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**Dr. H. W. EGLI.**

**President of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique  
(London Group).**

We have much pleasure to inform our readers, that Dr. H. W. Egli has been elected, President of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, on the 25th of this month.

Dr. Egli was born in Zurich in 1899, and after leaving the "Gymnasium" he studied law and economics at the University of Zurich for one year.

In 1919 he proceeded for the first time to London to join a two year's course at the School of Economics. He then returned to Zurich to complete his studies at the University, where, in 1924 he received his academic status as *Doctor juris utriusque*.

Shortly afterwards he came back to London as commercial correspondent of the "National Zeitung" and the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung." In 1926 he took over the representation of "Der Bund" as political correspondent, and later on he added the "St. Galler Tagblatt" as well as the "Luzerner Tagblatt" to his task. From 1927—1928 he acted as Editor of the "Swiss Observer."

In 1939, after the outbreak of the war, he succeeded Dr. Eric Kessler, who joined the Swiss Legation as Press Attaché, as chief London correspondent of the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung."

Since 1945, Dr. Egli has been President of the Foreign Press Association in London, the two years period ending next month. He has been a member of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique and the City Swiss Club for many years, and for the last two years belonged to the Council for the Study of Swiss Problems.

Dr. Egli is married and has a family of four children and thus has experienced all the practical problems of the Swiss abroad.

We are extending our best wishes to the newly elected President for a successful term of his new office.

**OUR NEXT ISSUE.**

Our next issue will be published on Friday, February 14th, 1947. We take this opportunity of thanking the following subscribers for their donations: W. Glauser, F. Isler, P. Lambert, J. H. Ungricht, Mrs. J. A. Lanz, A. Knapp.

**CITY SWISS CLUB****MONTHLY MEETING**

followed by a

**JASS and BRIDGE PARTY**

on

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 1947**

(Dinner at 6.30 p.m.)

at

**BROWN'S HOTEL, DOVER ST., W.1**

THE COMMITTEE.

**A. F. SUTER,**

**former President  
Nouvelle Société Helvétique  
(London Group).**

As mentioned in this issue, Mr. A. F. Suter, has relinquished his post as President of the London Group of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique.

Mr. Suter arrived in this country in 1902, and as he informs us "without any introductions and very little English indeed." During the first four years, in which he never earned more than about £2 per week, he tried and gave up eleven different occupations.

In 1905 he found a sufficiently interesting technical occupation, to satisfy his future ambitions and he started business on his own account though with very little capital. Mr. Suter married in 1907, and four years later possessed a family of three children. In 1911 he had the misfortune to lose all his money, but with borrowed money he carried on.

At the outbreak of the first world war (1914) he was called up, and returned to Switzerland, where he did military service with the Bat. 71 in the Ticino. On his discharge, he returned to England, where he found business at a very low ebb, but it soon picked up, and steadily improved until 1920.

After having seen service in the Swiss army, he felt the need of closer association with his countrymen, and joined the London Group of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique in 1918. Two years later he was appointed Hon. Treasurer, during which office he helped to find the heavy sums which were then required.

On the return to Switzerland of Mr. J. Baer in 1928, he was elected President of the N.S.H., a post which he filled with success until the 25th of this month.

Mr. Suter is a member of the City Swiss Club, and member of the Council for the study of Swiss problems. He was elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts after a series of lectures on his journey to the East in 1929, he is also a member of the Imperial Institute Consultative Committee on gums and resins and a Rotarian.

After the 1914-18 war he had two more sons born to him. Three of the four went through the recent war, and are back in business with him, two of them as chemists. The fourth is a professional soldier in the Indian army. His only daughter married a British Naval surgeon, who became Chief Medical Officer of the Mediterranean fleet in the last war.

Mr. Suter lost his first wife in an Air Raid during 1944, and was himself in hospital for 18 months. He is now re-married to a Swiss lady.

In spite of many ups and downs, Mr. Suter is and remains an incurable optimist, proof of which is that he is now rebuilding the ruins of his "old home on the Hill."