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

Mr. A. Aeberhard, Weinfelden: "Air Traffic."

Mr. H. Hess, Waldenburg: "Our Friday Evenings."

Mr. J. Duvoisin, Yverdon: "Armistice Day."  
Miss E. Schweizer, Arbon: "Impressions of a play."

Mr. C. Kneschaurek, Lugano: "The Caravan Crossing the Desert."

Mr. J. Bruegger, Zurich: "The Present Crisis."

Miss L. Seeger, Merligen: "Russian Emigrants in 1920."

The debating classes dealt with the following subjects:—

"That too much value is placed upon Sport to-day."

Proposer: Mr. Kernen.

Opposer: Mr. Meier.

A considerable number of students gathered at Swiss House on Saturday, November 28th for the usual excursion. After seeing the Changing of the Guards at Buckingham Palace we repaired to the London Museum which is so rich in London antiquities. The basement with its scale models of London before the Great Fire (1666), was a great attraction, but considerable interest was evinced in the old-fashioned methods of transport, 17th and 18th century dresses and the various gifts of the Royal Family to the Museum. Old Newgate Prison with its grim relics, including the actual prison cell were thoroughly described by one of the attendants and a very instructive morning's excursion was satisfactorily concluded.

### PERSONAL.

We are pleased to inform our readers that M. Maurice Golay, hitherto Manager of the Lofdon office of the Swiss Bank Corporation, has been appointed General Manager of the Corporation, unfortunately this means that M. Golay has to leave London and his departure will mean a great loss to the Colony. We take this opportunity of tendering Mr. Golay our heartiest congratulations on his appointment.

The numerous friends of M. Louis Chapuis will be glad to hear that he is making good progress, he is at present in a nursing home above Montreux (Switzerland). We are sending him our best wishes for an early recovery.

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