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FROM THE EDITOR

NOTHING much may come of it but even so I started this year with some resolutions which I hope may last a little longer than those of previous years.

Essentially I would like to lead a more healthy life — eat less, walk more rather than drive, take up some form of physical exercise again — improve my mind by setting time aside for reading more books and generally become a better person. Well, we shall see.

I also intend to make a determined effort to talk to my young son more in "Schwyzerdütsch" rather than in English, to please his grandparents

and also to strengthen his ties with Switzerland.

A friend of mine suggested that it might be interesting to find out how many of the female readers of the *Swiss Observer* in Britain, married to non-Swiss husbands talk to their children in their native dialect. If the parents themselves converse in English most of the time it seems probably easier to talk to the children in English too. Are your children willing to speak a different language than their English-speaking friends?

I would much appreciate to hear from you on this subject.

Marianne Hill-Moser

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