

tain extent, its own local affairs. When in Switzerland, I was frequently amused by the phrase, "our sister republic," used when speaking of the United States of America.

The language is Italian, French, or German, as the cantons border on these countries. As to religion, some of the cantons are



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Protestant and some are Roman Catholic. Although Protestantism has sadly lost its life and power, yet you can tell the difference as soon as you set foot in a Roman Catholic canton. You notice a difference in the huts of the peasants, in the tillage of the