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John Jesson

The dedication of the seat for Roy Dungalison at Planalp, half way up the Brienz Rothorn Bahn, took place at the end of May and was a marvellous occasion. Everything went off perfectly, even the weather co-operated! Elsewhere in this issue is a full article, mainly a photographic record, of the event. I thank all those who attended, and hope that you all enjoyed the day as much as I did. Also in this issue is an item from David Stevenson regarding archive material. Ideas for how to deal with photographic collections are being discussed between a team of three – David, Martin Fisher and me – with some valuable input from Tony Bagwell. Picture collections that come to the SRS are not necessarily all Swiss, though. Many people have interests outside Switzerland and the question has been raised as to what to do with non-Swiss pictures that may well be included in the collections. Although we are intending to concentrate on the Swiss material, at some time we intend to expand the project to include non-Swiss subjects. For this, we shall need people who have knowledge of the railways and countries concerned. Although involving a lot of work, it is work that is not time-sensitive, can be done at home and fitted between other commitments. So, once again, please volunteer your help, both for Swiss and non-Swiss parts of the project. Non-photographic collections (models, books, etc.) are also mentioned by David. This is a very different matter, and completely separate from dealing with pictures. During the past year, I have dealt with a collection of books from a deceased former member on behalf of his family and it is a time-consuming process. Fortunately, we already have a volunteer who can take on such a task. Finally, it was disappointing to learn in July that the visit of a BRB loco and coach to the Snowdon Mountain Railway will not take place this year. Your Committee had discussed whether to try to organise an official SRS trip, but decided not to – rather fortuitously really. Hopefully, the visit will happen in 2018. ☐

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