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**THE EDITOR'S POST-BAG.**

To the Editor of the Swiss Observer,

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing herewith a cutting from the Daily Telegraph, which I think needs attention from some of your wise men.

Yours etc.,

E.R.

The cutting reads:

**BILL FOR A "BLOT."**

Sir,—The cost of the journey is only one of the objectionable features to be found when one goes to France or Switzerland. The unfortunate traveller from Calais to say, Interlaken finds himself packed into a second-class railway carriage of an old type which disgraces the Nord Railway. There is no second-class railway carriage, probably, in the world so uncomfortable as these old ones used by the Nord Railway for passengers from England who are travelling through France to some Continental country.

A new terror has been added to the vagaries of the Swiss hotels. In the case I am mentioning it took the form of a bill, presented just as the victim was leaving for home and had not a minute to spare, for two Swiss francs for a "blot" on a cheap cover of a small table in her bedroom. The blot was the size of a pea, and the occupant of the room had never herself used a pen or ink in the room. The same "blot," no doubt, would be charged to the next visitor also.—Yours, &c.,

C. E. B.

**PERSONAL.**

We regret to hear that Mr. Willi Deutsch, a prominent member of the Swiss Colony met with an accident, whilst on a holiday at Scarborough. We understand that a bone has been broken in his foot and we extend to him our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

**OBITUARY.**

M. Otto Grossholzer, a prospective student of the Swiss Mercantile Society College, has been killed whilst on a cycling tour near Hayes (Middlesex) having collided with a motor lorry. M. Grossholzer was 24 years old and was a native of Zurich (27, Minerva Strasse). The cremation service by the Rev. Hahn will take place on Saturday next. We should like to mention that our countryman, M. O. E. Wetzel of Nestlé's at Hayes gave all the assistance that was possible under the circumstances to our unfortunate fellow countryman.

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The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

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Opposer: Mr. P. Mueller.

"That Men are more selfish than Women."

Proposer: Mr. F. Charbonnet.

Opposer: Mr. P. Mueller.

a) "Should ladies be punished for smoking?"

b) "Is rail-transport obsolete?"

c) "Should women be allowed to have public appointments?"

Speakers were:—Miss Attenhofer, Miss Manok, Messrs Schweizer, Halbluetzel, Bauhofer, Blattmann, Moeckli and Presser.

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

Miss M. Mosimann (Milan): "Modern Amusements."

Mr. H. Furrer (Berne): "The Six Days Race in Paris."

Miss H. Zehnter (Bâle): "The Guests of the Cookery Teacher."

Miss J. Thellung (Winterthur): "The Red Cross."

Mr. P. Mueller (Gossau): "What is Life?"

Mr. W. Graf (Ramsen): "Foreign Exchanges"

Mr. R. E. Bauhofer (Rheinach): "A few words about London and Paris."

Mr. P. Mueller (Gossau): "Be polite"

Mr. R. E. Bauhofer (Rheinach): "Some burning questions of the English Budget."

Mr. H. Blattmann (Zuerich): "Our daily bread."

On Friday, August 28th, at 8 p.m. the students of the S.M.S. listened, with interest, to a fine lecture on "Hereditary and Environment" by Mrs. Hodson, an active worker of the London and International Eugenic Soc.

A large audience followed with keen attention the lecturer's theories of Heredity and the influence of Environment, and these were partly explained by clear and illuminating illustrations drawn by Mrs. Hodson. A vote of thanks was warmly seconded and applauded, and we hope to listen to Mrs. Hodson on some future occasion.



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**FORTHCOMING EVENTS.**

Wednesday, Sept. 9th, at 8.30 p.m.—Swiss Mercantile Society Ltd.; Monthly Meeting, at Swiss House, 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Wednesday, September 9th, at 7 p.m.—Société des Secours Mutuels: Committee Meeting at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Thursday, September 10th, at 7 p.m.—Swiss Y.M.C.A. Lecture by Prof. F. Kiss, Professor of Anatomy at the University of Szeged, Hungary, on "The spiritual condition of the Young men in Eastern Europe," at the Foyer Suisse, 15, Upper Bedford Place, W. C.1.

Sunday, September 20th—City Swiss Club, "Picnic" by Car to Whipsnade Zoo. See special announcement.

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**BAPTEME.**

Albert Barthet, né le 17 mars 1931, fils de Paul et de Ruth-Gertrude, née Gusset, de St. Lizier (France), le 28 Août 1931.

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Sonntag, den 6. September 1931.

11Uhr morgens, Gottesdienst.

7 Uhr abends, Gottesdienst.

**TAUFE.**

Getauft wurde am 30 August, der am 17. Juni geborene Norman Eichenberger, Sohn des Friedrich Jakob und der Elise geb. Heym von Beinwil (Kanton Aargau).

Alle Anfragen wegen Amtshandlungen und Religions—bzw. Confirmanden Unterricht sind an den Gemeindepfarrer zu richten: C. Th. Hahn, 43, Priory Road, Bedford Park, W.4 (Tel. Chiswick 4150).

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