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SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

In connection with the scholastic programme the following lectures were given by the students during last week:—

Miss M. Dové, Ebikon-Lucerne: "My Teaching in a Children's Home." V. Flury, Bienne: "The Schneider Trophy." Miss H. Saager, Zurich: "Farewell." A. Kuepfer, Steffisburg: "The Cotton Lock-out." H. Luethi, Bienne: "Will Fascism Survive Mussolini?" Miss H. Walsler, Zurich: "Siena." H. Landis, Zug: "Idealism and Careers." Miss F. Bilfinger, Zurich: "Chemistry." W. Mueller, Hirschtal: "To work is to live." Miss H. Schnezler, Schaffhausen: "Chocolat." R. Scherrer, Landquart: "Capital Punishment." A. Schlumberger, Basle: "Modern Architecture." R. Muehle-mann, Berne: "Buddhism." K. Neff, Appenzell: "The Appenzell Hand-embroidery Industry." M. Schwob, Hochdorf: "Mysterious Women." W. Frueh, Berne: "The Gotthard Tunnel." J. P. Zwicky, Thalwil: "Castles in Switzerland." and "A Swiss Statesman." P. Bezençon: "Lau-sanne: "Feminine Fashion and Swiss Textile Industry." G. Chaudet, Vevey: "Gambling in Switzerland." O. Jaeggi, Zurich: "Silk Industry." E. Knecht, Uzwil: "Organisation and Rationalism in Business." W. Hofer, Bienne: "The Swiss Mercantile Society's School, London." J. Perrelet, Nyon: "Short Novels." F. Krause, Zurich: "Sport." H. Dreyfuss, St. Gall: "Hyde Park." W. Weber, Ebnat-St. Gall: "Tolerance." P. E. Weber, Milan: "Radium." O. Gloor, Rapperswil: "Silence."

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

"Do you believe in Re-incarnation?" Proposer, O. Schaufelberger. Opposer: W. Kramer.

"Which Class of the Human Race do you Consider the Most Essential?" For the Nobility: M. Schwob. For the Middle Class (Bourgeoisie): P. Hofer. For the Working Class: P. Schmidt.

On Friday, August 16th, Mr. Stuart George gave a lecture on "British Humour." Mr. John W. Klein presented the thanks of the highly appreciative audience to the speaker. A well-arranged concert followed the lecture.

On Saturday, August 17th, the students under the leadership of Mr. John W. Klein visited the Natural History Museum. En route the party passed through Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens, great interest being evinced in the Albert Memorial and the Peter Pan Statue.

A Clever Stork!

The "Basler Nachrichten" tells the amusing story of a resourceful stork. He had built his nest on the chimney of a small mill. But the miller disapproved of it, and began to burn wet straw and other fuel. The stork, being a good mason, brought beakfuls of clay and managed to put an air-tight lid upon the chimney, so that it was now the miller's turn to suffer from the smoke. He owned himself fairly beaten, and desisted from troubling his neighbour any further.

(From "The Observer," 4-8-1929.)

The Price of a Boy.

The Swiss Federal Court at Lausanne has just had to settle the delicate question of the "marketable value" of a ten-year-old boy, who had been knocked down and killed by a motor-car. Besides the sum of forty pounds granted to him by the Court, his father asked for a further indemnity on the ground that his son would have been able to assist him in his old age. After very complicated calculations and with due consideration to all future possibilities and probabilities, the Court allowed him a grant of ten francs a month from his sixtieth year onward. The present value of this old-age pension was fixed at 380 francs.

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