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ling of two lives that is the fascination of a Winter Sports holiday, and partly the feeling of freedom. There is no restriction of weather or convention. You enjoy yourself to the utmost, yet you do not grow tired and bored with pleasure because you are at the same time satisfying the tougher side of your nature which demands labour and adventure.

Well, the end comes in time. We're back among the rain and fog. As all good skiers say "Ski-heil!"  
Till next year. M.M.

**SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION.**

The annual meeting, at which many members were present, took place at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1. Mr. Alfred Schmid, President for 1929, read his Report and expressed a wish to retire from the Leadership, also announcing the resignation of his Committee. Messrs. Senn and Zogg presented their Report as Auditors, and complimented Mr. O. Brullhard on his work as Hon. Treasurer. Mr. De Brunner, elected President "pro tem," thanked the out-going Committee for their efforts and appealed to everyone's sense of good sportsmanship and good fellowship, wishing the newly elected Committee good luck in their enterprise. The Committee for 1930 was then duly elected as follows:—

Messrs. H. Senn, *President*; W. De Bourg, *1st Vice-President*; C. O. Brullhard, *2nd Vice-President*; A. Rhyh, *Hon. Treasurer*; G. Burger, *Hon. Secretary*; F. Conrad, *Act. Secretary*; A. Hilfiker, *Asst. Treasurer*; E. Rognon, *Asst. Treasurer*; C. O. Brullhard, P. Hilfiker, A. Fuchs, Alf. Schmid, and Chas. Strubin, *Range Officers*; F. Zogg, and H. Holliger, *Auditors*.

Various Commissions were detailed for specific duties. Mr. H. Senn showed a clear grasp of all important organising matters, and promised to bring to the S.R.A. the required "pep" to achieve the success we all wish for. The Committee set to work early last week and gave careful consideration to all matters likely to bring efficiency to our Hendon Range.

The work of repairing and altering has already been taken in hand, and understanding comradeship prevailing, goodwill and hard work will bring about the desired aim, namely, to justify the existence of the S.R.A., and make it an Association second to none in its expression of loyalty to Switzerland and a link between the various Societies of our Colony in London. A.R.

**SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.**

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

Dr. R. Reinacher, Rorschach: "Cartels and Trusts." Miss E. Schlenker, Genève: "Are we reverting to nature?" Mr. E. Moll, Solothurn: "Bordeaux." Mr. W. Kägi, Davos: "The Business Efficiency Exhibition." Mr. E. Isler, Zurich: "Why I am against the Disarmament of the Swiss Army." Mr. W. Stoll, Zurich: "Thoughts on Toleration." Mr. H. Gerber, Le Locle: "The Majestic." Mr. J. Menoud, Le Locle: "The United States of Europe." Miss Y. Gross, Tramelan: "Farewell Speech." Miss G. Kistler, Brugg: "Experiences in the North of England."

The debating classes dealt with the following subject:—

"That Doctors should end the sufferings of an Incurable Patient." Proposer: Miss. A. Braum. Opposer: Miss M. Egle.

On Friday March 28th Mr. J. Tinkler delivered an instructive and scholarly speech on Shakespeare's "Macbeth." His extremely original and dramatic interpretation of the great tragedy held his audience spellbound and his lecture was received with tumultuous applause. Mr. J. Klein, B.A., proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker.

On Saturday March 29th the Students were taken to the Zoological Gardens.

The gods favoured the Students of the Swiss Mercantile Society when they visited Cadbury's Chocolate Works on Tuesday April 1st. No one was fooled for every student expressed admiration of what was seen. After a pleasant train journey to Bourneville, the students numbering about 200 were divided into small parties, each party guided round the works by a young lady. Then the gardens were visited. Motor coaches were provided to take the party round the Garden City. On the return to the works, everyone was regaled with an excellent tea and on departure presented with a small parcel containing chocolates and cocoa.

From Bourneville the Students went to Birmingham where they had ample time to visit

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the city. The return journey to London was as agreeable as the outward journey.

Thanks are due to Messrs. Cadbury for their hospitality.

