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CHRISTMAS APPEAL.

The Swiss Benevolent Society, *l'Eglise Suisse* and the *Schweizerkirche* in London appeal once again to their countrymen for their kind contributions, either in cash or in kind, in order that on the occasion of Christmas they may provide a little extra cheer for their compatriots in need. Wearing apparel and especially warm underclothing, footwear and childrens' garments will be most appreciated and any such gifts will be gratefully received.

Winter, with its cold days, having set in again, our poor will urgently require proper means of heating; provided the necessary help is forthcoming, it will be possible to give the old people this additional comfort. The general need is as great as ever and, with every confidence in the sympathy of all and sundry, we earnestly ask for the support of those whom this appeal will reach.

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The first event will take place on Wednesday December 12th at 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1. It is this a lecture illustrated partly by lantern slides partly by films and deals with the lectures adventures in the Canadian Rockies. The lecture is given by the well known author, Mr. Harper Cory, a Fellow of the Canadian Geographical Society, and author of "Lovable Beasts," "Animals All," etc.

The Society will be pleased to welcome any member and friends as well as any Swiss resident in London, who may be interested in this or any of the other lectures which will follow.

Further events will from time to time be published in the *Swiss Observer*.

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Wednesday, December 12th, at 8 p.m. — Swiss Mercantile Society Ltd. — Monthly Meeting — The meeting will be followed by a lecture on "Adventures in the Canadian Rockies" by Harper Corry, Esq., F.R.G.S. (Canada).

Friday, December 14th, at 7.30 p.m. sharp — Students Annual Banquet and Ball — of the Swiss Mercantile College, at Princes Galleries, Piccadilly.

Monday, December 17th, at 1.30 p.m. — Old Folks Christmas Luncheon, at 15, Upper Bedford Place, Russell Square, W.C.1.

Tuesday, December 18th, at 8 o'clock — "Festa Familiare," Annual Concert and Dance, in Aid of the Fonds-de-Secours, at Pagani's Restaurant, Great Portland Street, W.1.

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