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Discussing the Balance Sheet, we find for instance - To Printing By-Laws (Rule Books) £17. 15. 0; this expenditure need not be incurred again for years. Then - To Bookshelves for Library - there we may have more to expend as we received an additional parcel of books from our late Mr. G. Kerler. These books by the way, are here for all members to read, free of charge, all the Secretary asks is to be reimbursed for postages. The sum spent in Stamps & Stationery - £5. 8. 9 - is rather high, mostly due to the many notices the Secretary had to send to remind forgetful members. The rest of the items listed, I am sure, you all agree, are not out of proportion, specially, "General Expenses and Exchange on Cheques" which this year is very low, a matter of 6/6d.

However, the cost of Material and Printing the "Helvetia" has risen approximately 50% over last year and brings the Expenses above the Income of the Society. To quote a few figures on last year's costs:

Income from 205 financial Members	£102. 10. 0
Year's cost for material and printing not including stock on hand for over one year	£91. 11. 4
Other expenditure	33. 6. 6
	£124. 17. 10.

This gives an overall loss of £22. 7. 10 or 2/2d per Member; even spreading expenditure on Rule Books over the next ten years, will still leave a deficit of £9. 4. 0 or 9½d per member.

The meeting therefore agreed unanimously, since there is no chance of getting "Helvetia" much cheaper in future, that there are only two ways to put the Society on a healthy footing again:

- (a) To increase Subscription Fee to 15/- per annum
- OR
- (b) Publish the paper once every two months instead of monthly.

The final decision to be left with members. The Committee would appreciate it if members would take the trouble and write to the Secretary expressing their views on the matter and, if a better way can be found as suggested, the Committee will be only too pleased to adopt it.

In conclusion, we would ask members to forward their fees in good time. If the 10/- fee rolls in, we will take it that members are satisfied with a bi-monthly publication, if on the other hand, Members send in Subscriptions of 15/- or more ('fivers' most acceptable) then publication will continue on the monthly basis.

Please make your decision, but do not forsake us; the cause is worth it and the Subscription cheap even at £1. Please respond early and willingly, your Committee give their time unsparingly, all they ask is your support.

(Signed) A. PEYER.  
president.

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ANNUAL REPORT

of

THE ACTING-SECRETARY - MR. A. MOOSBERGER.

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To the Committee and the Members of the S.B.S.,

As the new financial year commences (October 1st) may I be permitted to take up some space in our Society's paper.

First of all, I wish to thank all the Committee Members and the Auditor for their co-operation in the past year, and on behalf of our Society, our very deep appreciation is extended to all those Members who paid over and above the usual fee of 10/-, thus making it possible to add a few more pounds to our fund.

Secondly, it seems necessary to explain to some Swiss people, the aims of our Society, as some are labouring under the misapprehension that in a country of plenty there is no need for a Benevolent Society (Hüls verein). But even in God's Own Country things can happen where help is needed. For instance, some years ago a Swiss family was shipwrecked on an island in the Pacific and came out eventually to New Zealand practically penniless; they were put on their feet again by money out of our fund. I could quote a few more cases where the help of our Society was needed, certainly temporarily until the people concerned were settled again. As one never knows what is going to happen next in this world, cases may crop up where dire help is needed and urgently, if the funds are available, then we are in the position to immediately cope with the situation. Our fund is for a good cause - the Committee Members give of their time unsparingly and voluntarily even the Secretary and Auditor.

Our Membership Fees are kept as low as possible to enable us to issue our monthly paper "Helvetia" to keep in touch with each other. The printing, stationery and postages involved therein are the biggest items in our expenditure. From time to time, we expend monies on the cheer and comfort of our Swiss people who are unfortunately in Hospitals, Old People's Homes and Mental Institutions - therefore, I appeal to all Swiss people in New Zealand to support our worthy cause and not begrudge a few shillings particularly when it means assistance for an unfortunate fellow countryman.

At the present time we have over 200 Members in our Society and if every Swiss person in this fair country would join, we could have three times as many.

"All for one and one for all"

should be the slogan of every Swiss, so make up your mind and join the Swiss Benevolent Society.

With Best Wishes and Good Luck to you all,

(Sgd) A. MOOSBERGER.

Acting-Secretary.

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This part of this Act shall not apply to any alien who is under the age of sixteen years.

1. Every alien who is in New Zealand at the commencement of this Act shall, within thirty days thereafter make application for registration as an alien, unless he is registered under the Aliens Emergency Regulations 1940.
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3. Every alien who arrives in New Zealand after the commencement of this Act shall forthwith upon arrival make application for registration as an alien.