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and Mrs. Pidoux, Mr. W. Baumgartner, Präsident der Aufsichtskommission der Stellenvermittlung, and Mrs. Baumgartner.

Further invitations have also been extended to the Mayor and Mayoress of St. Pancras, Mr. J. Hamilton of the Home Office, and Mrs. Hamilton, members of the Swiss Embassy and the Press, representatives of Swiss Societies, the Churches and the College.

A provisional programme for the Swiss visitors has been arranged, with a dinner and luncheon at the Montana Hotel, a visit to the B.B.C., a luncheon at Simpson's in the Strand, an outing by coach to Rye, with a visit to Canterbury Cathedral, a visit to the College, and a luncheon at the Spanish restaurant (Martinez).

Thus, it can be seen that every effort has been made to celebrate this auspicious event in grand manner. It will at the same time be a great reunion of our compatriots in this country, a demonstration of unity, strength and patriotism.

Therefore, I would like to make a fervent and sincere appeal, especially to the older members, to honour the Society by their presence, thus showing the members entrusted with the affairs of the Society their appreciation of all the work which they have rendered, and are rendering, with such ceaseless energy and devotion.

All over the globe there will be compatriots of ours who have, at one time or another, reaped some benefit, as many testimonies received during all these years from former members and pupils, who have reached key positions in their profession, have shown.

It has been the writer's good fortune to attend three anniversaries of the Swiss Mercantile Society, namely, the 50th, 60th and 70th.

From near and far the Society will, no doubt, receive congratulations and good wishes for its 75th Jubilee, but none will be heartier than the one from the writer, who has for nearly 50 years followed with admiration the great work of the

#### SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY.

#### SWISS RIFLE ASSOCIATION

We are pleased to report that the team, numbering twelve, of the Swiss Rifle Association, London, which competed at the Federal Shooting Competition in Zurich (July-August), was 4th out of sixteen sections which took part in the "Ehrenwettkampf der Ausland Sektionen", receiving a Silver Laurel wreath and a pewter jug.

Furthermore, the following members who shot in special competitions obtained a "Kranz", which is now substituted by a medal: Messrs. J. C. Wetter, Peter Fischer, Marcel Bucherer, Josef Hess, Francis Magnin and Oscar Grob.

We extend heartiest congratulations to the Swiss Rifle Association and their members on the splendid results obtained.

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#### OUR NEXT ISSUE

Our next issue will be published on Friday, 27th September. We shall be glad to receive manuscripts and reports not later than 18th September and short news items by 6th September.

#### DR. MARCO L. SCHROETER, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. †

We deeply regret to inform our readers (as indicated already in the last issue of this paper) that Dr. M. L. Schroeter, a well known and highly respected member of our colony, passed away on the 13th August 1963, after a long and patiently borne illness at the age of 75.

Dr. Schroeter, the son of a Swiss Architect, was born and educated in Zürich. After matriculation he studied medicine. As a young M.D. he was called to this country by the German Hospital in London, which due to the outbreak of the first world war and the consequent leaving of all doctors of German nationality, was extremely short of medical men. Dr. Schroeter qualified as a licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians and as a member of the Royal College of Surgeons and in a comparatively short time rose from Assistant to Chief Surgeon of the Hospital.

He left the German Hospital seven years later to open his own consulting rooms in the West End of London. He was a skilled and efficient diagnostician. Many are the patients, the writer and his family included, who benefitted by his careful diagnosis, timely and surgical treatment and who owe the deceased a great debt of gratitude.

Dr. Schroeter was for many years the appointed doctor of the staff of the Swiss Bank Corporation and the Swiss Legation.

For some years and until his death he served as member of the Committee and doctor of the Home for Aged Swiss.

Since 1922 and until his death he was a member of the City Swiss Club.

Dr. Schroeter was a lover of classical music and himself an accomplished pianist.

Although having lived in this country for almost half a century, he never gave up Swiss Nationality and to the rest of his days remained a true compatriot, very much attached to his native land.

The deceased leaves a widow, a daughter and a sister to whom we offer our sincerest sympathy in their sad loss.

F.G.S.

#### ALMANACH PESTALOZZI 1964

We have heard from the Secretariat of the Swiss Abroad that they are able to supply the well-known Almanach Pestalozzi for 1964 at a reduced price. This will be Fr.3.35 (instead of Fr.5.—) for the French version, Fr.3.35 (instead of Fr.4.80) for the German, and Fr.1.90 (instead of Fr.2.70) for the Italian edition. It is hoped that the attractive calendars will be ready by mid-October.

Would anybody interested please apply to the Secretariat, at 26 Alpenstrasse, Berne. Payment should be made in Swiss francs. If this is not possible, please apply to the Embassy or Consulate for transfer.