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not let them off with just the items on the programme.

At the end of the concert Mr. W. Notari, president, read out a telegram of encouragement received from our Vice-President, Mr. A. Meschini, who was out of London, on business. He also addressed a few words of welcome to the gathering and particularly mentioned the presence of Mr. Dupraz, President of the Fonds de Secours, and Mr. Baume, Vice-President, who are doing such good and unselfish work on behalf of the Swiss poor in London. We were also very pleased to have with us Monsieur Sarasin and our compatriot Signor C. Rezzonico, from the Swiss Legation. Last, but not least, Mr. Notari addressed a few words of thanks to our esteemed friend, Monsieur G. Marchand, who never fails to attend any of our functions. On this occasion Mr. Marchand had presented the society with a clock and a gold wristlet watch which, together with a few lesser prizes given by the society, formed the object of a raffle.

At the presidential table was on view also the Dimier cup which the Unione Ticinese won at the last sports meeting at Herne Hill, with the best aggregate of any Swiss society. Mr. Notari, moreover, took this opportunity for presenting the captain of the relay team with the cup for the race they had won. It is to be hoped that our members will do equally well next year.

While a section of the audience adjourned to the first floor, for supper, the remainder did not lose any time in making the most of the dancing accommodation. Several young ladies proved their ability at salesmanship by the success they obtained with the sale of souvenirs from the Tiro Federale and the Ticino, the net proceeds going to the Fonds de Secours. These articles had originally been intended by the society to be on sale at the First of August Celebration at Hendon and had been retained for a suitable opportunity like this.

The evening proceeded animated until the inevitable 2 a.m. and as about 250 members and friends were present there would have been no excuse for anybody feeling lonely. The Swiss Benevolent Society will benefit by quite a satisfactory amount. O.B.

**SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.**

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

H. Lüthi (Miss), Bienne: "From Bienne to London." A. Fattou, Bienne: "Watches." M. Arbenz (Miss), Rheineck: "Housekeeping." H. Tröndle, Lucerne: "Beethoven." H. Egli, Berne: "Hotel Industry." A. Kuster, Berne: "Paddle Boats."

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

"That the Coloured Races should have the same rights as the White Races." Proposer: E. Krummacker (Miss). Opposer: J. Menoud.

"Which Class of Society is the most important factor in the Evolution of Mankind?"—For the Lower Classes: W. Egli. For the Middle Classes: A. Mauerhofer. For the Upper Classes: O. Amstad.

FUER UNSERE ARMEN.

Wir fangen am Montag den 14. an die Weihnachtspakete für arme und notleidende Landsleute zu machen. Wer noch etwas an Kleidern und Schuhen oder anderen nützlichen Gaben senden möchte, ist herzlich eingeladen das bis Montag oder spätestens Dienstag zu tun. Pakete belieben an Pfr. Hahn, c/o 79, Endell Street, W.C.2.; Geldgaben hingegen an die Privatadresse des Pfarrers, 8, Chiswick Lane, W.4. Sollte nicht alles verwendet werden können, so dürfen die freundlichen Geber versichert sein, dass wir ihre Hilfe das ganze Jahr hindurch brauchen und dankbar dafür sind, wenn unsere Landsleute die selbstlose Arbeit der Schweizerischen Hilfsgesellschaft erleichtern. Mit herzlichem Dank zum voraus,
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4.45—Au Foyer: Projections sur: "La Bible en

Espagne," par Mr. Rayney.

6.30—Mr. R. Hoffmann-de Visme—4me Etude sur

Pierre.

Dimanche 22 Décembre—Service de St. Cène matin et

soir.

BAPTEME.

Wendy Violette SALLAZ—née le 18/9/29—fille de Charles Marc Louis et de Jennie Ottalie née Werner de Séveny—le 8/12/29.

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8 Uhr abends Chorprobe.

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Mittwoch 5-6 Uhr im "Foyer Suisse."

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Wednesday, December 18th at 7.45 p.m.—NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE: Ordinary monthly Meeting at Swiss House, 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1. Dr. Charles Ferrière will speak on "The Swiss National Park." All members cordially invited to this interesting causerie.

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