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**EDITOR'S POSTBAG.**

A. Stauffer, Esq., 28th January, 1958.  
 Editor,  
 Swiss Observer, London.

Dear Mr. Stauffer,  
 We have much pleasure in informing you that, as a result of our Christmas Appeal, for which you so very kindly allowed space in the "Swiss Observer" in October and November, a large number of useful gifts in kind and also some donations were received by us from private and business sources and from organisations of the Colony. All were duly acknowledged by us.

We were thus able to prepare and distribute Christmas parcels benefiting 203 people and containing a variety of garments as well as food products such as ovaltine, soups, cocoa, tea, coffee, fresh and dried fruit, with games and toys in some cases, not forgetting Madame Daeniker's always very much liked home made "Lebkuchen".

We should be grateful if, through the columns of the "Swiss Observer", we could once more thank all donors most warmly for their great kindness and generosity and tell them the joy their gifts brought in so many homes.

Much precious help was given us, as usual, by the "Nähverein", "Réunion de Couture", Schwyzerchränzli, "Réunion de jeunes filles", by their untiring knitting and sewing for the good cause, by Mesdames Raulin, Voegeli and Ziereisen, who did all the preparatory work of measuring and sorting out of wearing apparel, as well as packing comforts for the sick in hospitals, by Miss Huber and Mr. Noser, who gave a helping hand in packing, and by Mesdames de Tribolet, Bachofen and Raulin and members of the Jeunesse de l'Eglise, who volunteered to deliver parcels personally to many of the recipients.

With many thanks to you for all your help, we remain, dear Mr. Stauffer,

Yours sincerely,  
 SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.  
*J. Zimmermann,*  
*Secretary.*

**PERSONAL.**

We extend heartiest congratulations to Mr. W. Pellet, of 30, Cheyne Walk, Hendon, N.W.4, who recently celebrated his 70th birthday.

**SOPHIE WYSS LECTURE.**

Sophie Wyss, the well-known Swiss Soprano, is giving a lecture on Thursday, February 27th, 1958, at the London University. She will speak about all the composers she has met, and whose works she has been singing for the last 30 years.

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