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THE YOUNG TRAVELLER IN SWITZERLAND.

By MARIANN MEIER.

Published by Phoenix House, Ltd., 38, William IV Street, Charing Cross, London, 7/6.

The Author, with her intimate knowledge of Swiss life, has presented us, in this latest addition to the "Young Traveller Series", with a comprehensive and eminently readable study of Switzerland in all her moods. Through the eyes of John Parker, an English schoolboy travelling at leisure throughout the length and breadth of the country, and in the form of a story,



The Author with Son.

we are introduced to the people and places of Switzerland. Every aspect of Swiss life is briefly touched upon, and many interesting facts and figures are given which serve to illustrate the great diversity of life and customs to be found among the people living in the mountains, valleys, and plains from Basle to the Ticino, and from Geneva to the Engadine.

From the moment of his arrival in Basle John is introduced to the Swiss people, and through living with them in their homes he learns something of their history, their work, and their pastimes, he has an opportunity to admire their fine cities and countryside, to taste their culinary specialities, and during the year's visit to acquire the "feel" of the country as a whole, which no short stay could have given him.

The point that strikes one most forcibly about "The Young Traveller in Switzerland" is the wealth of information that it contains, and for this reason, although written primarily for children, for whom, perhaps, these are rather too many facts to be absorbed easily, it should also provide interesting reading for the adult who, maybe acquainted with some parts of Switzerland, will almost inevitably learn many things about the country which are new to him.

The book is well illustrated with attractive photographs, there is a guide to the pronunciation of Swiss words, and a map shows clearly the course of John's travels. It should appeal to every child who desires to learn more of his neighbours, and not only will it provide a background for his general knowledge, which consists of more than mere facts and figures, but should serve to fire his imagination, and arouse in him the desire to see Switzerland for himself.

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SWISS MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE SWISS MERCANTILE COLLEGE.

The Swiss Minister, Monsieur Henry de Torrenté, paid on Friday, June 16th, a visit to the College of the Swiss Mercantile Society at "Swiss House, 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

A report will appear in our next issue.

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