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EDITOR'S POST-BAG.

January 26th, 1950.

The Editor,
The Swiss Observer,
London, E.C.2.

Dear Editor,

In view of the fact that both our Minister, M. de Torrenté, and the President of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, Dr. H. Egli, have paid tribute to the work done for the Swiss Youth Club, at 86, Duke Street, by Mrs. A. Isacco, it may be thought that I am carrying coal to Newcastle by writing this letter.

Nevertheless I feel that Mrs. Isacco ought to be handed a bouquet from a mere member of the Colony. I also feel that what I am going to say ought to be said as long as Mr. and Mrs. Isacco, who are soon going back to Switzerland for good, are still with us.

Mrs. Isacco has, for the last two years, supervised and organised those dances for young Swiss which are going on in the future Legation building at Duke Street every Saturday night. She has rendered this very useful service in a quiet, unassuming, nearly self-effacing, yet efficient way. For two years running she has given up the privacy of her Saturday evenings. For this she had to come up from Teddington and drive back there late at night. To enable her to do this, Mr. and Mrs. Isacco have given up no mean part of their petrol allocation. Mr. Isacco, in turn, has not only been deprived of the company of his wife on Saturday evenings for two years, but stayed up to wait for his wife and see the car safely into the garage.

When the Youth Club was formed some two years ago, Mrs. Isacco was not alone to run and supervise it. A committee of other willing helpers surrounded her. But soon the members of this committee found the work too onerous and started staying away. Mrs. Isacco was the only one who indefatigably carried on to this day, just out of a sense of duty, and who, no doubt, will be carrying on to the very day she and her husband are leaving the United Kingdom. If ever there has been faithful, unselfish, useful service rendered — to the Youth Club and thus, indirectly, to the whole Colony — this has been it.

I have not been asked by anyone to write this letter; in fact, if Mr. and Mrs. Isacco had known about my intention of writing it, they would probably have tried to dissuade me. But here it is. I think that in expressing thanks to Mrs. Isacco for her untiring and useful work, I am probably voicing the feelings of all those members of our Colony who know what is going on at 86, Duke Street, every Saturday night.

Believe me, dear Editor,

Yours sincerely,
GOTTFRIED KELLER.

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SWISS LEGATION.

We have much pleasure to publish herewith a letter, which has been addressed, to the Presidents of Swiss Societies in London by the Swiss Minister:

Swiss Legation,
18, Montagu Place,
W.1.

January 18th, 1950.

Monsieur le Président,

I wish to inform you of the opening in London, as from the beginning of this month, of a *Welfare Office for Swiss Girls in Great Britain*.

The purpose of this office is to give moral and practical help to all Swiss girls living in Great Britain who are in need of advice or protection, in conjunction if necessary with the Swiss Benevolent Society and the Swiss Legation.

The Welfare Office has been set up by agreement between the Swiss Benevolent Society in London on the one hand, and the "Amies de la jeune fille" and the "Oeuvres catholiques de protection de la jeune fille" in Switzerland on the other. It is also subsidised by the Federal authorities. The working of the office will be supervised by a committee consisting of representatives of the societies mentioned above, as well as of the Legation and the three Swiss protestant and catholic clergymen.

The secretary is Miss Marguerite WOLFER, diplomierte Fürsorgerin der Sozialen Frauenenschule in Zürich. The office is in the building of the Swiss Benevolent Society, 31, Conway Street, London, W.1. (Telephone Euston 2173). Miss Wolfer is at the disposal of visitors on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m. or by appointment.

I should be grateful if you would convey this information to the members of your society, so that they can pass it on to the Swiss girls they may know in this country.

Yours faithfully,
H. de TORRENTE,
Swiss Minister.

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