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THE EDITOR'S POST-BAG.

To the Editor of *The Swiss Observer*.
Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of referring to the letter of your correspondent J.B. in your last issue, concerning the Literary and Musical evening at the Conway Hall. I entirely agree with the writer, that the splendid performance of M. Jean Bard and the Swiss Institute Orchestral Society deserved a better audience.

Your correspondent unfortunately spoils his journalistic effort (as he terms it) by trying to be humorous. He writes:

... "Had he, perhaps, proposed to the Swiss Colony to talk to them on "verser," instead of verse and "Prost" in place of Prose, Conway Hall would have been too small."

As a *jeu de mots*, one may let it pass, but as wit it misses the mark. Perhaps I may be allowed to point out to your correspondent, that the Swiss in London are indeed experts in "verser;" they have *verser* in one year over £3,000 for Swiss charitable purposes. They may occasionally greet each other with a hearty "Prost," surely a most appropriate greeting, considering that the equivalent in English is, "Good Health," we can all do with it.

To brand the whole Colony as a band of inebriates, is, the least said, overstepping the limit of good taste. — The smallness of the audience was no doubt due to the fact, that at least four functions were arranged to take place in the same week, and it is to be regretted that the various Societies can not come to an understanding amongst each other, so as to avoid clashing.

I am ignorant whether J.B. is a beginner in the realm of Journalism, if so I should encourage him to write to your paper, as this makes your venture interesting, but I would give him a gentle hint not to let his humorous vein run riot with him. Humour is a dangerous weapon. If he should be an old hand at writing, — all I can say is:

It is never too late to mend.

I am, dear Sir

yours

Putney. A. St.

A SWISS INTERNATIONAL AIR MEETING.

Between July 22 and July 31, 1932, the Aéro-Club de Suisse will hold its Third International Air Meeting, at the Dubendorf Aerodrome, Zurich. The three sections of the Aéro-Club, the O.V.L. (Société d'Aviation de la Suisse Orientale), Avia (Association des Officiers de la Troupe d'Aviation) and the Z.F.C. (Club Zurichois d'Aviation) will be responsible for the organisation.

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- March 8th, 1880. — Promulgation of law regulating banking in Switzerland.
- March 9th, 1823. — Death of Colonel Escher von der Lindt. Escher sided with those who welcomed the new ideas broadcast as a result of the French Revolution. In August, 1798, the new oath to the Helvetic Republic was taken throughout the country and an alliance formed with France. Escher, however, protested vigorously against sacrificing Switzerland's neutrality. He is also renowned as the originator of the "Lindt Canal" (1804-1822) and was a great friend and brother-in-arms of the noble minded Paul Usteri.
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- Wednesday, March 9th, at 8 o'clock — Swiss Mercantile Society — Extraordinary General Meeting — at 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W. Full attendance is required.
- Friday, March 11th, at 8.15. Lecture given by Mr. F. G. Sommer on: *Die Ethik des Kaufmanns* at the Foyer Suisse, 15, Upper Bedford Place, W.
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Am Freitag den 11. März Abend's 8.15 im Foyer Suisse, 15, Upper Bedford Place, W.C. Vortrag von Herrn F. G. Sommer, über:
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