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COMMITTEE OF SWISS CATHOLICS IN LONDON

Encouraged by the result of our last year's Christmas Draw, the Committee has decided to hold one again this year instead of having a bazaar. The drawing of the prizes will take place on Wednesday, 11th December 1968. The object of the Draw is to give added financial support to our Chaplain, the Rev. Father Paul Bossard, in his efforts to look after the several thousand young Swiss temporarily in this country for studies, training or domestic work.

Our Chaplain is doing his best in helping them to pass their leisure hours by running the SWISS CATHOLIC YOUTH CLUB. This club holds socials every Sunday evening at the Westminster Ball Room, 30 Strutton Ground S.W.1, arranges sightseeing tours to places of interest in London, excursions to the English countryside, Oxford, Cambridge, Salisbury and the Isle of Wight. These functions are regularly attended and enjoyed by a large number of our young Swiss and I am pleased to say there is always a good proportion of our friends from the Protestant Swiss Church with us.

May I therefore ask you kindly to consider helping our work by sending either a donation of a gift in kind for our Christmas Draw.

Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

O. GROB, Chairman.

Donations to Mr. O. Grob, 60 Seafield Road, London N.11. Gifts in kind (latest date 9th December, 1968) to: St. Ann's Presbytery, Abbey Orchard Street, London S.W.1.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

We send best wishes to all readers whose birthdays and special anniversaries will be celebrated within the next fortnight, especially to Mr. A. Kunzler who will be 72 on 15th and Mr. W. Pellet whose 81st birthday will be on 19th November. Mr. and Mrs. C. Chapuis will be having their 51st wedding anniversary on 17th November. Mrs. H. W. Egli (the actress Miss Selma Vas Diaz) and Mr. E. Schaerer (75) will celebrate their birthdays on 23rd November. Congratulations all round!

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

How to Save Money

Price of cards — up. Cost of printing — up. Postage — higher.

Therefore, as in previous years, the "Swiss Observer" will put space for Christmas greetings at the disposal of readers. This arrangement will enable subscribers to wish their friends and a wide circle of compatriots in all parts of the world the compliments of the season at small cost. At the same time, it is a means of additional financial support to the paper.

We propose publishing these greetings in our Double Christmas Number on 13th December. Those of our readers and friends wishing to be included should forward name and address to our office not later than Monday, 20th November, together with remittance of 35/-. Prompt response will be much appreciated.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

With Christmas approaching, the SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, the two Communities of the SWISS CHURCH in LONDON and the SWISS CATHOLIC MISSION appeal, as in years past, to their many friends in the Swiss Colony. It is your gifts in kind and cash that help them to add some extra cheer to their Christmas Action in favour of the less fortunate of our compatriots.

Articles of clothing are needed, either new or used, provided they are cleaned and in good repair, also household goods which are always much appreciated.

Gifts in kind should be sent, if possible not later than by the first week in November, to the Swiss Benevolent Society, whilst donations in cash, postal orders and cheques may be forwarded to any one of the following addresses:

SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, 31 Conway Street, London W.1;

The Rev. A. NICOD, 7 Park View Road, London N.3;
The Rev. M. DIETLER, 1 Womersley Road, London N.8;
The Rev. P. BOSSARD, St. Ann's Church, Abbey Orchard Street, London S.W.1.

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We are most grateful for their kind and welcome support.

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The "Swiss Observer" is published every second and fourth Friday of the month. Our next issue will be out on 22nd November. We shall be glad to receive all reports and articles not later than Tuesday, 12th November. Short news items only can be accepted after that date.

Our next number but one will be our DOUBLE CHRISTMAS ISSUE on 13th December. We shall be grateful to get all contributions by Monday, 2nd December at the latest.

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