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JEREMIAS GOTTHELF CENTENARY.**An N.S.H. Celebration.**

With the welcome support of the Anglo-Swiss Society the London Group of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique succeeded in organising on the 1st of November a singularly impressive and enjoyable celebration of the centenary of one of our most distinguished writers, Jeremias Gotthelf, who died a hundred years ago on October 22nd. It was held at Londonderry House with a short opening speech by Monsieur E. Bernath, representing the Minister. Dr. H. M. Waidson of Hull University, author of a recent book on Gotthelf, gave a lecture of absorbing interest on the Swiss writer and the significance of his work. He has kindly agreed to provide an abbreviated version for early publication in the "Swiss Observer". After an interval, passages from Gotthelf's works were read in the original text by Dr. Guido Frei, literary director at the Studio Zürich, Swiss Broadcasting Corporation, and in her own English adaptation by Miss Selma Vaz Dias. Warm applause rewarded the lecturer as well as the readers. Despite the deplorable refusal of another Swiss society to co-operate in this celebration of a famous Swiss author it enjoyed a fairly large attendance considering it held little appeal for our French speaking compatriots.

*H.E.***RUTH HUGGENBERG.****Piano Recital.**

We have great pleasure in directing the attention of our readers to a Piano Recital by our well-known compatriote Ruth Huggenberg, which will take place on Saturday, December 11th, 1954, at Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W.1. (see advertisement)

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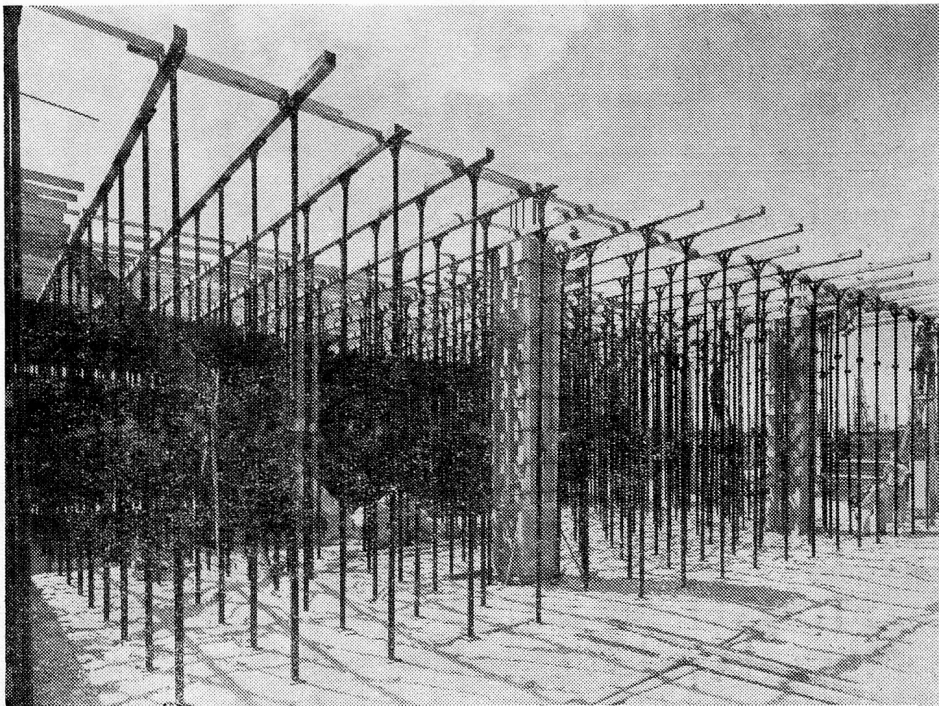
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