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SEASON'S GREETINGS AND NEW YEAR'S WISHES.

Another year is soon coming to its close, and the Committee wish to extend to all members Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year. May all our members and their families enjoy good health and prosperity in 1942, and may our Swiss Benevolent Society prosper as heretofore.

Our Consul, Dr. Schmid, and his family most heartily desire to join in our Greetings and Well Wishing. We have also received word from our late Consul, Dr. A.C. Blau, who has been transferred from the Swiss Consulate at Zagreb to the Consulate General of Switzerland in New York, U.S.A., and he too desires to extend to the Swiss Community in New Zealand Best Wishes for the coming festive season and kindest regards.

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HITTING THE BALL BACK!

While thanking our compatriot and fellow member, Mr. L. Butler of Hikutaia, for his eulogy of my work as Secretary of our Society, I wish to point out that our late President, Mr. E. Merz, as well as our respected Consul, Dr. Schmid, are just as deserving of praise if not more than myself. Both gentlemen have always taken a great interest in the progress of the Society and it has always been a great pleasure to work with them. I am very grateful to Mr. Merz for his untiring help, especially during the time when my services did not come up to expectation on account of ill-health.

As Secretary of the Society, I have made many friends as well as acquaintances amongst the Swiss community in the North Island, especially in the Waikato and in Taranaki, where hospitality is always of first consideration. Those many happy meetings will remain as some of my most cherished memories. I regret that I have never been able to visit Bay of Plenty, but chance meetings have enabled me to meet many of those so kindly disposed people.

W. UNGEMUTH.

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