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MORE NOSTALGIA!

Our recent article "Thoughts on Switzerland Revised" has caused some more nostalgia — this time from Mrs. H. Blessley of Exmouth. She wrote to the *Swiss Observer* saying how, in her early years in England, she nearly died of home sickness. But she admits that the motherland is no longer what it was (she remembers the days of 25 Swiss francs to the \$). Mrs. Blessley kindly enclosed a letter from a friend in Zürich, asking whether we might like to print some relevant abstracts in German. This we do with pleasure. Doubtless any readers originating from Zürich will breathe a sad sigh. Thank you Mrs. Blessley.

W.G.S.

"Letzthin bummelten Meta und ich wieder einmal durch die Gäschen und Gassen der Altstadt. Dabei kamen mir viele Jugenderinnerungen in den Sinn. Unsere Bubenschlachten und Bubestreiche. Damals gehörten die Gassen, Strassen und Plätze noch den Kindern. Alles vorbei!

Dann die Erinnerungen an die Kinderjahre an der Zäune. Das Seilbähnchen von Zinne zu Zinne der Häuser Untere Zäune 13 und 15. Die Erinnerungen als Kegelbub. An den Garten von Barth mit den Spalierbirnen. Auch vorbei. Heute überbaut. Der Biergarten vom Blauen Himmel ebenfalls überbaut. Dann jeweilen am Sonntag-Morgen die Gipfeli von der Bäckerei Lempp, 5 Rappen das Stück. Und bei 10

Gipfeli gab es erst noch eines drein. Auch dies ist heute vorbei. Und unsere schönen Spielplätze. . . es war einmal. Parkplätze. Wir Mädchen und Buben von damals hatten selten Geld in der Tasche, dafür aber eine glückliche, unbeschwerte Jugend. Wir brauchten auch noch keine Psychiater. Da nahmen die Eltern die Verantwortung für ihre Kinder noch selber auf sich."

WE'RE HAVING A CHASE ROUND

In our February edition we published a "Cri de Coeur" from a Miss Deidre Birch with a Nottingham address who wanted to contact Swiss people in her area. One lady has been trying to contact Miss Birch but without success. Perhaps we misread Miss Birch's address? Anyway, if Miss Birch is still interested in making a Swiss contact in Nottingham, perhaps she would like to contact Mrs. Richings, 53 Digby Avenue, Mapeley, Nottingham, telephone number 607777.

We also thank Mrs. Digby for her reaction to our plea.

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