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you some more, but had my own troubles in one of the last "Blitzes" on Birmingham, we had our roof, etc., knocked in, the wife and I escaping with shocks, still our hearts are stout and we are looking with confidence to the future. So please "Carry On" sending good News from Switzerland.

Wishing the S.O. the very best of luck.

I am, yours faithfully,  
*Alfred F. Frikart.*

\* \* \* \* \* May 14th, 1941.

Dear Sir,

..... I also enclose £1 towards the expenses of the "Swiss Observer," I feel sure all Swiss in this country deeply appreciate your work on our behalf.

Yours faithfully,  
*Dr. Charles Hagenbach.*

Several other subscribers when renewing remitted 20/-. We take this to mean 12/- for 52 issues and 8/- towards expenses. We are thus indebted to P. Jordi, J. Sermier, R. E. Zurbrugg and Miss Dapples.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Sir,

I venture to encroach upon your kindness to ask you to allow me some space in the "Swiss Observer" to mention a matter which is dear to my heart.

On the first of August next it will be 650 years since the foundation of what is to-day known as the Swiss Confederation. Undoubtedly our people at home will commemorate this anniversary with the same earnest resolution as they did 50 years ago, when in every town and village in Switzerland for weeks in advance, preparations were made fittingly and solemnly to remember the historic act on the Rütli. Never had our Country more justification to celebrate the meeting of the representatives of the original three cantons in the night of the first of August 1291 as it has to-day, and openly to re-iterate the promise then made, which started with the words "In the name of the Lord, Amen." Then also was the danger threatening, when the people of the valleys of Uri, Schwyz and Unterwalden promised to succour each other for all times, should either of them ever be in danger or distress. To-day when the Country is surrounded by belligerents it behoves the Swiss wherever they are to stand together and to face any danger that may threaten their borders or their liberties. And never have the Swiss been more united than they are to-day and this anniversary will be commemorated with dignity and solemnity due to that great occasion.

Doubtless we Swiss, who are away from our homeland will, wherever we are, give a grateful thought to the fact that our dear Country has up to now been spared the ravages of war or invasion. For this reason I venture to make an appeal to the Swiss Colony in London through your valued paper, to endeavour to find ways and means fittingly to commemorate the

650th Anniversary of the Swiss Confederation. It is not suggested to have a showy affair, just a serious gathering of all the members of the Colony without distinction, to give thanks that our Country has been spared the trials we are passing through here, to express faithful adherence to our native land and its constitution at the same time to express our firm confidence that democracy will ultimately come forth victorious. I believe that such a demonstration by members of a democratic people, which for 650 years has proved itself true to its principles can have but an encouraging effect on the people of our adopted country in which we are voluntary exiles.

Perhaps Mr. Editor you will be good enough to grant space to other Swiss who may or may not be of my opinion.

*An old Swiss.*

#### SCHWEIZERKIRCHE. (Deutschsprachige Gemeinde).

In view of further extensive damage suffered by the city of London through enemy action, it is found impracticable to continue divine services at St. Anne, 9, Gresham Street, E.C.2. Our compatriots and friends will be pleased to hear that through the generosity of the West London Mission, a small Hall has been placed at our disposal, where we shall find a temporary home, until such time, as a church building can be found. As a result our services, commencing on *Sunday, June 1st, 1941, (Whitsun) will be held at the Oak Room, 2nd Floor, Kingsway Hall, 75, Kingsway, W.C.1.* (Nearest Underground station Holborn).

We trust that many of our friends will avail themselves of the opportunity of inspecting our new place of worship by attending the *Whitsunday service at 11 a.m.* which will be followed by Holy communion.

We regret to announce the death of Dr. J. A. Schedler who passed away after a long illness at Ruthin Castle, near Manchester, on the 20th inst. Dr. Schedler was Swiss Consul for Manchester for a large number of years, also a director of the Clayton Aniline Co., Ltd. The funeral took place on the 22nd May, at Manchester, and Monsieur de Jenner represented the Swiss Minister.

We hope to publish further particulars in our next issue.

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Saturday, June 7th, at 1 p.m. — City Swiss Club — Monthly Meeting with Ladies — preceded by a Luncheon (6/6) at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.

Wednesday, June 11th, at 6.30 p.m. — Swiss Mercantile Society Ltd. — Monthly Meeting — at Swiss House, 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

UNION CHRETIENNE de langue française (French speaking Y.M.C.A.), Kingsway Hall, 3me étage, Kingsway, W.C.2. Chaque mardi à 6.15 p.m.

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