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CHANGE OF COMMITTEE.

As has been published in the last issue of the "Helvetia", certain nominations for a new Committee have been proposed by the Auckland group of the Swiss Benevolent Society.

Advice from the present Secretary, Mr. H. Schlatter, indicate that these nominations are now confirmed.

The new Committee wishes to express appreciation in the confidence bestowed upon them by our Compatriots. We all repeat our pledge to do our very best to foster the welfare of the Society, and our loyal services are at the disposal of every member of the Society.

Willingness to work towards closer contact among Swiss in New Zealand is essential, and it should be possible to find some lively members to undertake the formation of Sub-Committees, whose duty would be to arrange local meetings or social gatherings. We have no knowledge that any such Committee has been formed, except in Auckland. Are there any Compatriots in Taranaki, Waikato, or elsewhere to tackle the job and endeavour to create local interest? We consider it would be fitting and worth while to have frequent gatherings (of any description and anywhere) among the many Swiss in this country. So, give the new committee encouragement and come forward with some definite proposal;

Another important aspect is the maintenance and increase of our membership. Everyone knowing a Compatriot not yet a member of the Society, should endeavour to enrol him or her as soon as possible. A large membership is essential to maintain the Society's finance.

We, the new Committee, look forward to full co-operation from all members, and in return we shall do our best for the welfare of the Society.

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A. Peyer,
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W. Ungemuth,
W. Moosberger.

SWISS SOCIAL PROGRAMME FOR AFTER THE WAR.

The Chief of the Federal Economic Department, Federal Councillor Stampfli, in reply to several parliamentary requests, has explained in the National Council the Swiss social programme for after the war. The first place in these measures is given to the provision of work in time of a possible crisis which might arise through lack of raw materials. Some considerable time ago a very extensive