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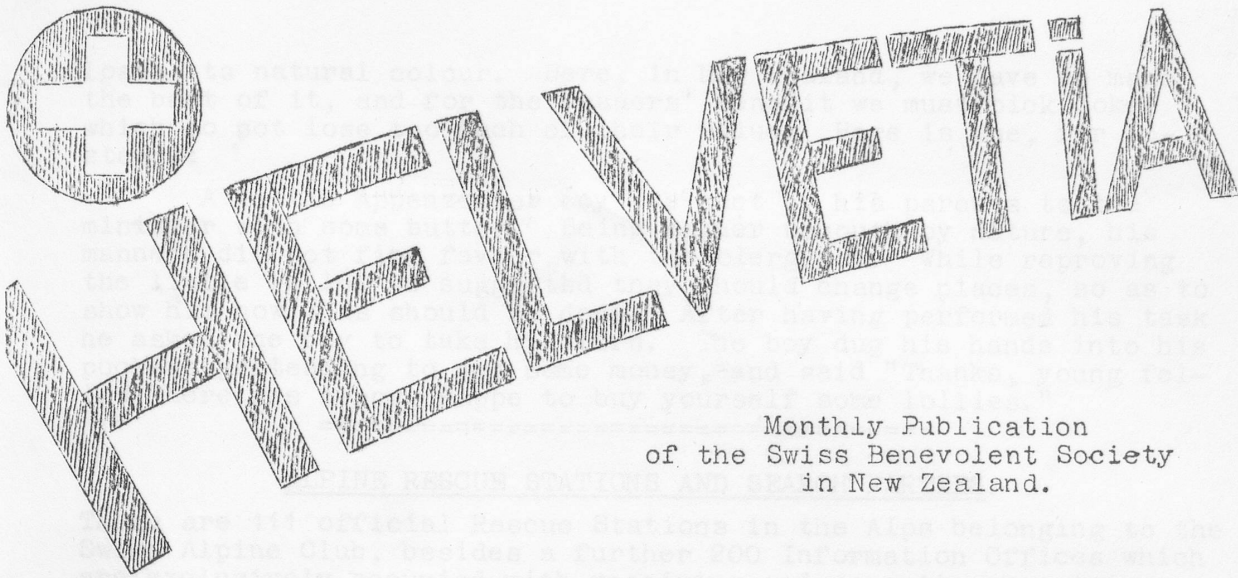
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AMALGAMATION OF TWO CANTONS.

All Switzerland awaited with intense interest the plebiscite of the two half-cantons Baselland and Baselstadt, to accept or decline the long proposed amalgamation. A solid majority in favour of the initiative was a certainty in the City, but the Country was a very doubtful issue. The result shows the following figures:

	<u>Ayes.</u>	<u>Noes.</u>
Baselland	12,722	10,823
Baselstadt	20,171	7,450

It is interesting to follow how the country provinces misfavoured the scheme, the further away from the city they are situated:

	<u>Ayes.</u>	<u>Noes.</u>
Bezirk Arlesheim	8,875	2,098
" Liestal	2,002	3,444
" Sissach	1,200	3,388
" Waldenburg	645	1,893

Arlesheim is the Bezirk immediately surrounding the City and comprised of people mostly gainfully occupied in the industrial centre of Basle. The referendum taken, however, is not decisive but only a preliminary test.

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"APPENZELLER WITZ".

The dry and ever-ready, but always unaffected humour which characterizes the Appenzeller, is well known all over Switzerland. Being an Appenzeller myself, I do not intend to boast about it, but as the people of every Canton have peculiarities of their own, I may be excused for enlarging on this subject to a certain extent.

Always there appear new jokes of Appenzeller origin. The two Appenzeller Calendars publish new ones every year. Good, indifferent, or even bad, they never lack sarcasm or cynicism.

Alfred Tobler of Heiden made it a study of years, and compiled from Almanacks, over 100 years old, a most interesting book of "Wit and Humour", called Appenzeller Witz, which teems with fun. Of course, a joke repeated in any other dialect but its own soon