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**SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY LIMITED.**

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

- Mr. A. Hofer, Solothurn: "An Evening in London."
- Miss M. Rigling, Zurich: "Nelson."
- Mr. E. Michaud, Neuchâtel: "The Watch."
- Mr. W. Hofer, Berne: "A Short Contemplation on the Sea."
- Mr. W. Haag, Waldkirch: "Can War be considered as Act of God?"
- Mr. W. v. Arx, Zurich: "Wrong Opinions."
- Mr. P. Burkhardt, "The St. Gotthard Railway."
- Mr. M. Daepf, "Rungive—a missionary station in East Africa."
- Miss T. Gislser, "The Derby."
- Mr. E. Zurlinden, "Swiss Impressions."
- Mr. M. Veit, "Sight-Seeing."
- Miss M. Rigling, "The Will of Frederick the Great."

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—  
"That this House is in favour of Votes for Women."

Proposer: Miss M. Schmidt.  
Opposer: Miss M. Rigling.

About sixty students from the S.M.S. College, Fitzroy Square, W. 1, went to the Tower of London under the direction of Mr. R. S. Thompson on Saturday, the 13th June. Although the exceptionally fine day was somewhat tantalising to those who would have preferred a trip to some other venue of greater scenic charm, yet on the whole, the party was well rewarded by the spectacle of the marching off of the Welsh Guards who were replaced during the day by the Grenadiers. The Tower presented an unusually busy appearance, several other parties were also bent on sight-seeing so that a little congestion occurred. But the Yeoman who acted as guide made the visit most interesting and everyone was impressed with the antiquity of the buildings, the dark deeds perpetrated therein and the historic associations connected with this famous Fortress, Palace and Prison.

**CONCERT—NEWS.**

We have great pleasure to inform our readers that the Haslemere Festival of Chamber Music given under the direction of our famous countryman, M. Arnold Dolmetsch, will take place from July 20th to August 1st, at Haslemere Hall, Haslemere (Surrey).

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We warmly recommend this Festival to our readers, both for the exquisite music which will be performed and the beautiful spot in which the Festival will be held.

**INFORMATION SWISS NATIONAL TOURIST OFFICE.**

Reduced Fares for "Hyspa" Visitors. (Berne, July 24th to Sept. 20th.). Visitors to the "Hyspa," Berne (Swiss Exhibition of Hygiene and Sport) can now have reduced fares in the sense that the single ticket to Berne may be utilised for the return journey to the starting-point. The tickets are valid for six days. In order to be utilisable for both ways they must be stamped at the Exhibition. Travelling to Berne at these rates starts on July 22nd at the earliest and ends on September 22nd.

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**UNE ANECDOTE DE GUERRE.**

Pendant la dernière guerre, dans les pays dévastés, un détachement ennemi était venu occuper un presbytère.

Néanmoins, le curé fut appelé par le commandant ennemi qui lui demanda d'hospitaliser encore un certain nombre d'officiers, ce qu'il accepta, bien qu'il manquât de place.

Ce curé avait deux manies: il avait d'abord beaucoup de bêtes, poules, lapins, canards et cochons, et il citait à tout propos des passages de l'Evangile.

Un jour, un cochon s'échappa et entra dans la salle à manger où déjeunait les officiers.

Le curé, tout penaud, vint à sa recherche et s'excusa, mais ceux-ci prirent la chose en riant. Ils lui dirent: "Monsieur le Curé, vous ne pourriez certainement pas trouver un passage du Nouveau Testament qui se rapporte à la situation actuelle." Et celui-ci de répondre: "Ce-la ne serait pas difficile, mais vous m'en voudriez, aussi je m'abstiens."

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