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by the family of His Royal Highness, Their Majesties, The Royal Family, and the British people all over the Empire."

His Excellency has acknowledged the receipt of this letter of condolence as follows:

"I am desired by the Governor-General, as His Majesty's Representative in New Zealand, to express his deep appreciation of the message of sympathy sent by you on behalf of the Swiss people in New Zealand in connection with the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent.

His Excellency wishes me to add that he is arranging for the text of your message to be transmitted to Buckingham Palace for submission to His Majesty the King and other members of the Royal Family."

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1ST AUGUST CELEBRATION, AUCKLAND. We have the pleasure to publish another article on the 1st of August celebration, received from Auckland.

"Dear Mr. Editor,

I feel that I should write you a few lines of appreciation on the successful evening held on the 1st August, 1942, in Auckland. The Swiss Consul, Dr. Schmid, and his wife honoured us this year, and I am sure the lantern slides that he kindly lent for the evening, made many homesick. Our M.C. was carried away with the beauties he had left behind him. The slides made me envious of you who have seen the country to which I belong but have never yet had the chance to see.

Mrs. Schmid came attired in her National costume, and also a few of the other ladies and some of the younger set gave the evening more colour by coming dressed in costume representing different cantons.

Items were contributed by our compatriots, but we could have done with more of them.

At this year's function there were a number of new faces, but there were some old ones missing too. The people from the country who come along to get that homey feeling would like to be welcomed by more of the town members and friends who find transport much easier. Although quite a fair number were present, some happy faces were sadly missed, especially Auckland District's oldest compatriot, Mr. Schlapfer, who celebrates his 78th birthday in this historical month. Next year, we hope to see the old and the new faces, and then there will still be plenty of time to talk about the old school.

After a delightful supper our friends from the country departed to their homes. The evening ended with a sing-song and the remaining ones were very reluctant to part, and here I must part too but not without saying "Thank you" and I'm sure the other non-committee members will join with me in congratulating the committee upon their hard work towards such a successful enterprise, also to the lady or ladies responsible for the garlic sausage sandwiches. Yum! Yum!

Next year I hope the future of the world will look more hopeful and that we may be able to meet again in happier circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss) Bett Haltmeyer
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COLLECTION FOR A MONUMENT TO THE LATE FEDERAL COUNCILLOR AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE SWISS CONFEDERATION - DR. GIUSEPPE MOTTA.

I have pleasure in advising that the collection in New Zealand so far has reached the amount of £25, towards which, approximately £15 has been contributed by members of the Swiss Benevolent Society in the Waikato. The splendid result achieved in the Waikato is proof of the fine spirit of generosity of our fellow countrymen there, as well as of the great personal efforts of our untiring and loyal member and friend, John Steiner of Waihou, who has contacted

our compatriots over a wide area. Contributions received from the Waikato are acknowledged with vivid appreciation from:

Mr. John Steiner, Waihou, Mr. Alois Schnueriger, Waihou, Mr. Joseph Werder, Waitoa, Mr. Alois Mathis, Waitoa, Mr. Karl Steiner, Waitoa, Mr. Ben Schumacher, Waitoa, Mr. E. Widmer, Waitoa, Mr. Joseph Arnet, Waitoa, Mrs. Agatha Elmiger, Waitoa, Mr. T. Riedi, Hikutaia, Mr. Jakob Walder, Thames, Mr. Arnold Menner, Morrinsville, Mr. Alois Steiner, Morrinsville, Mr. Urban Truetsch, Morrinsville, Mr. Jakob von Holzen, Te Aroha, Mr. R. Koch, Te Aroha, Mrs. Marie Hagenbuch, Te Aroha, Mr. Herbert Schuler, Te Aroha, Mr. J.A. Gisler, Turua, Mr. Emil Kuettel, Putaruru, Mr. Frank Schuler, Putaruru, Mr. Alois Schuler, Putaruru, Mr. Arnold Mathis, Putaruru, Mr. August Schicker, Putaruru, Mr. Anton Steiner, Lichfield, Mr. Albert Bernhard, Lichfield, Mr. Walter Froehlich, Lichfield.

Other contributions have been received so far from:

Mr. Karl Schoenenberger, Hawera, Miss E. Hoernlimann, Wellington, Mr. E. Giacometti, Okaiawa, Mr. E. Dickenmann, Wellington, Mr. M. Bruelisauer, Wellington, Mrs. P. Stratton, Whakatane, Mr. F. Graedel, Taupiri, Dr. W. Schmid, Wellington, Mr. E. Cattin, Wellington and "Anonymous", Auckland.

The collections made so far in Auckland and Wellington are still incomplete, and from other parts of New Zealand no news has reached us yet as to the results achieved, but we know that our call has received sympathetic consideration everywhere.

As pointed out in the August issue of "Helvetia" we are planning to remit the proceeds to Switzerland during the current month, and we would, therefore, appreciate receiving the final contributions as soon as possible.

On this occasion I wish to assure all those who have so far supported our efforts so generously, as well as those who are still contemplating joining us in honouring one of Switzerland's greatest and loyal statesmen, the late Giuseppe Motta, of my great appreciation.

DR. WALTER SCHMID.
CONSUL OF SWITZERLAND.

TO AUCKLAND MEMBERS.

The Social Committee in Auckland wishes to announce that the annual meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moosberger, 129 Crummer Road, Grey Lynn, on SATURDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1942, at 8 p.m.

The Committee invites all members of the S.B.S. to come along and make the meeting a success. A member will be stationed at top of Pitt Street until 7.30 p.m. to conduct any member strange to this district to the above address.

Ladies bring plate. Tea provided.

TO BAY OF PLenty MEMBERS.

We herewith wish to inform Bay of Plenty members that in order to facilitate the collection of the yearly subscription of sh.10/-, arrangements have been made with Mr. C. Gebert, C/- Post Office, Opoiki, to receive such payments on behalf of the Swiss Benevolent Society. We hope that members will make use of this arrangement.