**Recent Successes in the Commerce Examinations of The London Chamber of Commerce.**

At the Winter Examinations of THE LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, held in London during February 1930, eleven students were present at the examination in COMMERCE with the following results:—All the students passed successfully, six gaining "Distinction."

This is an excellent achievement, particularly in view of the fact that the examination is a competitive one, and no concessions are granted on the ground of language, etc., to foreign students, who enter for the examination on the same terms and conditions as English students.

It is interesting to note that this is the first occasion that Day students have been present at this important examination, the Diploma of which is such a valuable asset to all those who seek a commercial career, and the results recorded above reflect the highest credit upon the School, the successful students, and the Commerce Master (Mr. V. H. Burraston, B.Com.) responsible for so notable an initial success.

**THE EDITOR'S POST-BAG.**

*The Editor is not responsible for the opinions expressed by Correspondents and cannot publish anonymous articles, unless accompanied by the writer's name and address, as evidence of good faith.*

To the Editor of *The Swiss Observer*.

Dear Sir,

The conditional offer of £1,000 towards the Georges Dimier Fund which Mr. Notari, President of the Unione Ticinese, made on behalf of the Society at the Annual Banquet at the Monico has caused a great stir in many quarters. I greatly regret to note also that while this offer is favourably considered it has met with mistrust and its genuineness is doubted. Mr. Notari is fully aware of the seriousness of this offer which is fully backed by the unanimous decision of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Society. Furthermore, a written offer has been sent to the Committee of the Fonds de Secours, who are responsible for the administration of the said Georges Dimier Fund, and should be considered as a binding contract.

This generous offer was moved, not through any idle boast that the U.T. should be first in the field, but solely with the object of giving the development of this Fund, which for some years has been dormant, and impetus. It remains now with all patriotically minded Swiss to support the two other conditions of the offer, so proving once more our motto "Uno per tutti; tutti per uno," thus endeavouring to realize the dream and hope of our great patriot the late Georges Dimier.

"Alca jacta est,"  
Yours truly,  
OSCAR GAMBRAZZI.

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ON  
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**BERTA ZIMMER**  
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Pour faciliter les arrangements, le Comité recommande aux participants de s'annoncer au plus tôt à M. P. F. Boehringer, 23, Leonard St. E.C.2 (Téléphone: Clerkenwell 9595).

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Dimanche 13 Avril: CHANGEMENT D'HEURE. Les cultes du soir auront lieu à 7 p.m. (au lieu de 6.30) à partir du 13 Avril.

**BAPTEME.**

Anthony Gilbert RIETMANN, né le 28/10/1929, fils d'Ernest et d'Evelyn Dorise née Adams, de Lustorf (Thurgovie) le 30 Mars 1930.

Pour tous renseignements concernant actes pastoraux, etc., prière de s'adresser à M. R. Hoffmann-de Visme, 102, Hornsey Lane, N.6 (Téléphone: Archway 1798).

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Sonntag, den 6 April 1930.

11 Uhr vorm.: Gottesdienst und Sonntagschule.  
7 Uhr abends: Gottesdienst und Chorprobe.

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**FORTHCOMING EVENTS.**

Tuesday, April 8th at 7 p.m.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Annual General Meeting at Pagani's (see advert).

Wednesday, April 9th, at 8.30 p.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Monthly Meeting at Swiss House.

Thursday, April 10th, at 8.30 p.m.—SWISS CHORAL SOCIETY: Concert at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, W.C.1.

Wednesday, April 16th, at 7.45 p.m.—NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE: Monthly Meeting at Swiss House, Fitzroy Square, W.1. All members very cordially invited.

Tuesday, April 29th.—UNIONE TICINESE: Festa Familiare at Pagani's, Great Portland St., W.1.

Wednesday, May 7th, at 7.30 p.m.—SOCIETE DE SECOURS MUTUELS: Monthly Meeting at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Saturday, May 24th.—SWISS SPORTS at Herne Hill Athletic Grounds.

Thursday, June 19th, at 7 p.m.—FÊTE SUISSE at Central Hall, Westminster, S.W.1.

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