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**THE 38th SWISS CHILDREN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE PARTY.**

The Christmas Tree Party for all Swiss children will be on Saturday, January 5th, at the Victoria Halls, Bloomsbury Place, W.C.1, at 2.15 as usual.

Owing to the generosity of the Colony this is always a very happy party. There is an entertainment and tea, and Father Christmas talks to the children and brings them all presents.

Mr. R. Dupraz, 27 Tamworth Road, Croydon, Surrey, is the hon. treasurer of the organizing committee and he will be glad to receive donations. "The little black book" is going round, but it does not reach all those who would like to give something towards the cost of the party.

Miss L. Matthey, 11 Haslemere Road, N.8, does her best to see that every Swiss child receives an invitation. If, however, there are any children who were not invited last year, she would be glad to have their names, ages, and addresses, so that she can put them on her list and send them invitations.

**HELVETIA BENEFIT SOCIETY.**

At the extraordinary General Meeting in October we had the pleasure of having our General-Secretary, Dr. F. Portmann, from the Union Helvetia Lucerne, with us. Dr. Portmann came through an S.O.S. from the London Branch to find Means and Ways for the continuation of the British Section. The position is very grave at the moment, as no new Members are coming over from Switzerland. Most of our Members are well over the sixties. Sickness and death are unfortunately always with us, placing a great strain on our Funds, which will eventually force us to wind up the Society. It was agreed to hold this over until the next Delegate Meeting in Lucerne in 1958 to decide the future of the London Branch. On account of the departure to the Country of our President, Mr. A. Boog, who has for many years transacted all the business for the Helvetia with great care and unselfishness, the Meeting recorded a vote of grateful thanks to Mr. Boog for his good work. His resignation had to be accepted with regret, and we wish him many years of good health in his retirement. It was suggested that a larger Committee should look after the welfare of the Society.

The following were elected: Messrs. P. Lehrian, President; A. Juriens, Vice-President; W. Wittwer, Hon. Secretary; A. Finger, Hon. Asst. Secretary; J. Manzoni, J. Jenny, E. Decosterd. The official address will be:— Helvetia Benefit Society, c/o. Finger's Empl. Bureau, 62 Frith Street, London, W.1; Telephone: Gerrard 5515. A.F.

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