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The goods will now be forwarded to Switzerland with the next American boat and will be addressed to the Swiss Legation at Washington who will take further care of the shipment from there.

Helen Schmid.

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#### MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTION-FEE.

Our Society closed the fifth year of existence on September 30th with an additional 20 new members, and a total of 145. We are proud to begin the 6th year with such a representative and large membership. Since the outbreak of the war our common interests and ties have been much closer, not only among our compatriots in New Zealand, but between our homeland as well. This has been splendidly demonstrated by the large donations made for our Soldiers at home. We trust the same patriotic spirit will prevail in future.

The annual subscription-fee is due on October 1st., and you are requested to forward payment to our Secretary. About 15 members have not yet paid their last year's fee and we must urge these friends to settle as soon as possible, otherwise the monthly supply of our "Helvetia" will be discontinued.

It has been our practice to publish a complete list of our members in the October issue, but due to lack of space, we postpone this publication until November. Likewise, the annual balance-sheet will appear in the next issue.

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Anyone knowing the present address of Louis Metan, at one time of Whangarei, please communicate with the Secretary.

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#### SWISS DANCE AT PUTARURU.

A very successful gathering of Swiss took place at the Civic Theatre, Putaruru, where the Lichfield members of the Swiss Society held a dance in aid of the N.Z. Red Cross. Swiss music was supplied by the Schuler Bros., Messrs. F. Imhof, C. Camenzind and E. Küttel. all expert exponents of the good old Swiss Handörgeli.

During the evening a telegram was received from our esteemed Consul, Dr. Schmid, wishing the gathering every success.

Hakas and Maori songs given by two Maoris of no mean ability, intermingled with the dancing.

An oil painting by Mr. Camenzind was also raffled during the evening, the lucky winner being Mr. A. Schumacher of Te Aroha.

The proceeds of this dance, amounting to £11, were thankfully acknowledged by the Red Cross Society.

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The Consulate in Wellington has received the following letter from Australia :-

"Dear Sir,

On my return trip from Switzerland to Australia, last year, I had the pleasure of meeting a Mr. & Mrs. Steiner and child. These people told me they would like to settle on a farm.

I would be willing to lease my farm on a 50-50 basis. There are 228 acres land, 120 cattle and a number of pigs. The land is 3300 feet above sea level, plenty of fresh water all year around, 4-roomed house, garden, garage, etc. Much of my time is spent in Sydney, and I would let the farm on management; money is not necessary, and I would be willing to sell out later.

Should the Steiner family already be settled in New Zealand, perhaps you would know some other Swiss interested in the proposition. I thank you in anticipation,

Mrs. I. Walker, Tracy Farm,  
Evelyn, North Queensland. "

Any communication please send to the Consulate, or direct to Australia.

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