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## COMMUNITY SPIRIT

One of the most talked and written about subjects in Swiss history is the Spirit of the Battle by Sempach where Arnold von Winkelried placed the care of his wife and family into the hands of his compatriots. From there stems the slogan of "One for all and all for one".

Today modern society has for a large extent eliminated the need for people to be unduly concerned about what would happen to one's family if an emergency should arise. However, there is still plenty of room for a little Community Spirit — to be concerned about other people's feelings; to give something without having in mind 'what do I get in return'. And the most precious thing we can give away perhaps is a little time.

A small child once received a heap of expensive Christmas presents from an over-busy Father who was disappointed about the little son's indifference to all these lovely gifts and asked him: "Well then, son, what else would you like?" The son replied: "Daddy, I want you; I want you more often!"

We are proud of our Swiss tradition to follow in the footsteps of our ancestors who have built up a nation which is often regarded as an example to the rest of the world as the most democratic society. This all has been achieved by men who have given some of their time willingly, without self-interests.

With our Swiss Society we have a miniature replica of Switzerland — and it takes time to get the affairs of a Society or Club running smoothly. May we all look at this as a return gift for benefits we received from the labours and time of men and women who prepared the paths for us.

—W.R.