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have to marvel at the fact that Switzerland has been able to preserve peace and freedom within her frontiers, as the protecting hand of God still honours the vow of our forefathers on that solemn night on the "Ruetli", yet, let us not take too much for granted. Rather let us by prayer, backed by a life that is acceptable in God's sight, prove our loyalty to our dear Homeland, as well as to the country in which we have found a "home away from home".

A Member whose heart's desire is Universal Peace.

Acknowledgment of gifts of woollen wear from New Zealand for the Swiss Soldiers' Relief Fund: "I have received the parcel of children's clothing and thank you very sincerely for it. The children were very pleased with it, and they, too, thank you very much for the warm clothing. They will pray for their benefactors.

I particularly welcomed the package because my wife has been in a Sanatorium since the 8th of August, and this, of course, means heavy expense. We are, therefore, most grateful for everything received from kind benefactors making it possible for us to clothe our children during the cold winter. Again many thanks for the nice parcel." - Fues Raphael E.g.g.s., Geb.Gz.Fues.Bat. Stab 21c, Kreisspital Brig.

INVITATION FROM THE SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, AUCKLAND.

The Social Committee of the Swiss Benevolent Society issues to all Compatriots a hearty invitation to be present at a Social gathering to be held in the Overseas League Rooms, Queens Arcade, Auckland, at 8 p.m., 2nd May, 1942, when presentations will be made to our late President and Secretary, Messrs. Merz and Ungemuth. Ladies are requested to bring a Plate. A full attendance of all interested would be appreciated.

E N G A G E M E N T.

HOSPENTHAL - ENGELBERGER.

The engagement is announced of Freda Emilia, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Engelberger, Kapuni, to Joseph Zeno, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hospenthal, Arth, Switzerland.

W E D D I N G B E L L S.

With great pleasure, we announce that Mr. Ben Schumacher of Ngarua and Miss Hannely Dahinden of New Plymouth have been joined in Holy Matrimony. Both are very well known to a great number of our members, and we all wish them everything of the best for their future.

O B I T U A R Y.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Hagenbuch of Herriesville, Te Aroha, wellknown in the Te Aroha district as well as Taranaki.

Mr. Hagenbuch, who had reached the age of 70 years, arrived in New Zealand in 1904 and first settled in Inglewood, Taranaki. Later he went farming at Stratford for a few years. He then moved to Te Aroha, where he was farming for well over 30 years. The writer will never forget this genial compatriot who always met a joke with his hearty laugh. I consider myself very fortunate that opportunity allowed me to see him at the Hamilton Hospital where he died on 31st March, 1942. His wife, Mrs. Mary Hagenbuch, his daughter, Mrs. Mary Mulgrew of Te Awamutu and two grandchildren mourn their heavy loss. We are sure that many of our Swiss Community in New Zealand will join us in our expressions of deepest sympathies and regrets.

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The Swiss Consulate at Wellington advises that the activities of civil