." The Headmaster also gave a speech on "True Liberty versus License."

Saturday: The Students visited the Houses of Commons and Lords.

Monday: There was a Dance at the First Avenue Hotel, attendance being about 250.

Thursday: The Students went to Margate on the *Royal Sovereign* from London Bridge.

SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The friendly competition arranged with the Hendon Gun Club took place last Saturday afternoon under favourable weather conditions. Two rounds of 10 shots each (200 points) had to be shot off on the 100 yds. automatic target in addition to 20 clay birds released from the ground trap. The following are the results:—

HENDON GUN CLUB.

	100 yards	Pigeons	Total
Grosvenor ...	88	87	194
Grierson ...	58	55	133
O'Leary ...	81	90	201
Pocock ...	90	85	205
Spence ...	77	90	184
Elliott ...	79	87	184

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Burger ...	84	84	7	175
Arn. Schmid ...	87	91	10	188
Krucker ...	88	92	5	185
Hirt ...	89	83	8	180
Wetter ...	93	92	7	192
Devicenti ...	86	76	9	171

In points the Swiss Rifle Association has won the competition, but the mode of reckoning the two totally different events together does not appear to us to be quite equitable, and we wish to express here our appreciation of the sporting way in which our English friends gave in to the point of view—not well-considered, we believe—put forward by the members of the Swiss team.

As regards the shooting, the Swiss team exhibited some nervousness, none of them coming anywhere near his usual form on the 100 yds. target; even Wetter, who only a fortnight ago shot

14 consecutive bulls, could not get beyond 93. The birds had a good time, only 46 out of 120 being killed; our members took far too long an aim and allowed the birds to get away out of reach. Arn. Schmid managed to shoot down just half of his birds with Devicenti, who at the last moment had taken Lampert's place, a good second. Our English friends scored three possibles (Grierson, O'Leary and Pocock) and the highest combined points were secured by Pocock with 195 and Grosvenor with 194, followed on the Swiss side by Wetter with 192.

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