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"Life at its best", has been the aim of our Society during the past year, and we have endeavoured to achieve it in complete trust on an all powerful God, who has revealed Himself in the person of Jesus Christ.

When reading this report you may ask yourself: "What does the Swiss Y.M.C.A. offer?" The answer might be given in a way which has been summed up as follows by one of our brother Associations:—

- An alert and appreciative MIND
- A fit and healthy BODY
- A keen and dedicated SPIRIT
- A way of life that leads to HAPPINESS here and hereafter.

Here is a great aim, and a difficult one to achieve, because it requires the willing and enthusiastic support of the young men themselves. We are glad to say that there was no lack of interest on their part, as was shown by a better and regular attendance at our Thursday evening meetings. This is the more encouraging as half of our members are students who can stay here only for a period of 3 to 4 months. Here therefore is a short review of our activities:—

Thursday evening lectures:— These comprised, apart from introductions to the study of the Bible, talks on such subjects as Charles Dickens, Travels in Russia before the war, Ireland and its people, the Gold Standard, the Standard of Faith, etc., etc. At these meetings the students have an opportunity to express themselves freely, and to discuss the subjects of the lectures. This enables them to develop their powers of expression on matters not usually dealt with at the language schools.

Physical activity:— A young man from Switzerland who is accustomed to outdoor exercise soon finds that in this metropolis he also requires physical activity to keep him alert and well. The Central Y.M.C.A., which is only 5 minutes from our clubroom,

has offered us the use of their swimming bath and the gymnasium.

Billy Graham and the Greater London Crusade:— Owing to the great impact which these meetings had on the spiritual life of this country, a few words should be mentioned here. Teams from the Y.M.C.A. attended the Crusade meetings at Haringgay (London, N.) where Dr. Graham spoke night after night for three months to an audience of 12,000 people. What was the secret of his success? Having travelled through many countries, he found that the spiritual hunger among the people of the world could not be satisfied otherwise than by a real faith in Jesus Christ, and that faith in Him will take away even the fear of death. Dr. Graham himself is a striking example of a man who has experienced the transforming power of the Spirit of God, which is given to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Annual Conference:— Members from the Y.M.C.A.'s of Paris and London who return to Switzerland join the group which meets once a year on the last Sunday in August, in Zurich. The last meeting was attended by about 60 friends.

We deplore the loss of our Vice President, Mr. B. Segall, who faithfully served our Association during a period of over 30 years, and who passed away in November at the age of 84.

In a final word to our readers, we would say that your commitment towards us lies in an active and enthusiastic participation in making our work known.

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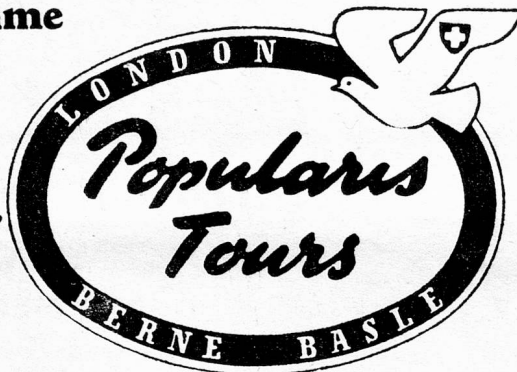
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