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strangers; helped them to overcome hardship that falls upon an exile; helped them in adversity.

Go to 74, Charlotte Street and watch, and judge for yourselves. See how all sorrows are put aside for a while, see how glad are the Ticinesi to meet each other, to speak "il nostro dialetto", to discuss "affari nostrani" ... to remember "il loro amato Ticino". See if it is not all so touching; nothing could make them forget their home and country, and may be in many an eye you could notice a soft tear at the thought of "the paesello nativo". You will be able, then, to understand what "amor di patria" means—what it can do, and I am sure you will, then, feel that in your veins your blood is running "limpido e fresco come un ruscelletto montano, nostrano; e il cuore batterà più leggero ... e canterà quella dolce melodia che cantava nel mio, così lievemente, come una delicata nenia ticinese. E fate a voi stessi una promessa: vogliamo, dobbiamo essere anche noi ticinesi, anche noi dobbiamo seguire le orme dei nostri maggiori." Be proud to belong to such a country. Be a true British subject, but also a sincere, loving friend of Ticinesi and Unione Ticinese; take an interest in what your forefathers have created. Pulsino le vostre vene d'amor ticinese.

E.G.L.

FOOTBALL.

May 8th, 1938.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH.

Switzerland 0 Belgium 3

Tut, tut, don't say it! After laboriously putting Swiss Football with a capital F back on the map, the Belgians took delight to curb our swelling pride by administering a rude shock to our newly established prestige. To be defeated at home (in Lausanne) by three clear goals is nothing short of a definite "licking." The question is, has the bubble burst, or is it merely a temporary lapse as may occur in the best of regulated families? Rather hard to find the answer. Here are some of the facts; work it out your own way.

Our proud and dour defence stood as against the Czechs at Basel and the Portuguese at Milan, except in goal, where Bizzozzero (Lugano) displaced Huber. This could hardly be said to have been an improvement. After 30 minutes play and one goal down, Stelzer, the left back got hurt and went to outside right for the rest of the game. This meant a reshuffle of the team, Amado going to inside right, Rupp thence to left half and Loertscher to left back. There is no denying that thereby our defence lost a good deal of their happy understanding and the forwards became even more ragged than they had been from the start. The line (Kielholz centre, Walacek and Aebi left wing) seemed to have gone stale, lost the ball nine times out of ten to the quick and alert Belgians and not one of the quintet added to his reputation.

Belgium on the other hand played a nice, fast and clever game; there is no question that they won on their merits. A fine revenge for their defeat at Brussels by 2:1 by our Reds last season.

There is one thing which strikes the observer. This match at Lausanne was exactly the ninth international played since the start of the season last September. On the 21st we have the honour to entertain England at Zurich (let's hope our lads will have recovered their equilibrium by then) and thereafter comes the world championship fixture against Germany at Paris and three more to follow, if we are to win that title. Well, there is no much fear of that, but anyhow, we will have played 11 internationals between September 1937 and June 1938, and that, I humbly submit, is too much of a good thing, in fact it is sheer madness.

M.G.

SPIRITUELLE REPLIQUE D'UN "TRAMELOT," BON SUISSE.

On nous signale l'amusant incident que voici :

L'autre jour, sur le tramway de Chailly, une étrangère offre en paiement au contrôleur un mark allemand. Le contrôleur lui fait observer qu'il ne peut encaisser que de la monnaie suisse. La dame répond alors : " Dans une année, vous serez bien content d'être payé en argent allemand." Le contrôleur continue ses encaissements auprès des autres voyageurs, puis au prochain arrêt de la voiture, ôtant sa casquette, il s'adresse à l'étrangère : " Veuillez descendre, Madame, vous remonterez dans une année."

SOME OF THE FORTHCOMING SWISS EVENTS, 1938.

May 14th-15th.
International Dog Show at Berne.

May 15th,
Singing Festival of Catholic Church Choirs of Switzerland, at Lucerne.

May 16th-September 30th,
Daily Automobile Sightseeing Tours starting from Berne.

May 18th,
Spring Festival de Luxe at Brunnen.

May 20th,
Opening of the Lido at Lucerne.

May 21st,
Football Match, England vs. Switzerland, at Zurich.

May 21 and 22,
Concert in Minster: Haydn's "Creation" at Basle.
Conducted sub-Alpine Botanical Excursion at Brunnen.

May 21st-23rd,
Swiss Artillery Days at Lausanne.

May 21st-29th,
Vaudois Wine Fair at Vevey.
Conference of International Commission for the Study of Gliding; also gliding contests, at Berne.

May 22nd,
Fête of Federation of "Musiques de Campagne" at Chêne-Bougeries, Geneva.

GEORGE FORRER †.

The Swiss Observer deeply regrets to inform their readers of the passing away, on Wednesday last, of Mr. George Forrer, of 14, Mundania Road, S.E.22, the Doyen of the Swiss Colony, at the age of 94.

An obituary notice will appear in the next issue of the Swiss Observer.

A funeral service will be held at the Eglise Suisse, 79, Endell Street, W.C.2, on Monday, May 16th, at 1 o'clock. Cremated at Golders Green at 2 p.m.

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Sunday, May 15th — The Symphonic Social Choir — Concert and Dance — at the Brent Bridge Hotel, Hendon.

Friday, May 20th — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — Supper at 6.30 p.m. sharp, to be followed by a causerie by Gottfried J. Keller, Esq., London Correspondent of the Agence Télégraphique Suisse, Berne, on "The Political Situation in Europe," at the "Foyer Suisse," 15, Upper Bedford Place, W.1.

Monday, May 30th, at 8.30 p.m. to 2 a.m. — The Helvetia Society — Annual Dinner and dance, at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1.

Wednesday, June 1st, at 7.30 p.m. — Société des Secours Mutuels — Monthly Meeting, at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Tuesday, June 28th, at 7.30 p.m. — City Swiss Club — Dinner and Dance, at Brent Bridge Hotel, Hendon. (See advert.).

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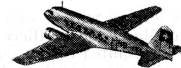
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11h. — Ecole du dimanche.

7h — Culte, M. Blocher, cand. théol.

8h. — Chœur mixte.

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(near General Post Office.)

Sonntag, den 15. Mai 1938.

11 Uhr morgens, Festgottesdienst aus Anlass des 50 jährigen Jubiläums der Gründung des Schweizerischen Vereins Christlicher junger Männer (Swiss Y.M.C.A.). Predigt: Herr Pfarrer D. Witzig aus Aarau.

11 Uhr, Sonntagschule.

7 Uhr abends, Gottesdienst. Pfr. Hahn.

8 Uhr, Chorprobe.

TRAUUNG.

Am 10. Mai werden getraut: John Bernard Halse von Sidmouth (Devon.) und Lore Derrer von Winterthur.

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