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THE EDITOR'S POST-BAG.

To the Editor of the Swiss Observer.

Dear Sir,

The difficult times through which we are passing undoubtedly were the cause of the rather meagre attendance at the Literary and Musical evening at Conway Hall. Small as the audience was, they gave ample testimony of the high appreciation in which they held the efforts of all the artists. It was a revelation to listen to our Compatriot Mr. Jean Bard, who honoured us with his presence, and we now can fully realise the high esteem and respect he commands on the Continent. Had he, perhaps, proposed to the Swiss Colony to talk of them on "verser," instead of verse, and "Prost" in place of "Prose," Conway Hall would have been too small. To encourage Swiss talent, of which there are vast hidden sources, I should like to call for closer co-operation between the numerous societies in our Colony, thus bringing together the largest possible number of listeners which, after all, are the finest stimulus for any artist. The musicians, without exception and above all their untiring Conductor deserve all our praise and thanks.

Excuse me, dear Editor, for having taken up so much of your time which is so valuable to the Colony. Should you care to make an extract of this in our "Swiss Observer," I feel sure I shall hear of some opponent who will either smile or grunt at my journalistic effort.

Yours faithfully,

J.B.

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To the Editor of The Swiss Observer.

Dear Sir,

As a visitor to the various films presented to the Swiss Colony at the Central Y.M.C.A., I wish to thank the N.S.H. for all their efforts.

The presentation of the last film, however, led me to enquire as to the motive lying behind the whole thing, and the self-evident answer was, that these films were presented to instigate patriotism among the Swiss Colony in London and elsewhere, which again, in itself, is a worthy endeavour, so long as it is subject to the still more important power of Love, which unites all men as Brethren. Upon analysis of the history of any country, a thinker must come to the conclusion, that force begets force, which entails that any so-called achievement through force sooner or later rectifies itself, by either adjustment to the law of Love or else by undoing itself through a reaction, etc.

Judging from the foregoing reasoning, one comes to the conclusion that Military action under the best of conditions is but a necessary evil which in the long run is bound to fail.

I view of the terrible struggle of humanity, to come even to a partial disarmament agreement at Geneva, I thought the time for showing army-films very inappropriate, and while I perfectly agree to bind and unite all Swiss Citizens, whether at home or abroad with the bond of love into a God — and country loving people, — I cannot see, that this class of film will add anything to the thought of unity and Brotherhood.

We are very apt to forget that material disarmament will make slow progress, while we still forget to disarm mentally as this would be much like to putting the cart before the horse. It is rather sad to contemplate how backward humanity is in the research of the mental realm, and its possibilities toward the bettering of conditions which to-day have taken rather an international, than a national aspect, and therefore need to be looked upon from the former point of view. To better the conditions of Switzerland, and to render our Country real patriotic service can therefore best be accomplished by taking as broad a view as possible. There is no doubt, that the N.S.H. is doing this in its discussions on ethical subjects.

Yours sincerely,

Walter Roos.

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FOOTBALL (Continued).

In Groupe 1, Lausanne-Sports continues to "eat them all" not having lost a single point in 11 games, goals 51—12. Grenchen have taken a big step towards safety. Do not forget, out of 9 clubs in each groupe, one will gain promotion, but three will be relegated. At the moment, Solothurn, Stade Lausanne and Monthey are making up the tail.

In Groupe 2, Locarno's smashing defeat of Oerlikon places them within one point of the leaders, Concordia, with one game in hand. Brühl, third, will have to fight hard to keep in the swim. Why they have not had a single League game since they drew with Concordia in Basel 2—2 on 6th December is quite beyond me! Such long intervals (hardly due to ground conditions this year) are not conducive to keep a team in form. At the other end of the table, Chiasso has got away from the last three places, now filled by Luzern, Winterthur and Wohlen, all with 6 points each from 9 games. It must be a very hard life in that First League!

M.G.

ICE HOCKEY.

Four ice hockey matches between England and Switzerland have been arranged at Birmingham, on February 27; at Queen's Road, Bayswater, on March 1; and at Golders Green, on March 2.

The Swiss team will be drawn from the Zurich Skating Club, one of the best teams on the Continent, and who recently won the coveted Arosa Cup, in which they beat Oxford University in the final tie.

Their centre forward is Torriani, the fastest man in the team, while Morriss played for the Canadian team last year.

INTERNATIONAL CURLING.

The international curling competition, which had been decided annually in Switzerland for 22 years, will be held in England this year for the first time, at Richmond, Surrey, on Saturday.

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Saturday, February 27th, at 3 p.m. — Corinthians v Grasshoppers (Zurich) Football Match at Crystal Palace.

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