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SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

After a somewhat longer recess than in recent years, the Society resumed its regular activities on Wednesday, September 10th, when the Monthly Meeting was held at Swiss House. The President, Mr. W. Meier, welcomed the members present. Although many were still on holiday, there was a good attendance.

Four new members, Messrs. G. L. W. Brandt, H. Müller, H. F. Nussbaum and H. Thuli, were duly elected and as there were no resignations, this was a satisfactory start for the winter session.

Reporting on the activities of the College, the Chairman stated that a new term, attended by about 100 students, had started recently. These were allocated to five classes and with repairs at Swiss House nearing completion, it would soon be possible to accommodate a larger number of students, thereby reducing the somewhat lengthy waiting list.

After discussing the programme of future activities, members related their experiences during their summer holidays in Switzerland, reminiscences of happy days spent in our homeland. Whilst those who had not been fortunate enough to make the journey this year were filled with a certain amount of envy, they nevertheless eagerly followed the talks of those who had visited places and followed routes familiar to them, thus evoking happy memories of bygone days.

The next Monthly Meeting will be held at Swiss House on Wednesday, October 8th. As the programme is not yet definitely fixed, members will be advised by circular in due course.

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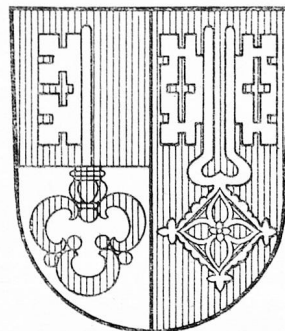
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ARMS OF UNTERWALDEN.



Parted per pale; first, per fess gules and argent a key in pale wards upwards and to the dexter counterchanged, for Obwalden; second, gules, a double warded key in pale wards in chief argent, for Nidwalden.

The arms of Unterwalden, a combination of both the arms of Obwalden and Nidwalden, a white key in pale on a red field.

The key, emblem of St. Peter, is related to the Church of Stans which is consecrated to this apostle, the patron saint of Unterwalden.

In 1150, Unterwalden was divided into the half cantons of Obwalden and Nidwalden, each state bearing its particular arms. Obwalden having precedence kept the single key on a red and white field, the cantonal colours. Nidwalden introduced as brisure (a variation of the original arms) a double key on a red field. To represent Unterwalden as a whole, the double-key of Nidwalden was placed on the red and white field of Obwalden, and there has also been instances of two keys in saltire being used.

The actual arms of Unterwalden, with the coats of both half-cantons impaled on one shield, are perfect in the heraldic sense. They date from 1816.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

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(To be continued.)