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and Mrs. Pidoux, Mr. W. Baumgartner, Präsident der Auf-  
sichtskommission 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 Can-  
terbury 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 en-  
trusted with the affairs of the Society their appreciation  
of all the work which they have rendered, and are render-  
ing, 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 posi-  
tions 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 diag-  
nostician. 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 ap-  
pointed 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 mem-  
ber 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 Secre-  
tariat, 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.