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tun sollte dass die Auslandschweizer auch in der zweiten Generation noch dem Vaterlande erhalten bleiben, wäre da nicht gerade eine erste August Feier die beste Gelegenheit dafür, den Vaterländischen Geist auch bei der Jugend zu erziehen? Durch ein Zusammenarbeiten der verschiedenen Schweizer Vereine und unserer Legation könnte da sicherlich viel erreicht werden.

Mit vorzüglicher Hochachtung zeichnet:
S. M. BRUGGISSER.

Interlaken, Aug. 1937.

The Editor,
Swiss Observer.

Swiss Hotel Plan Holiday.

Dear Sir,

The outstanding feature of our holiday was beauty of country and wonderful weather. We were told by a local rustic that it was the best season for six years from middle of June onwards. Our hotel was most comfortable which catered for the middle class tourist who goes to see Switzerland by foot and by rail, and does not bother with formalities such as evening dress, etc. We found any extras expensive.* Coffee, afternoon ices, cinemas the recently built Strand Bad and so on. In villages at small inns we paid far less and were served delicious coffee and rolls or fruit cakes.

Our only complaint was the mountain railways which at this time of year, end of July and August, were always overcrowded and extremely badly managed. One yearned for the sense of order of a London policeman, who would at least have made tourists queue up in line and await their turn in order of arrival from boat to train. As it was, everyone rushed in trampling others underfoot, various nationalities seeming to lose all sense of decency and order. Those who did not push had to wait behind and take the next train an hour later. Surely something could be done about this. It prevented three of us from doing more than one excursion by rail, and we were glad we had not bought an "all in" ticket. Going from Ostend on we were one coach short. This is short sighted policy on the part of the Swiss railway. The traveller appreciates deduction in cost of fare, but not at the expense of losing his or her seat in a train for an 18 hour journey. This and a better water supply would greatly ease matters. For quick travelling give me the electrified railway from Basle onwards.

We have every intention of visiting Switzerland again, but — by car.

Yours faithfully,

D.T.B.

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The overcrowding on the mountain railways is undoubtedly due to the great number of tourists, for whom some of the companies were not prepared, having, during the last few years reduced their staff considerably owing to the crisis.

The Swiss Federal Railways can hardly be blamed for the insufficient train accommodation from Ostend to Basle, the Belgian State Railways are responsible for this part of the journey. The postage on post-cards and letters can neither be blamed on to the Swiss, complaints should be made to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, it is not Switzerland's fault that the English currency has been devalued.

As to the making a further visit to Switzerland, but "this time by car," we can from experience say, that this could not be done on Swiss Hotel Plan prices. Ed.—)

PERSONAL

Mr. J. Paravicini, J.P., of Liverpool who has recently been appointed a Lancashire County Magistrate was educated in Switzerland and England and received his first industrial training at the Schweiz. Eternit-Werke A.G., Niederrurnen (Glarus). In 1916 the well-known Manchester Firm, Messrs. Felber, Jucker & Co. Ltd. together with the above-mentioned Company decided to start manufacturing Asbestos-Cement in this country and Mr. Paravicini was given the task of erecting, starting and managing the small Asbestos-Cement Works at Widnes. This Factory, known locally as the "Everite Works," expanded rapidly and in 1929 was absorbed by Messrs. Turner & Newall Limited, the famous Asbestos Combine. To-day the Factory is the biggest individual works in the Turner & Newall Group and the largest Asbestos-Cement Factory in the world employing 2,500 operatives and covering 45 acres of ground. Mr. Paravicini has been the Director in charge since its inception and is also responsible for the Company's Works in South Wales.

Incidentally, Mr. Paravicini is a contemporary of Mittelholzer passing through the Kantonsschule St. Gallen in the same class. He used to be an enthusiastic mountaineer and will shortly qualify for the Veterans Badge of the S.A.C.

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Wednesday, September 8th at 8 p.m. — Monthly Meeting — Swiss Mercantile Society — at Swiss House, 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.

Wednesday, October 6th at 8 p.m. — Swiss Mercantile Society — First meeting of the Philatelic section, at Swiss House, 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.

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Sonntag, den 29. August 1937

11 Uhr morgens, Gottesdienst.

Kein Abendgottesdienst.

Die Abendgottesdienste beginnen wieder Sonntag, den 5. September um 7 Uhr.

Anfragen wegen Religions-bezw. Confirmandenstunden und Amtshandlungen sind erbeten an den Pfarrer der Gemeinde: C. Th. Hahn, 43, Priory Road, Bedford Park, W.4 (Telephone: Chiswick 4156). Sprechstunden: Dienstag 12-2 Uhr in der Kirche.

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