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others. The world has changed beyond all recognition since either the name of Birmingham was first entered in the doomsday book or since Switzerland came into being. This world, this human society, as we know it to-day, will change again and again. But I cannot believe that either creative effort or craftsmanship will ever be "derated" from their high places in the scale of human values.

As long as they are linked to moral values, they will open ever wider fields of new adventures for our youths. As long as they do so exist, we have no right to talk — or even think — about the end of our civilization."

#### SWISS CLUB, BIRMINGHAM.

A full report of the Annual Banquet and Ball of the Swiss Club, Birmingham, which took place at the Midland Hotel in Birmingham, on Saturday, November 20th, 1948, will appear in our next issue.

#### OUR NEXT ISSUE.

Our next issue will be published on Friday, December 17th, 1948, (one issue only, owing to Xmas holidays).

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#### SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

The Society held its Monthly Meeting on Monday, November 8th, at Swiss House. It is a long established custom in the S.M.S. to meet on the second Wednesday of the month and the change of date was made to enable the delegates from Switzerland, who attended the 60th anniversary celebration to be present. This unfortunately prevented some members from being able to attend but it was, nevertheless, a fairly numerous gathering, including a sprinkling of the fair sex.

Apart from the distinguished visitors from Switzerland, the meeting was attended by Monsieur P. Clottu, Labour Counsellor at the Swiss Legation, and Dr. H. W. Egli, President of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique. They were all extended a cordial welcome by the Chairman, Mr. W. Meier, who announced that in view of the special nature of the meeting, the usual business agenda would be dispensed with.

A message of greetings and best wishes from the parent association was conveyed to the assembly by the Central President, Mr. K. Strickler. He expressed thanks for the reception accorded to the delegates and underlined the friendly relations between the Central Authorities and the London Section. He said that the activities here were necessarily confined to education, employment service and the social side. This, however, in no way diminished the importance of the S.M.S. as an outpost of Swiss commerce and industry. He reiterated that the association were proud of the Section in London, the largest abroad, and particularly



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