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"do not belong to our Society, and your appeal to the present members to help us to increase the membership, I am sure, will have a favourable echo. Let us hope that from now on during the next 12 months we may be able to increase the membership by another 50. I feel sure that every Swiss in New Zealand is in sympathy with the humanitarian purposes of our Society as well as with its further aims, namely to gather together our fellow-countrymen in New Zealand for the sake of friendship and mutual enlightenment regarding everything that concerns Switzerland. It is the privilege of the Swiss people in almost every land abroad, thanks to the friendly mission which Switzerland carries out in the world since centuries, to remain true at heart to the old country and at the same time to be loyal to the country, which is offering them hospitality and a livelihood. The Swiss Benevolent Society certainly is imbued by that spirit and although we are passing through critical times, we are much gratified that the New Zealand Government so far has allowed the Swiss Benevolent Society, under condition of censorship, to continue with the monthly publication of our bulletin "HELVETIA", which constitutes the great link among our members.

In conclusion I would thank you for the privilege of having this letter published in the December issue of the "HELVETIA", which also gives me the opportunity to tender to you and all my fellow-countrymen in New Zealand my best wishes for the coming New Year, in which my whole family joins.

Yours faithfully,  
(sgd) W. SCHMID. "

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#### COLLECTION FOR SWISS SOLDIERS.

Since we have given our last account on the collection for the Swiss Soldiers' Relief Fund, the following countrymen have made substantial contributions to this worthy cause:

J. Sax	Whakatane
J. Butler	Tariki
R. Buchmann	Auckland
J. Fischbacher	Putaruru

Many thanks again for your wholehearted support.

The total amount collected now stands at £264.3.4, indeed a splendid result, of which the Swiss communities in New Zealand will be justly proud for ever. Arrangements have been made for the transfer of this amount to the Swiss Soldiers' Relief Fund in Switzerland through the Swiss Foreign Office in four instalments, namely:

£220. 9. 3	on May 31, 1940
£ 31.12.11	on September 25, 1940
£ 7. 1. 2	on November 29, 1940
£ 5. 0. 0	on December 2, 1940

£264. 3. 4  
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As yet only an acknowledgment of receipt of the first amount of £220.9.3 has been received from the Swiss Soldiers' Relief Fund, which was published in the October issue of the "HELVETIA". No doubt the three other transfers will be acknowledged in due course.

Walter Schmid.

Wellington, 2nd December, 1940.

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#### SALE OF SWISS NATIONAL ANNIVERSARY BADGES AND CARDS.

We have pleasure to advise our members that in 1940 a total of 94 badges and 46 cards have been sold, which has enabled us to remit to the Committee of the Swiss National Independence Day £ N.Z. 10.11.4. There are still a number of badges and

cards available. Please write to the Secretary of the Swiss Benevolent Society, Mr. Werner Ungemuth, Clarence Road, Northcote, Auckland, N.4. The price for the badges is sh.2/- and for the cards 6d.

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THE BUSY KNITTING BEES.

The Order of the Busy Knitting Bees was recently also joined by Mesdames Amalie Weber, Pukekohe, B. Volz, Waiau Pa and M. Gebert, Opotiki. To the previously made collection of woollen Knitwear have been added due to their generosity :  
 1 baby frock; 1 pair of children's trousers; 1 pair of children's socks; 2 children's singlets; 1 ladies' cardigan.

Our readers may now be advised that the first shipment to Switzerland was made on October 19 by post and consisted of 4 parcels weighing approx. 20 lbs. To ensure as well as this is possible under the present conditions, safe delivery in Switzerland, the 4 packages were addressed to the Legation of Switzerland in Washington, U.S.A., who will take care of the dispatch to Switzerland from there.

Reiterating my sincere thanks to all those who have made such generous contributions, I also wish to express my gratitude to the Swiss Benevolent Society whose Committee have offered to take charge of the cost of forwarding the goods to Switzerland.

We hope that in due course we shall hear of their safe arrival in Switzerland. We know that these gifts will bring a lot of warm Christmas cheer to needy fellow-countrymen at home.

(sgd) WALTER SCHMID.

Wellington, 2 December, 1940.

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LET THIS BE A WARNING TO YOU!  
Failure to register change of address.

From a Taranaki newspaper we have received the following clipping:

"First case in Taranaki to be laid under the Aliens Emergency Regulations, a charge against a Swiss sharemilker, was heard in the Magistrate's Court. An indication was given by the Constable, that the case was intended as a warning to others to whom the regulations applied. A registered alien, of Swiss nationality, had changed his address, and while the distance was not great, he had failed to discharge the obligations under the regulations of advising the nearest police officer of the change. Actually, he had been at his new place of residence 12 months before he gave notice of the change to the police station. There was a reasonable excuse for the failure in that at the same time he changed his occupation and became married, said the Constable. The offence was looked on by his department as a serious one, although a heavy penalty was not sought in this case. Of Swiss nationality, he had lived in the district for nearly 20 years and was a good citizen. Appearing for defendant, who pleaded guilty, his attorney submitted that the failure was purely an oversight. Having lived for 18 years in much the same district, the defendant had assumed that he was known to the police. When he registered the change of address, that had been the origin of the prosecution. "He made the first move then," the judge observed. "No one wants to persecute these aliens," he added, in entering a conviction upon payment of costs, 12/-."

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