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ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE SHEET.

Your Committee has the pleasure in presenting the 14th Annual Report and Balance Sheet. Thanks to the ready response of our members to our appeal for an increased subscription fee, the finances of your Society look a bit sounder than at the end of last financial year. Although the Balance Sheet shows a drop of £17.17. 1d. over last year, £52. 1. 8d. was carried over from last year and £30. 0. 0 has been expended on Society badges from Switzerland, this sum of course is recoverable. However, there are three items of expenditure which could be reduced quite a lot. For instance, printing circulars to remind members of their unpaid subscriptions; postage, the bulk of which is used in mailing said circulars and lastly, exchange on cheques; please remit your subscriptions promptly and save your Secretary a lot of unnecessary work and the Society a sum of money.

Membership remains about the same as last year. A few, I am sorry to say, have passed into the great beyond and a couple we have lost through non-payment of their dues. On the other hand thirteen new members have been enrolled during the year. Owing to the absence of Mr. Merz some of these persons may be without the Society's Rule Book. Anyone requiring such, please notify your Secretary.

The long expected Society badges are on the way from Switzerland and should please everyone. Further particulars on their arrival.

THE ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING this year will be held on the 29th of this month at 8 p.m. at the "Chalet" Tea Rooms, Victoria Street. Mr. Cominot kindly made his Tea Rooms available so the meeting can be held in a central part of the city. We invite all members of Auckland and any others who happen to be in town that day to attend and vent their grievances, if any. The Committee would like to discuss matters with members for a change. So please note :-

DATE : Saturday - 29th October, 1949.

PLACE: The "Chalet" Tea Rooms, 12, Victoria Street West.

TIME : 8 p.m.

A. PEYER.

SWITZERLAND TO-DAY - (Concluded)

By E. Merz, Auckland.

During our comparative short stay in Carona, we reserved one week to visit St. Moritz and one for Venice/Florence in Italy. These places are quite easy to reach from Lugano by modern and fast buses. To St. Moritz a "Post-Auto" runs daily, leaving at 9 and arriving at 5 p.m. These buses, managed by the Federal Railways most efficiently and inexpensively, have very comfortable seats and moveable roof to afford unobstructed views of the fine alpine scenery.