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après qu'a été effectué le payement de la taxe militaire due.

due. Si la taxe pour l'année courante ou pour une année antérieure n'est pas encore acquittée, le Con-sulat est informé, pour qu'il en avise le requérant, que le papier de légitimation demandé est à sa dis-position à la chancellerie d'Etat mais qu'il ne sera expédié à l'étranger, qu'après paiement de la taxe militaire.

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Art. 27.-Le dépôt, par des Suisses à l'étranger. de leur livret de service auprès d'une autorité militaire qui doit le présenter au Consulat compétent lors de parent sen Suisse n'est pas autorité. Le livret de service reste en mains du propriétaire qui doit le présenter au Consulat compétent lors de parent en la taxe.
It is quite clear from the above that the Swiss Consular Omferers have not only the right, but that it is their duty imposed upon them by the Swiss Federal Council, to satisfy themselves that the military taxes are paid before they issue, prolong or visa a passport of a Swiss citizen who is liable to military tax.
I, too, appreciate the presence in our midst of compatriots having the courage of their own convictions, as "UN Yaudois de tous les Cantons" puts it. However, before they comment on the legal side of a question, they ought to make themselves fully acquainted with the legal material on the subject. Incorrect statements, such as the one made by "Critic," which alleges that Swiss Consuls have adopted certain practices which lack any underlying power from the home authorities, do more harm than good, and it is for this reason that I ask you to be good enough to publish this letter in the next issue of your paper.
22, Fellows Road, N.W.3. EMLE STUTZ.

SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY.

SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY. A most enjoyable Concert was given by the Swiss Choral Society for the benefit of the Swiss Benevolent Society on Sunday alternoon, theo Brd December, at steinway Hall. There was a large and enthusiastic audience, presided over by the Swiss Minister, who was accompanied by Madame Paravicini and their children. On the programme was a generous number of welc-chosen songs, which were admirably rendered by the choir of 36 voices under the leadership of that aïtted musician, Mr. Walter Meyrowitz, the new con-ductor of the Society. The harmonious blending of the full, rich voices was heard with fine effect in Swiss Songs and English glees, "Killarney" especially among the latter being warmly applauded; but the swyzerdütsch song: "Du lieber Bueb vom Emmithal," with a jodling solo by Mr. Fischer, which delighted in all hearts. Miss Marian Jay, a talented violinist, gave a selec-tion of bright music from the great masters with charm and brilliant technique, displaying also fine tone and musical perception, notably in the rendering of an ex-yusite melody for violin and playing also fine tone and musical perception, notably in almost as many lan-soprano voice is of exceptionally fine timber and whose met," with the composer, Mr. Meyrowitz, at the piano. Sever dielightid losongs in almost as many lan-soprano voice is of exceptionally fine timber and whose metidy Davies was enthusiastically applauded, and a bor which were all descriving of the areater traiter. Madame reify Davies was enthusiastically applauded.

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beautiful bouquet was presented to her by little Miss Paravicin. Space does not permit detailed notice of individual solos, which were all deserving of the greatest praise. Mr. Paravicini, in a short and happy address, ex-pressed the sentiments of all present by his appreciation of the fine performance of the Choral Society and the indebtedness of the Swiss Colony for the generous and artistic assistance given by the Society at many Swiss assemblies, whether meeting in Church or banqueting hall. The Swiss Minister also alluded to the coinci-dence of date, the 3rd December, a memorable day for Switzerland, saying, "the songs so beautifully ren-dered will take our thoughts back to our country which fights to-day for its freedom, prosperity and moral independence." Mr. Manzoni, the active President of the Society, in the course of a humorous speech, made an appeal o all those in the Colony with good voices to join the choir, and it is hoped that his request will not fall to attract new members. At the conclusion of this delightful entertainment. the Swiss Kinister and Madame Paravicini invited the Swiss Choral Society and all the performers to tea, after which more songs were given.

PROVINCIAL ITEMS. HULL.

