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EDITOR'S POST-BAG.

To the Editor of the Swiss Observer,
23, Leonard Street, London, E.C.2.

Dear Sir,

Although I write this letter anonymously — the reason for this will be obvious to you — I hope nevertheless that you can find space for same in the Swiss Observer.

I am one of those who for some time past have benefited from the generosity of the Swiss Benevolent Society and would like in this manner to bring to the notice of all your readers how well this Society deserves their support.

Not many years ago I was, what might be considered a successful business man, earning a handsome annual income and able to live a very comfortable life. Never did I imagine that I would ever have to rely on others to help me and my family financially. Unexpected and unforeseen reverses in business, which reached the peak with and on account of the outbreak of war, caused the collapse of my business in which all my capital was involved and unable to find employment, was at last forced to swallow my natural pride and put my case before the Committee of the Benevolent Society. I not only found sympathy but actual assistance and I believe that my story has been kept absolutely confidential by the Society. I had occasion to speak to other Swiss in similar circumstances and can assure the readers of the S.O. that it appears that no unfortunate and deserving case is ever ignored by the Society.

Years ago I did occasionally subscribe to the Benevolent Society thinking I had done my share, but now that I had a taste of what it means to be without a job and sometimes see the poor and aged applicants, I realize how little I did in the past appreciate the good that can and is being done by this Society with the help of its voluntary subscribers, and how urgent is the need for funds, especially in these times. I for one shall never forget and only hope it will be in my power to repay the substantial total that I consider a moral obligation and debt. Also a special word of thanks is due to the hardworking and uncomplaining members of the Society, who give much of their free time to ease the sufferings of their compatriots.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Mr. X.

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Mlle. M. M. — We do not issue receipts for subscriptions received and we trust that you have received the S.O. regularly. If you will let us know what "feuille spéciale" you refer to, we will look into the matter.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Saturday, January 20th, 1940, at 2.30 p.m. — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — Annual General Meeting — at the "Foyer Suisse," 12, Bedford Way, W.C.1, lunch at 3/- to be served at 1.30 p.m. The Meeting will be followed by a causerie by Mr. W. B. SIGERIST, on "*Recent Experiences With the Swiss Army*."

Divine Services.

Dimanche 7 janvier 1940 : à **Eglise Suisse**, 79, Endell Street, W.C.2.

11h. Culte. M. Ch. Collet, Agent de la Mission de Paris.

11h. Ecole du dimanche.

5h. Culte au Foyer Suisse, 15, Bedford Way, W.C.1,
M. M. Pradervand.

Mardi 9 janvier, à 2h.30, au Foyer Suisse, Réunion de couture.

Pour tout ce qui concerne le ministère pastoral, prière de s'adresser à Monsieur le pasteur Marcel Pradervand, 65, Mount View Road, N.4. (Téléphone Mountview 5003). Heure de réception à l'église le mercredi de 11-12h.30.

Sonntag, 7. Januar 1940 : in der **Schweizerkirche**, 9, Gresham Street, E.C.2.

11 Uhr morgens. Einsetzungsfeier für Pfr. Stutz.

Sprechstunden :

Dienstag 5-6 Foyer Suisse, 15, Bedford Way, W.C.1.

Mittwoch 12-2 in der Kirche, 9, Gresham Street, E.C.2.

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