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I close with the words in Jude's letter :— " Dear friends, I find myself constrained to write and cheer you on to the *vigorous defence of the faith*, delivered once for all to God's people ". — *Prayer* is a world-embracing power if exercised by faith. May we then ask you to pray for the Oversea work carried on in India and Africa by young leaders of the Y.M.C.A. Last, but not least, pray for work at the London Central Y.M.C.A., so that others may find their way to us.

With kind regards,

*For and on behalf of the
Swiss Y.M.C.A.,
W. Fischer,
President.*

August Conference 1959. We trust that many who read these lines will be able to attend this year's conference, which is fixed for Sunday, 30th August 1959. It will be an opportunity to renew old friendships and to strengthen ourselves in the faith. The writer hopes to be present on this occasion.

OUR NEXT ISSUE.

Our next issue will be published on Friday, 15th May 1959. We take this opportunity of thanking the following subscribers for their kind and helpful donation over and above their subscription: Mrs. A. Rossier, O. Roethlisberger (Nyon), A. Maeder, A. Burkhalter, G. Bechtel, Paul Bucher, C. R. Jaeger, R. de Cintra, E. Luterbacher, Ernest Schaerer, F. Conrad, A. Bruschi, L. J. Faivre, A. Steiner.

FREIHEIT, DIE ICH MEINE.

Freedom, gift I cherish
Treasured in my heart,
May you never perish
Nor from us depart.
Ever brightly shining
In the starry skies,
Our faith refining,
Light that never dies.

In the shady woodlands,
In the verdant dells,
'Mongst the flow'ry garlands,
There your spirit dwells.
O how sweet its flavour,
When in storm and stress,
Gently freedom's favour
You on us impress.

When God's spirit enters
In our souls anew,
And within them centres
All that's good and true,
When free men are meeting,
Noble aims in view,
Shall our hearts be beating,
Liberty, for you.

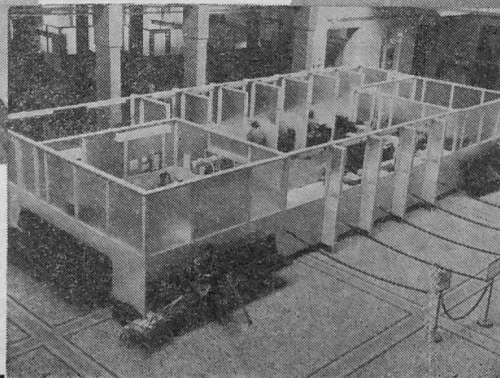
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