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FOR MEDITATION.**Pestalozzi on Happenings of To-day.**

Man as a crowd has no virtue, only the individual as such possesses it — the State as such has none; it only has the power to use the virtue of the individuals.

It is very easy to train whole masses of men for all sorts of things, to hunt animals, beggars or even human beings; but to ensure that these trained beings remain humane, high minded and kind, is truly not easy and is impossible.

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If one wishes to bring a man to the dregs and to utterly ruin him, if he is not thoroughly possessed of moral rectitude, one has only to make it his duty to watch the defects of his fellow beings and to spy upon their errors.

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He is a monster, who knows war and all the wretchedness which is caused by war and yet cold-bloodedly wishes for war.

The expedient of the use of force is in itself as little a medium for ruling, as the axe, with which one fells trees in the woods, is actually the means of afforestation of a high forest.

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For the morally, spiritually and civilly abused part of the world there is no salvation possible but through education, through the bringing up in humanitarian principles and through humanity itself.

Let us again become humans, so as to be able to become again citizens in order to become States again.

Unity cannot be produced by the unit, oneness must be brought about by unity. Fatherland, I honour you for not wishing to force the units of your States into a fruitless and inwardly totally disunited unity, but that by way of an inner unity you wish to arrive, you shall arrive and eventually can achieve the blessing of an outward unit.

Translated by J. J. S.

NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE.

The London Group of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique held its monthly Meeting at the Foyer Suisse on Friday, March 15th. A large number of members and friends had gathered an hour before the meeting was due to start and bridged the intervening time with an enjoyable meal and pleasant conversation. These informal suppers have a charm of their own, providing as they do such splendid opportunities for making friends and exchanging thoughts. This meeting was a special occasion, as it afforded for everyone the pleasure of meeting the new Minister, Monsieur Walter Thurnheer, whose charming personality was felt by all those present. To him, the President, Mr. A. F. Suter, addressed words of warm welcome and assured him of the loyalty and co-operation of the London Group of the N.S.H. Mr. Thurnheer replied in "Schwyzerdütsch," a homely gesture which brought him near to his audience, and they warmly applauded it.

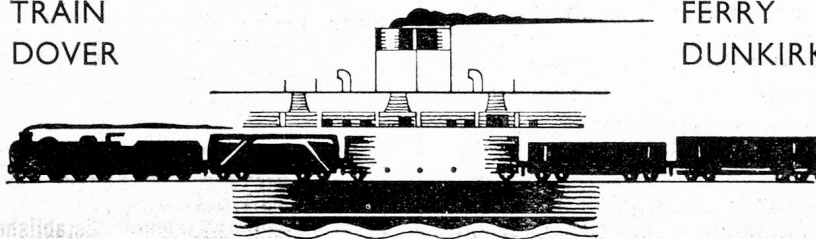
The few items on the agenda were quickly dealt with and the second part of the Meeting was devoted to a causerie given by Mr. Henry C. Balsler on

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