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SWISS SCIENTISTS IN LONDON.

On Tuesday, November 6th, 1946, the following Swiss Scientists have arrived in London as guests of the British Council:

- A. v. Muralt, Professor of Physiology and Director of the Physiological Institute in Berne;
- P. Niggli, Professor of Physiology and Petrography at the University of Zurich;
- A. L. Perrier, Director of the Institute of Physics, Zurich;
- P. Scherer, Director of the Institute of Physics, Zurich;
- O. Wyss, Professor of Physiology at the University of Geneva.

An official reception was held at the premises of the British Council, 74, Brook Street, W.1, to which a number of English Scientists were invited. Mr. White, General Secretary of the British Council, received the guests. Amongst the Swiss guests were present: Dr. A. Escher, Swiss Chargé d'Affaires, Dr. H. W. Egli, Mr. and Mrs. G. Keller and Mr. A. Stauffer.

SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Swiss Benevolent Society was held at Swiss Home on Monday evening, 28th October. It was a well attended meeting and the Society's President was in the chair. The most important item on the agenda were the accounts. Unfortunately there was a considerable deficit over the first nine months of the current year. The casual relief had gone up. This was to be expected now that many of the old people on the Society's books could no longer find work so easily. The pensions, too, were higher because of the increased cost of living. But the main reason for the deficit was that a surprising number of subscriptions had not yet come in. This was probably due to the fact that many regular subscribers had forgotten to send their cheque in the excitement of their first post-war holiday in Switzerland. The chairman and committee expressed their hope that subscriptions and donations would still come in before Christmas so that the accounts of the whole year would present a more favourable picture.

The meeting then discussed plans for Christmas.

Parcels of food and clothing will again be distributed amongst the poor Swiss in England as has been the custom for many years. The committee hope that all those who have some clothes to spare will send them to 31, Conway Street, W.1, in good time. Umbrellas, too, will be very welcome, toys, books and magazines and copies of the "*Swiss Observer*." Bedding and table-linen, crockery, household articles in general and even furniture will be greatly appreciated. However modest the parcel the Society will be very glad to receive it, and even the smallest article will help to cheer up somebody at Christmas.

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The Swiss Benevolent Society and the Swiss Churches in London appeal once more to their compatriots for their kind contributions in kind or cash, in order to provide a little extra cheer for Christmas to our Swiss in need. All kind of wearing apparel, household good and furniture would be much appreciated and gratefully received.

Please send parcels, if possible by December 10th, 1946, to 31, Conway Street, Fitzroy Square, London, W.1.

Cash remittances to:

- Swiss Benevolent Society, 31, Conway Street, Fitzroy Square, London, W.1.
- The Revd. M. Pradervand, 77, Wood Vale, London, N.10.
- The Revd. H. Blum, 1, Womersley Road, London, N.8.
- The Revd. Father A. Lanfranchi, Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, London, W.C.2.

HENRI HONEGGER RECITAL.

Henri Honegger, the famous Swiss 'Cellist, gave his first recital in this country to a half-filled hall on Monday, October 28th. One wished the Swiss Colony had been better represented to give a welcome to their countryman. His technique is excellent and he gave a most sympathetic interpretation of the first three Bach Suites for unaccompanied 'cello. I liked particularly the manner of his playing the beautiful Sarabande and difficult Minuet of the D Minor Suite and the Bourée and Gigue from the E flat Major Suite. He received much appreciative applause.

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The scarcity of paper and the costs of Xmas cards, should induce many of our subscribers to make use of this facility to extend to their friends the compliments of the season.

Those of our readers and friends wishing to be included should forward name and address to our office not later than Thursday, December 12th, 1946, together with remittance for 6/-.