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always taken in the welfare of the S.M.S. this nomination was well deserved. Mr. Schubach is one of the most regular attendants and many a younger member could take him as an ideal example.

Before the close of the Meeting, the President announced that the Federal Government, through the intermediary of the Central Secretariat had granted a subsidy which is considerably larger than that of the preceding years. This is the first time that the Day-School, now officially called 'The College of the Swiss Mercantile Society,' in addition to the Evening Classes, has received a grant. As a result of the negotiations of our delegates at the last Delegates Meeting in Zurich, this additional subsidy has been voted on account of the heavy working expenses of the school, chiefly due to an increased staff and building alterations. Although the school has so far paid its way, funds are nevertheless required if the Society intends to look out for different premises. The President, Mr. Paschoud, broached this subject and urged the members to consider whether they were in agreement with such a scheme. Although the Education Committee in conjunction with the House Committee have done their utmost to cope with the steady increase of the school, the problem has nevertheless become a very difficult one. The owners of Swiss House are not willing to sell the freehold of the property, which makes any bigger alterations an impossibility, seeing that the House is rented on a short lease. At times there has been congestion in the classes and although the number of students at present is lower than in summer, it is expected that there will be a boom next summer. The conditions under which we are at present labouring are difficult and additional premises will have to be found. The President pointed out that through tentative enquiries from Estate Agents, a very favourable offer of a freehold had been received. It would mean pulling down and rebuilding according to our requirements. New and more suitable premises would enable the Committee to study also the social amenities of the members more closely and as the school is serving a Swiss national need, the project is well worth studying. W.B.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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

Mr. D. Hubmann, Mammern: "English Customs." Mr. W. Wirz, Berne: "Austro-German Union." Mr. O. Freitag, Davos: "Total Abstinence." Mr. F. Veragut, Basel: "Ostend." Miss M. Sattler, Zurich: "A Holiday Camp in Switzerland." Mr. A. Zihlmann, Basel: "Is Mankind better than before?" Miss M. Perrenod, Geneva: "One Evening at the Theatre." Mr. M. Tierschfeld, Davos: "The Railway Centenary." Mr. A. Egg, Altstätten: "Soviet Russia and the foreign countries." Mr. H. Bernuex, Zurich: "Should we come back to Latin?"

The debating classes dealt with the following subject:—

"Do you believe in Caneism?" Proposer: Mr. H. Paravicini. Opposer: Mr. H. Seewer.

On Saturday, September 27th, the students of the College of the S.M.S. were taken to the Science Museum, under the leadership of Mr. V. H. Burraston. The visit was thoroughly enjoyed by all the participants.

JEAN KLING

To-day (October 4th) the Promenade Concerts reach their close. The season has been longer than that of the previous year, and it is said that the attendances have been larger. There have been many notable performances, and many interesting ones, but for us of the Swiss Colony in London, the most pleasurable one should certainly have been the appearance of Monsieur Jean Kling, baritone, of Geneva. For it should have warmed the heart to see this tall young man from Switzerland stride between the violinists to take his place beside Sir Henry Wood on September 19th. He sang the well-known air of Mozart's *Figaro* with a deep, rich rollicking air, for he was an artist who understood the ageless humour of the thing. And it was good to hear his excellent phrasing, and to admire his style, especially since these two qualities do not naturally adorn the British singer, handicapped as he is in the matter of language. In the second half of the concert he sang that very lovely and dramatic song of Dupare, *La Vague et La Cloche*. And here was real French. . . .

Jean Kling comes of a musical family. His father and grandfather were musicians before him. His father, in fact, played the viola at the Queen's Hall under Sir Henry Wood many years ago. His cousin is known to us as one of the heads of the music publishing house of Chester and Co.

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