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Railways in the Glarnerland are now all run by electricity, and the trip along the river Linth, whose banks are dotted with so many attractive hamlets and villages, seems all too short. At journey's end beckons Linthal, a resort which is as much of a climber's paradise as it is a happy hunting-ground of nature-loving pedestrians. There is a veritable galaxy of thrilling ascents for the former to choose from, and the latter will rejoice over the scenic grandeur and charm of the Tierfeld, the Ueli Alp, the Fätschbach Falls and the Klausen road which forms a link with Altdorf in the canton of Uri.

Then there is the resort of Braunwald, to whose sun-bathed heights, 4,115 feet above sea level, a cable railway climbs at frequent intervals. This village, whose very name sounds intriguing, is scattered over a long, sloping terrace. Maples and firs grow in profusion, and wherever one may choose to sit down, there is a panorama to admire for whose magnificence mere words are entirely inadequate. Braunwald rests indeed right next to Nature's heart.

S. F. R.

### THE GOETHEANUM, A GREAT CULTURAL CENTRE.

The Goetheanum is a "School for Spiritual Activity in Science and Art," near Basle. It was founded by the late Dr. Rudolf Steiner, the father of Anthroposophy. After Dr. Steiner had succeeded in interesting a constantly increasing public by means of his inspiring lectures throughout Europe, it became possible to have dramatic festivals at the yearly assembly of the Anthroposophical Society. He wrote four Mystery Dramas which were first performed in Munich and later in the specially constructed Goetheanum at Dornach. This building was started in 1913, and his creative genius was apparent in every detail. An organic principle ran throughout the remarkable structure, two domes intersecting one another and resting on an under-structure of concrete.

The first Goetheanum burned to the ground ten years later, but the new edifice, occupying the same spot, is animated by the same principle of metamorphosis as its predecessor. Rudolf Steiner gave a new form to the Anthroposophical Society at Christmas in 1923. He himself became the president and divided the school at the Goetheanum into different sections. A general Anthroposophical and a Pedagogical Section, one for speech and musical art (Eurythmy and speech formation being in particular to this section), one for fine arts and literature, one for medicine (which includes a clinic of its own), one for the natural sciences (including a laboratory for biology and physics and an experimental board for agriculture), and a mathematical-Astronomical section.

The Dornach settlement, as the centre of the movement, owns a publishing house and issues a weekly periodical called "The Goetheanum." Grouped around the Goetheanum are several other buildings of striking design belonging to this cultural centre. There are schools for painting, modelling and art work in gems and jewelry, as well as a boarding school for boys and girls from 14 years of age upwards.

Rudolf Steiner passed away on March 30, 1925. He described Anthroposophy as "a path of knowledge that would fain lead the spiritual in Man to the spiritual in the Universal All."

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