HULL. The Swiss Consul at Hull and his secretary, M. Arregger, have given a lantern lecture in French at the Church Institute, on the 29th November, before a crowded and appreciative audience on "Switzerland and the Winter Sports." Thanks to the very fine slides of the Swiss winter scenes, kindly supplied by the Swiss Tourist Information Office at Zurich and the London Agency of the Swiss Federal Railways, the success of the lecturer will be repeated at Hornsea on the 12th inst.

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The Swiss Consul is also going to deliver, on the 8th inst., an address to the Hull Geographical Association on "Switzerland, its Industrial and Commercial Aspects."

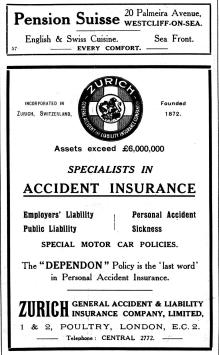
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3. Steveral circulars from the Secrétariat des Suisses A l'Empartement of the notice of the member of the Swiss societies abroad for the stall of the Swiss Abroad at the Basle Samples' Fair of April, 1923, was discussed. It was decided that the Secretary should as at the Basle Samples' Fair of April, 1923, was discussed. It was decided that the Secretary should as at the Basle Samples' Fair of April, 1923, was discussed. It was decided that the Secretary should as at the Basle Samples' Fair of April, 1923, was discussed. It was decided that the Secretary should as at the Basle Samples' Fair of April, 1923, was discussed. It was decided that the Secretary should as at the Basle Samples' Fair of April, 1923, was discussed. It was decided that the Secretary should as at the Basle Samples' Fair of April, 1923, was discussed. It was decided that the Secretary should as a the Basle Samples' Fair of April, 1923, was discussed. It was decided that the Secretary should as a the Basle Samples' Fair of April, 1923, was discussed. It was decided that the Secretary should as the Basle Samples' Fair of April, 1923, was discussed. It was decided that the Secretary should as the Basle Samples' Fair of the Secretary should as the Basle Samples' Fair of the Secretary should as the secretary funds for the creation of the Secretary for the ensuing year. It is to pass therefore, that a much larger number of ballot possion of the Secretary for the ensuing effect on the strateget the comment to the enclusion that the Fascisti movement has in the pass of their mationhood, because as the Saw Secretary for the strate of the retention of the Secretary for the strate of the retering of the Secretary for the strate that the Secretary for the strate that the Secretary for the strate that the Secretar

PARTY TRIPS ENGLAND-SWITZERLAND.

According to an agreement passed between the English, French, Belgian and Swiss Railways, a-new tariff for parties from England to Switzerland, each one composed of at least 25 persons, will come-into operation probably on January 1st, 1923. These party-trips, however, must be organised by travel agencies. Only first and second-class tickets will be issued. The proposed reduction will vary from 20 to 30 per cent. on the ordinary fare. The tickets will have a validity of 33 days. The journey England-Switzerland must be effected in common; on the other hand, the return journey Switzerland-England may take place individually. Switzerland-England may take place individually.



The West End Branch of the Swiss Bank Corporation, 11c, Regent Street (Waterloo Place), S.W. 1, will be pleased to open savings bank accounts (carnets d'épargne), on which interest will be payable, until further notice, at the rate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per ann. on deposits of £1 and over.

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kitchen, cellar, maid's room, electric light; situated near Lugano to the south of Monte Salvatore; one minute from lake and two minutes from station; flower and kitchen garden of 519 sq.m.; price (free-hold) frs. 25,000 unfurnished, or frs. 35,000 fur-nished.—Write, "Melide," c/o. *Swiss Observer*, 21, Garlick Hill, E.C. 4.

MUSIC. - Young Swiss would like to play duettos (classical) with moderately advanced violinist; 1–2 evenings weekly; Golders Green or Hampstead Tube.-Write, "Largo," c/o. Swiss Observer, 21, Garlick Hill, E.C. 4.

YOUNG SWISS GIRL (23), needlewoman, piano, speaking French and German, wishes situa-tion as NURSERY GOVERNESS with good Eng-lish or Swiss family; small salary.—Write, Melle. Marie Caviezel, Grand Hotel Curhaus, Davos, Swit-readord zerland.

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