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open heart and knows the art of surprising a "gourmand" however discriminating his expectations may be.

Dr. and Mrs. Schmid have been longing to return Home to see their beloved ones and now that this moment has come we all wish them a safe trip and health and happiness in the future.

H.S.

MESSAGE OF FAREWELL TO DR. & MRS. SCHMID.

The Committee of the Swiss Benevolent Society wishes to express their deep regret in losing shortly their much esteemed Consul and Mrs. Schmid. The departure of our Consul will leave a deep gap behind; we have been the richer for his dwelling amongst us, and we shall be poorer for his leaving us.

The Society has been particularly lucky to have such a keen and interested Patron, as the bulk of the Editor's work for our "Helvetia" was compiled at the Consulate. We feel certain that all our members agree when we state, that our little monthly paper has always been interesting reading.

The long period of the war must have been a most worrying and arduous time for Dr. Schmid. To protect the interest of two enemy-countries involved an enormous amount of additional work, many unpleasant but necessary tasks and also many misconceptions and wrong interpretations of the duties he had to perform. However, we all know that Dr. Schmid discharged these duties in a most creditable manner.

We like to recall the many visits he paid to our compatriots, particularly in the farming districts. If we speak warmly on behalf of the Taranaki and Waikato colony of his many visits, we are sure they will all heartily endorse these sentiments. Dr. Schmid has a happy and congenial disposition, which made him quickly popular wherever he went.

Dr. Schmid's departure is made so much harder for us, bearing in mind the long period he stayed in New Zealand. But wherever he shall reside in future, we hope that his recollections and memories of the Swiss in New Zealand will be pleasant. In the name of every compatriot, we extend to both Dr. and Mrs. Schmid our warmest wishes for a happy and bright future. Goodbye and Good Luck!

The Committee of the S.B.S.

DEPARTURE OF DR AND MRS. WALTER SCHMID.

The tentative plans of Dr. and Mrs. Walter Schmid to leave on SS "Ruahine" have now been finalised and they will sail from Auckland at the end of July.

Dr Leon Bossard, the New Zealand delegate of the International Red Cross will be leaving by the same vessel for a trip to his homeland.

ARRIVAL OF SECRETARY FOR CONSULATE.

Miss Fanny Schmid who has been appointed as Secretary in the Consulate in Wellington, is now on the high seas and will arrive on board SS "Rimutaka" in the middle of August.

PESTALOZZI BROADCAST.

Compatriots will be interested to learn that on Sunday July 21st at 3.30 pm, 2YA will broadcast a programme commemorating the 200th anniversary of the birth of the great Swiss educationalist and humanitarian, Heinrich Pestalozzi.

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