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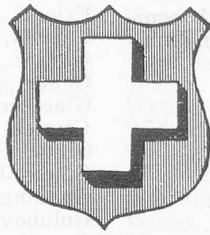
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17th YEAR.

DECEMBER, 1952.

AUCKLAND.

## GENERAL MEETING OF SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

### EXTRACTS OF REPORT.

The usual Annual General Meeting was held on October 29th, 1952, but only a moderate number of compatriots were present.

Minutes: Last year's minutes, read by the Secretary, were duly confirmed and approved by the meeting.

Balance-sheet: This was presented by the President, Mr. Peyer, to the meeting and was unanimously adopted as carried. The full balance is shown below.

Election of Committee: The following members comprise the new committee:

President: Dr. L. Bosshard.

Vice-President: Mr. A. Peyer.

Secretary: Mr. E. Merz.

Executive Members: Miss W. Keller, Messrs. E. Straumann, W. Fierz, E. Gilgen, H. Gilgen.

## ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee of your Society takes the pleasure in submitting the 17th Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

Although a good number of Swiss immigrants have arrived in New Zealand during the year, I regret to say only a small percentage of them have joined the Society. The membership list, therefore, remains about the same as last year—just over the 200 mark. Twenty-one persons have joined the Society and 18 have been lost through death or default.

The Society was able, the first time for some years, to give assistance to two compatriots. One case in particular was very sad. The young man came to New Zealand full of hopes as a prospective settler, but became so depressed after a while that it was felt the only cure would be to send him home. As he had not enough funds for the journey the Society was approached for assistance. A sum of £100 was granted, which enabled the young man to return home, where we hope he had a speedy recovery from his illness.

The other case was assistance given to one of the crew, a compatriot, of the s.s. Baden.

At the annual meeting, held on the 29th of last month, we were fortunate to secure the esteemed service of Dr. L. Bosshard to act as President. His knowledge and experience should be of great value to the Society. Another new member elected is Miss W. Keller. Miss Keller also had past experience in committee work, and will therefore be of great help to us. We welcome her as the first lady member on the Committee.

On the other hand we regret the retirement of our old associates, Mr. F. Steyer and Mr. H. Moosberger. Mr. Steyer was an active committee member since the

Society's inception in 1935; held the office of President from 1943-1948, and Vice-President from then until his retirement. Mr. Moosberger acted as executive member and librarian since 1943.

To both of these gentlemen and friends my sincerest thanks for the good work and co-operation. To them and their good wives for the time they have spent visiting compatriots in hospitals, and last but not least, for their hospitality whilst holding our meetings at their homes.

I also wish to express thanks to our Secretary, Mr. E. Merz, and the Consulate, and take this opportunity to wish all our members and compatriots a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

A. PEYER,  
Retiring President.

### BALANCE SHEET. September 30th, 1952.

#### RECEIPTS.

	Dr.			Cr.		
	£.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance carried forward .....				678	10	9
Subscriptions, 1951-52 .....				147	15	0
"          1952-53 .....				15	0	0
Donations .....				18	17	7
Advertisement in Helvetia .....				15	0	0
Sales of Swiss Badges .....				2	15	0
Interest Bank Account .....				14	12	11

#### EXPENSES.

Printing of Helvetia .....	115	1	0			
Posting of " .....	13	10	0			
Christmas Gifts .....	19	8				
"Cheers" Hospital Inmates .....	1	3	0			
Stationery .....	3	2	6			
General Postage .....	2	15	6			
Postage at Consulate .....	1	1	0			
Exchange on Cheques .....		5	9			
Subscription, Swiss Observer .....	1	1	0			
Income Tax, years 1948-51 .....	5	17	11			
				144	17	4
Assistance to two Compatriots in distress .....	126	0	0			
				270	17	4
Balance at Bank .....	593	11	10			
Cash on hand .....	28	2	1			
				£892	11	3
				£892	11	3

**TO ALL MEMBERS:** The annual membership fee of 15/- (or more if willing to donate) has become due at closing date of our balance. We earnestly request members to pay early and save us work and extra expense.