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Party and its leaders, just as I have not always agreed with what the others have done.

As to the justification for this election and the attempt to present the result as an overwhelming proof of the citizens' common sense, I will not enter into details. A few remarks will be sufficient.

The parole given out before the election was: As long as the Socialists maintain their present attitude there can be no possibility of allowing them a say in the Federal Government. Question: Do you seriously believe, that their defeat will "tame" them into a different attitude? Do you believe you can correct someone's erroneous impression by boxing his ears? Second Question: Is it not reasonable to believe that Labour's representative will honour his oath of allegiance in spite of political radicalism and not necessarily aim at political upheaval? And finally: Can you improve feelings and achieve good fellowship without showing your opponents some consideration, without making them forget by justice previous injustice and harshness?

It is said, that History is a great teacher. When, oh Sons of Helvetia, will you begin to learn the lessons History teaches you?

JOHANNES LUTZ,

in the "Kirchenbote für den Kanton Zürich."

The above translation has been sent to us by an old collaborator. We gladly give it publicity as the view expressed therein on the election of two new Federal Councillors by Parliament last December has not previously been presented to our readers, many of whom may feel the same way about the matter.—THE ED.

NEUE ZUERCHER ZEITUNG.

150th ANNIVERSARY.

With justified pride the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* has just celebrated its 150th anniversary with a special 100 page issue, a formal ceremony at the University and a banquet at the Zunfthaus zur Meise. On the 12th January 1780 the first number of the *Zürcher Zeitung* was published. At that time the Federal Diet and the Cantonal Governments would not suffer any political criticism, so that most of the news which could be published emanated from abroad. Only in the second decade of the last century the political editor of the paper dared to put forward views of his own and his friends on the political affairs of the home country. The *N.Z.Z.* has thenceforward steadily pursued a liberal and national policy, thus contributing very materially to the victory that Liberalism has won in most parts of our country during the second half of the last century. Remaining faithful to the early ideals of national liberalism the *N.Z.Z.* has in the course of time found itself ranged more on the right side of the liberal movement while a considerable number of radical-liberal contemporaries sprang into existence. That the *N.Z.Z.* on the whole still represents the large majority of the liberal movement was last December strikingly proved by the results of the election of two new Federal Councillors, one of whom, Dr. Albert Meyer, has for the last 15 years been the editor-in-chief of the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*. The radical wing of Swiss Liberalism had strongly supported the election of a Socialist candidate, the first one officially put up by the Swiss Social-Democratic Party, which had up to the present consistently refused participation in a bourgeois government. The opportunity of engaging the socialists to share in the responsibilities of the country's Administration and thus to learn the necessity of moderation—even as the Labour Party has done in this country—was missed by our Parliamentarians. The ostensible reason was that the Socialist Party refused to free its candidate from his allegiance to the party programme in deference to the demands of loyalty to the Constitution imposed on the members of the Government. Many people think that this formal difficulty might justifiably have been disregarded for the sake of having all the parties represented in the government, which might have helped considerably to bridge the gulf of class antagonism. In a risky choice Parliament preferred to be on the safe side and elected a moderate liberal and a conservative representative of agriculture.

The place of Dr. Meyer at the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* is filled by Dr. Klötzli, formerly a foreign editor of the paper. From an edition of barely 5,000 in 1880 the *N.Z.Z.* has, especially in the last 30 years grown in size and circulation by leaps and bounds up to over 50,000. How, with such a small circulation compared with English newspapers, the *N.Z.Z.* manages to maintain a standard in contents and make-up unsurpassed by any contemporary is a fact of which the paper can justly feel proud.

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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:—

Mr. A. Schmied, Zurich: "Dr. Barnardo's Home." Miss C. Schaerer, Wildegg: "Sugar." Mr. A. Hodel, Lucerne: "The town of the Future." Miss H. Mauge, Genève: "A walk through Geneva." Mr. E. Gruber, Liestal: "Rhine Navigation." Mr. S. Deutsch, Romanshorn: "Houses of Parliament." Mr. A. Fattori, Bienne: "A Bicycle Excursion." Mr. E. Weber, Beinwil: "Tobacco Industry." Mr. H. Buser, Laufenburg: "Boulogne to South America."

