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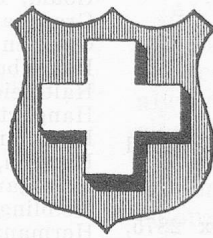
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# HELVETIA

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OF THE



SWISS BENEVOLENT  
SOCIETY IN  
NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

GROUP NEW ZEALAND OF THE NEW HELVETIC SOCIETY

18th YEAR.

NOVEMBER, 1954.

AUCKLAND.

## ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee of the Swiss Benevolent Society herewith submits its nineteenth Annual Report and this year's balance-sheet. The membership remained practically stationary with 219 members. Six members joined the Society, while the loss by resignations or default were eight.

During the year, assistance to the amount of £57 was given to the widow of a deceased member in Nelson.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Society on the 20th of October, 1954, at the secretary's offices, and attended by 20 members, last year's minutes and the balance-sheet as shown were adopted. The resignation of the secretary, Mr. E. Merz, and Mrs. M. Tisdall and Mr. E. Straumann as committee members were received with regret. For his services to the Society since its inception, first as president, then as secretary, Mr. Merz was unanimously elected its first honorary member. Mr. Merz will shortly leave for Switzerland on a prolonged visit. Mr. E. Gilgen has been elected secretary to replace him. New committee members unanimously elected were Mr. W. Risi, of Ngaruawahia, who acts also as vice-president, and Mr. Max Wehrli, as executive member.

A resolution put forward by Mr. W. Risi on behalf of Taranaki members to the effect that the Annual Meeting should be held in June instead of October was unanimously adopted. This will allow members in other districts to attend the Annual Meeting as it would concur with the more quiet season of the farming community. As a result of this decision, the financial year closes on the 31st March of each year instead of 30th September. The meeting has unanimously decided that the next membership fee collected will apply till 31st March, 1956. This will be 22/6 for 18 months, and represents thus no increase in fees.

A further discussion as regards the widening of the scope of the Society took place. As this

would entail a great revision of the statutes, a thorough examination of this problem by all members interested is needed. The Committee would again urge that views on this matter should be forwarded to the secretary, so that the committee could formulate a definite policy, on this important item. The committee is also of the opinion that another more central district should form the committee, which has a greater membership to draw upon, than the very restricted one at Auckland.

The president expresses his sincere gratitude to the retiring secretary for his long and faithful service and to the Consulate in Wellington for its ready co-operation.

L. BOSSHARD,  
President.

## BALANCE-SHEET

SEPTEMBER 30th, 1954.

| RECEIPTS                  | Dr. |    |    | Cr. |    |    |
|---------------------------|-----|----|----|-----|----|----|
|                           | £   | s. | d. | £   | s. | d. |
| Balance carried forward   |     |    |    | 683 | 2  | 10 |
| Subscriptions, 1953-54    |     |    |    | 138 | 0  | 0  |
| " 1954-55                 |     |    |    | 6   | 15 | 0  |
| Donations                 |     |    |    | 16  | 7  | 0  |
| Sales of Swiss Badges     |     |    |    | 4   | 5  | 0  |
| Interest, Bank a/c        |     |    |    | 15  | 11 | 1  |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>           |     |    |    |     |    |    |
| Printing of Helvetia      | 104 | 0  | 6  |     |    |    |
| Posting of Helvetia       | 19  | 16 | 0  |     |    |    |
| Stationary                | 2   | 15 | 9  |     |    |    |
| General Postage           | 2   | 19 | 6  |     |    |    |
| Exchange on cheques       |     | 5  | 0  |     |    |    |
| Swiss Observer            | 1   | 5  | 0  |     |    |    |
| Income Tax, 1953          | 2   | 17 | 4  |     |    |    |
|                           | 133 | 19 | 1  |     |    |    |
| Assistance to needy Swiss | 57  | 17 | 6  |     |    |    |
|                           | 191 | 16 | 7  |     |    |    |
| Cash on Hand              | 18  | 1  | 1  |     |    |    |
| Balance at Bank           | 654 | 3  | 3  |     |    |    |
|                           | 864 | 0  | 11 | 864 | 0  | 11 |