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**M. MICHELI ON POLITICAL ACTUALITIES.
A CAUSERIE AT THE N.S.H. MEETING.**

At the last monthly meeting of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique on May 20th, at Swiss House, an interesting causerie on a few political questions of acute interest to Switzerland was given by M. Louis H. Micheli, First Secretary at the Swiss Legation, followed by a short discussion. M. Micheli had only just returned from a sad trip to the home country, having sustained the loss of his father, National Councillor Micheli, whose memory the meeting of the N.S.H. honored in the usual way.

M. Micheli spoke of the Zones-Conflict, the German-Austrian project of a customs union and the twin problem of neutrality and disarmament. Speaking entirely as a private citizen, M. Micheli very successfully attempted to describe the three questions as they present themselves to the Swiss Observer at the present moment, without seeking to decide on which attitude it might be right or wrong to take up. Referring to the last pronouncement of the International Court at the Hague, which in principle confirmed the Swiss claim for the maintenance of the Zones round Geneva, the speaker described the difficulties in the way of finding a practical solution by negotiation, as the French cardinal demand of the abolition of the Zones is diametrically opposed to the main Swiss claim. Such negotiations are at present proceeding, each side offering concessions on the basis of irreconcilable premises, without, it seems, much hope of reaching an understanding. The proposed formation of a Custom Union between Germany and Austria Mr. Micheli showed to promise on the whole rather more disadvantages than advantages for Switzerland judged from a purely practical point of view. Regarding the controversy, at present engaging the attention of certain sections of public opinion in Switzerland, over the question of maintaining or reducing the size of Swiss military preparedness in view of our newly guaranteed neutrality the speaker indicated that the extreme views on either side could hardly be maintained as a matter of practical politics. The meeting thanked M. Micheli with warm applause for the stimulating address. It is to be hoped that such interesting discussions on actual Swiss problems may be arranged more frequently in the future.

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

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Mr. F. Neidhart, Zurich: "Heraldry according to Swiss Law."

Mr. A. Scherrer, Lausanne: "The Present Generation."

Mr. E. Zur Linden, Aarau: "The Art of Display."

Miss E. Schmid, Horn b/Rorschach: "What we shall be after Death."

Mr. M. Daepf, "Tanganyka Territory."

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Tuesday, June 2nd, at 7 p.m. sharp—City Swiss Club—Monthly Meeting, at Brent Bridge Hotel, Hendon. The meeting is preceded by dinner, and dancing will take place after the meeting. (see advert.)

Wednesday, June 3rd, at 7.30 p.m.—Société de Secours Mutuels: Monthly Meeting, at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Wednesday, June 10th, at 7 p.m.—Société de Secours Mutuels: Committee Meeting, at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

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