"Should Switzerland attempt to get a Sea-Harbour." Proposer: Mr. J. Zeller. Opposer: Miss R. Trechsel.

On Friday January 17th an interesting lecture was given by Wm. Maxwell Batten, Esq., on "Indian History, Ancient and Modern."

On Saturday January 18th the students visited Madame Tussaud's Wax-Works Exhibition.

On Tuesday January 21st.

Thanks to the kindness of Messrs. Mullard Valve Co., the students attending the Swiss Mercantile Society's School were enabled to listen in on Tuesday morning to H.M. the King's address to the delegates attending the London Naval Conference. The students greatly appreciated being able to take part in this event.

PERSONAL.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Peter Stoeri, who passed away on Tuesday 21st inst., at the age of 67, at 38, Ferme Park Road, N.8, after a long and painful illness.

Mr. Stoeri was born at Hätzingen (Glarus) and has been living in England for nearly 45 years. For many years he was established in the City as a Foreign Produce Merchant and had only recently taken over a catering establishment at 32, Tottenham Court Road, W.1. He took a keen interest in the activities of our Colony and was a member of several societies.

The funeral took place yesterday (Friday) at the Finchley Cemetery, the Rev. C. Th. Hahn officiating.

Mr. Stoeri, who was a well-known figure in the Swiss Colony, will be mourned by a large number of friends and we wish to express our sincere condolences to the bereaved family.

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CITY SWISS CLUB.

Dinner and Dance

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Saturday, January 25th, at 7 p.m.

Tickets at 12/6 (incl. Supper), may be obtained from Members of the Committee.

SWISS INSTITUTE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

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The members and friends of the Society are reminded that our

Annual Banquet & Ball

will take place on

Saturday, February 1st, 1930

Reception 7 p.m. Dinner 7.15
Dancing from 9.30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

at the

Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Str., N.W.

TICKETS at 12/6 can be obtained from any Member of the Committee and at the following addresses: 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1 (Telephone: Museum 6893) and 24, Queen Victoria Street, E.C.4 (Tel.: City 7178)

CITY SWISS CLUB.

Messieurs les membres sont avisés que la prochaine

ASSEMBLEE MENSUELLE

aura lieu le MARDI 4 FEVRIER au Restaurant PAGANI, 42, Gt. Portland Street, W.1 et sera précédée d'un souper à 7 h. (prix 6/6).

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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3 à 6h—Club Missionnaire des Enfants, au Foyer.
6h30—Culte.—M. R. Hoffmann-de Visme.

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(Deutschschweizerische Gemeinde)

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(near General Post Office.)

Sonntag, den 26. Januar 1930.

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

BEGRAEBNIS.

Am 16. Januar der am 12. des Monats verst. Otto Robert BERENGER von Riesbach, Zürich, geb. am 30.10.1870.

TAUFE.

Am 19. Januar wurde getauft: Regina Margareth Elisabeth HOFSTETTER geb. 25. Oktober 1929, Tochter des Guido Louis von Dübendorf-Zch. und der Ivy Constance geb. Taylor von Burton-on-Trent (Staffs.).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Saturday, January 25th at 7 p.m.—CITY SWISS CLUB: Dinner and Dance at the Hotel Metropole, Northumberland Avenue.

Saturday, February 1st at 7 p.m.—SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY: Annual Banquet and Ball at the Midland Grand Hotel.

Tuesday, 4th February—CITY SWISS CLUB: Monthly Meeting, at Pagani's.

Wednesday, February 5th at 7.30 p.m.—SOCIETE DE SECOURS MUTUELS: Monthly Meeting at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Friday, 7th February—SWISS GYMNASIUM SOCIETY: General Meeting at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1.

Wednesday, February 12th.—SWISS INSTITUTE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY: Concert at Conway Hall, W.C. (see advert.)

Tuesday, March 11th—UNIONE TICINESE: Annual Banquet, Ball and Cabaret at The Monaco Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus, W.1.

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