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THE SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY IS LOOKING FOR STAFF

The earliest welfare organisation in the Swiss community in London was founded in 1703. The Swiss Benevolent Society first started its activities as a separate entity under the name of "Fonds de Secours pour les Suisses Pauvres à Londres" on 1st January 1870. The amount of money spent since then to relieve suffering goes into vast sums. One is often asked if there is still any need for a charitable institution of this nature in these times of affluence. Have we not the Welfare State which is supposed to end all material shortage and suffering? Some recent figures published about poverty in the U.K., according to which 200,000 and 300,000 families earn less than the minimum laid down for qualifying for National Assistance, not including the old and the infirm, have definitely shattered the illusion that the Welfare State has eliminated poverty.

The Swiss who have made this country their home are no better and no worse off than their British friends. Those who suffer material hardships are in need of assistance, and the Swiss Benevolent Society continue to help wherever they can. In order to do this adequately, the Society need two things, on the one hand FUNDS which will enable them to pay casual relief and to support old-age pensioners, and on the other hand STAFF willing and capable of dealing with the complicated administration.

At the moment, the Society are looking for an Assistant to the Secretary. The task is no easy one but so well worth while and interesting. The right personality would be one who is interested in welfare work and capable of dealing with people. Swiss nationality is essential, as is knowledge of English, French and German. (See *advertisement for details*.) The writer knows the work intimately from her own experience early in the war, and she is well aware of the responsibilities involved. But she can honestly say that it was some of the most rewarding and satisfying work she has ever done, bringing her in touch with a variety of people of varying background and upbringing and with some fascinating histories.

There is a man or woman somewhere, just right for the job. Please come forward — you are needed.

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BIRTHDAYS

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Mr. F. Delaloye, of 15 Bartholomew Villas, N.W.5, will be 80 on 26th April. His biographical notes got lost in the post — a write-up will follow in the next issue.

To all our readers whose birthdays fall within the next couple of weeks, many happy returns!

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