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Little Parliament meets in idyllic surroundings

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mission to adapt the one to the other and to represent the Swiss compatriots abroad as a united force.

On 21st September, the London Group in conjunction with the Federation of Swiss Societies in the U.K. held a meeting at the Swiss Embassy, at which delegates gave their reports and a discussion took place. In order to comply with the wishes and intentions of the new President of the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad, the community in Great Britain, too, must decide just how its voice can become of greater importance and impact on Swiss public opinion. It is necessary, therefore, to study information which appears in *The Swiss Observer* and to attend any meetings organised by Swiss societies and clubs where such matters are being discussed.

MM

SWISS MINISTER FOR FRENCH PROTESTANT CHURCH

The French Protestant Church in Soho Square has a new Minister to replace the Rev. Claude Vandellinden. He is a Swiss national. The Rev. André Sprunger, 48, comes from Moutier, in the Jura Bernois.

The French Protestants of London therefore have two Swiss as Ministers: Mr. Sprunger, and Raymond Renou, the former Minister of the French-speaking Swiss Parish in London. Mr. Renou will remain in London to assist the Rev. Sprunger.

S. AFRICA EXPERIENCE

Having just returned from over 15 years of pastoral work in South Africa, the Rev. Sprunger, who is married and has one son, aged 18, is most happy to be back in Europe. He expects to be able to work with the large community of Huguenot descendants in Britain.

In South Africa, the Rev. Sprunger was missionary for a number of years in a remote area populated by the Tsonga tribe. His pastoral work also took him to Johannesburg where he also found time to engage in business activities.

The Rev. Sprunger was the first person to have the bright idea of exporting meat from Botswana to Switzerland. He was also involved

with management consultancy and the exchange of technologies. Before studying theology at Lausanne and Oxford, the Rev. Sprunger had gone through a commercial apprenticeship and no doubt acquired qualities which have served him in good stead as a minister!

We wish him and his wife a long and fruitful stay in London.

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