

Forthcoming events

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of Human Rights. This fact, however, does not constitute an overwhelming triumph. The accomplished fact of 'Equality for Women' is still far removed from their integration within the legal system of civil law, now under revision. Another section of civil law where substantial progress still has to be made towards equality, concerns financial as well as human and legal status. Apart from prejudiced family legal rights, women are particularly handicapped by the education system of various cantons. The need now is to remove these disadvantages and to give equal possibilities to both men and women. This plebiscite also initiated the correct constitutional platform, permitting first steps to be made for having both men and women work jointly on the proposed total revision of Federal Constitutional Laws. Such a total revision without the women's voice would have been inconceivable because women will, in equal measure with men, have to shape the future of Switzerland".

Facts (not fancies) as found in Swiss history books: Every 1st of August Switzerland celebrates its founders and the "Ruetli" is called the "cradle of Switzerland". However, where there is a cradle there must be a baby. Where there is a baby it must have been conceived by someone. Who was that someone? A woman (of course). Who was that woman? Gertrud Stauffacher. It was she who told her despairing husband: "You have stood oppression long enough. You know trustworthy men who think as you do. Confer with them how to liberate yourselves from your tyrants".

Metaphorically speaking: they liked this "baby" well enough and proceeded to build its cradle.

Forthcoming Events

Auckland Swiss Club

The Society Shooting Competition will be held on 20th February at Frank Reichmuth's farm, Henderson.

Christchurch Swiss Club

Our annual programme shows a trip to the high country, probably to Arthur's Pass, as the last social occasion before the A.G.M. in April. This trip is planned for 6th March. Invitations with details will be posted to each member. —A.M.

Laugh a little . . .

Student howler: A pupil's answer to the question, why there was so much fat in the milk: "So that the milking machine does not squeak".