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WELCOME

to the Board of the

International Alliance of Women

The *Association suisse pour le suffrage féminin* and its Zurich branch heartily welcome you to your first board meeting in the German speaking part of Switzerland. We wish you a pleasant time in Zurich and all success in your work. We also hope for your support and help in our own efforts.

As you know of 22 Cantons only 3 in the French speaking part of Switzerland have attained your and our principal aim, the enfranchisement of women by the granting of woman suffrage, and this only for cantonal and local affairs. In four cantonal parliaments motions have been put forward for the introduction of woman suffrage on the cantonal scale and in three further cantons for minor political rights for women, for instance on the local scale. Some of these motions have been kept back for years by the cantonal governments. In the Canton of Zurich the government has, however, now promised to bring in a project in parliament in autumn this year for the introduction of woman suffrage. After the acceptance by parliament the project will still have to be accepted in a referendum in which only the men can vote.

In the Canton of Geneva 564 women have asked to be inscribed also for votes and elections on the national scale. They refer to article 74 of the Swiss Federal Constitution which states that every Swiss citizen who is not excluded from active citizenship by the legislation of the canton in which he is domiciled is entitled to take part in federal votes and elections, and on the other hand to article 41 of the Geneva constitution which prescribes that citizens domiciled in Geneva, without distinction of sex, can exercise political rights. This request was refused by the Geneva government. It is now up to the Federal Council, i. e. the Swiss government to give a decision in this question.

In Trieste your president, Begum Anwar G. Ahmed, remarked that always when the IAW had been in a country, political rights were afterwards granted to the women. Although the problem is more difficult in Switzerland than anywhere else, we hope that your stay in Zurich is a good omen for the women of this city and canton and for the women in the whole of Switzerland.

ONCE MORE WELCOME !