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The Committee were also requested to proceed with all possible speed in erecting whatever safety devices were necessary so as to permit of Pistol Shooting on the ground, to commence as soon as possible.

The Meeting closed at 12.30 a.m. with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman. H.P.H.

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1st AUGUST CELEBRATION.

To the Editor of the *Swiss Observer*.

Dear Sir,—Whilst fully appreciating the praiseworthy, patriotic sentiments of your correspondent "J.J.S." in the last publication of your periodical with reference to the "Fête Nationale" in London and its organisation, might I respectfully point out that a more efficacious way to achieve the desired object would be for your correspondent to voice his grievance at the meetings of the various Swiss Societies to which he probably belongs. If the matter were put before the several Committees in this manner, notice would necessarily have to be taken, whereas a letter appearing in your columns, or as to that, in any newspaper, is generally conveniently ignored.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours truly, S.D.

"DEINE HEIMAT."

To the Editor of the *Swiss Observer*.

Dear Sir,—Recently it has been my good fortune to come into the possession of that admirably written book "Deine Heimat," issued by the New Helvetic Society in Switzerland, and dedicated to the young Swiss abroad. I notice that this book has appeared in the three recognised languages of Switzerland, viz., German, French and Italian.

It should be read by every Swiss, if only to refresh the memory of what was taught him or her at school, but to my mind it is meant to have a much more important duty to fulfil and that is, to give to the children of Swiss citizens, born abroad, who perhaps have never seen Switzerland, the reason why these latter love and are so proud of the land whence they derived their birth and infant nurture.

That aim has been exceedingly well achieved if these young Swiss live in a country which has the same language as any of those three which are spoken in Switzerland, or if both parents are Swiss and speak their respective tongue in their home. But what about those children who are not so fortunately placed? Take the case of a child born of a Swiss father and English mother, either here in England or in those great Swiss Colonies in America and Canada. Shall these be deprived of what is really a wonderfully concise and splendidly conceived history book, which contains no chauvinistic tendencies, but gives in a clear and easily readable form the essential facts through which the present form of our dear Homeland has come into being, and which makes us all so proud to be Swiss.

That this case happens to be my own, does not mean that it is only an isolated instance, but that it is rather the position of a large majority. I therefore would like to ask you if it is not possible to have the book translated into English and published in the shape of a Feuilleton in the *Swiss Observer*, or better still, in book form as at present. It certainly would achieve in the English speaking countries what no doubt it must do in France, Italy and Germany; that is to say, implant into the hearts of the young Swiss the love of home and the understanding of the constitution and regulations of their country of origin. No doubt many must be the cases where a Swiss born abroad has forgotten, through no fault of his own, the land of his father, and has no inducement for remembrance that he or she is as justly entitled to apply the name of Swiss to himself as those born amongst the mountains, lakes and rivers which make Switzerland the land every one of us is proud to call his Fatherland. To stimulate such pride "Deine Heimat" has no doubt been written, and I am sure that if you can see your way clear to act on my suggestion you will earn for yourself the thanks of all those Swiss who are far from home and have children whom they would like should know something about the "Heimat" and at the same time would act as a good Swiss and patriot.

Yours truly, J.J.S.

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