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is precarious) and other institutions. They also dealt with applications for citizenship and increased allowances to M.P.s.

There is now an evening technical college in Chur. It was opened on 23rd April. The need for such an institution had been felt for some time, and the "Vereinigung für ein Abendtechnikum Chur" was founded some ten months ago. Well over a hundred individual and collective members, together with interested organisations and communes, put up the necessary capital. One of the aims of the founders has already been reached — twenty young men decided not to emigrate, but to remain in the Grisons and to study at the college in the evenings while working in day time. The municipal Parliament of Chur decided to employ five more teachers in the primary school; they had become necessary on account of the increased number of school children. The Evangelical school of Schiers/Samedan is to be further enlarged. In April, the first training hotel of the Swiss association of hotel keepers was opened at the Hôtel du Midi at Davos. Over a hundred apprentices have six weeks' theoretical training before being assigned to various hotels. In the autumn they return for further theoretical training.

After the International Working Congress of Practical Medicine, organised by the German Chamber of Doctors, had held its meetings at Davos early in March, the same venue was used for a symposium on medicine a week later. Over a hundred doctors and scientists took part. The subject was "Spättypusüberempfindlichkeit" (The Editor hopes readers will forgive her for not attempting to translate!) Davos was also the place chosen for a meeting of international experts on agrarian meteorology. Of a less scientific and more every-day aspect was the eighth HIGA, the exhibition on commerce, industry and trade, which was held in Chur early in May. Chur, incidentally, showed a population of 26,743 inhabitants on 31st December last, 942 more than the previous year.

Two avalanches caused the loss of human lives, one in the Val Saluver where a film was being made, the other ten days later on the Lukmanier Pass. The avalanche experts of the International Commission for Alpine Rescue met at Scuol last September and decided to launch a campaign "Check to Avalanche Deaths" in all alpine countries (Germany, France, Italy, Austria, Yugoslavia and Switzerland). The Federal Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research made an appeal to people living in districts prone to hailstorms to collect large hailstones. These should be packed in plastic bags and kept in a refrigerator until the institute on the Weissfluhjoch above Davos could collect them, all expenses refunded.

On the Piz Corvatsch there is now a new TV relay transmitter. This made it possible for the first time in March to transmit a live show "Heute Abend in Celerina" to the North of the Alps.

News has just come of the film based on the well-known children's book "Schellen Urseli" by Selina Choenz. This is being made in the most beautiful parts of the Grisons by Swiss artists.

Finally some Church news: The Evangelical Grand Council of the Grisons has voted cost-of-living grants to clergy. The Protestant parish assembly of Schiers granted a contribution towards the building of a new Catholic church. The old school building of Praez (Thusis), which houses the vicarage, the kindergarten and the mill, was

gutted by fire at the end of April. The Anglican Church at Davos, founded in 1882, now has its own vicarage. This was inaugurated by the Lord Bishop of Fulham on 13th June.

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### RECENT DEATHS IN SWITZERLAND

The following deaths have been reported from Switzerland recently:

Max Lienert (61), director of music, Lucerne.

Madame Adeline Bonvin (83), Crans, mother of Federal Councillor Bonvin.

Marcel-Georges Pasche (68), Lausanne, one of the pioneers of aviation in the Canton of Vaud.

Marcel Berberat (42), La Chaux-de-Fonds, teacher, president of the Socialist Party of the Canton of Neuchâtel.

A. Keuerleber (84), Basle, journalist and publisher of the "Basler Anzeiger", "Basler Zeitung", "Basler Woche", and director of the printing works "Zum Hirzen".

Arthur Laubscher (85), Taeuffelen (Berne), politician.

Albert Marfurt (68), Lucerne, well-known magician known as Marfini.

Dr. Ernest Gloor (71), Renens, former President of the Commune of Renens, National Councillor; for several years Vice-President of the International Red Cross Committee.

Prof. Ernst Laur (93), Effingen (Aargau), often called the "Farmers' King"; he studied agronomy at the ETH in Zurich and in Leipzig and later developed the Swiss Farmers' Secretariat at Brugg, whose director he was from 1898 to 1939. He wrote many books on farming, a number of which have been translated into foreign languages. From 1903 to 1937 he was lecturer at the ETH in Zurich. He received seven honorary doctorates and was made an honorary member of forty-six scientific and economic institutions in Switzerland and abroad. A memorial service was held at Brugg (Stadtkirche). Apart from many personalities, Federal Councillor Wahlen spoke as former student, as friend and as representative of the government.

Eugen Meyer (70), Zurich, chairman of the board of the "Genossenschaftsdruckerei Zurich", publisher of the daily paper "Volksrecht".

Otto Bartel-Hefti (88), Glarus, historian, owner of the printing firm of the same name and publisher of the Liberal "Neuer Glarner Zeitung".

Dr. iur. Alphons Iten (66), Zug, trade union leader and politician; Councillor of States from 1935 to 1950.

Dr. Willy Tuerler (70), Basle, former teacher and co-headmaster of the "Mädchengymnasium"; colonel in the Swiss Army, commanding the Basle Territorial Regiment 73 during the second world war.

André Renaud (60), Lausanne, explorer, well-known glacier expert, teacher of physics and chemistry at the "Collège de la Mercerie".

Emil Bodenmann (46), Herisau; editor of the "Appenzeller Zeitung" and correspondent for many years of the Agence Télégraphique Suisse.

Othmar Fretz (63), Geneva, director of an important transport firm; in charge of imports through Spain and France during the war.

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