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# HELVETIA



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in New Zealand



Group New Zealand of the N.H.G.

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VOL. 1, 10TH YEAR.

## ANNUAL REPORT & BALANCE SHEET.

Once again your Committee is presenting the Annual Report and Balance Sheet to the members of the S.B.S.

The ninth year of our Society has shown a remarkable result in so far as every single member paid his or her subscription fee. This is a record since the inception and your Committee is particularly pleased with the result and wishes to express gratification and thanks to all members for their co-operation.

The increase in our membership has been very marked: it jumped from 158 in 1943 to 193 financial members at the end of September, 1944. Four of these unfortunately died during the year. A special membership drive has been launched recently, and although the results have been quite gratifying, there are still many Swiss who failed to enrol. As mentioned so often in the past, we again wish to urge all our friends throughout New Zealand to help us in the difficult task of inducing other Compatriots to join the Society. We want to exceed the 200 mark in the coming year, but feel this is only possible if every one of you assists by "pulling their weight".

In spite of the growing membership and the corresponding increase in printing costs etc., our expenses are actually less than the previous year; and this notwithstanding the special expense of about £5 on gift parcels sent to soldier-boys overseas.

During the ensuing year your Committee intends to draft and print new Rules of the Society, which is expected to be a rather costly item. However, we owe our many members, particularly new ones, a proper Constitution and Rules.

Members are reminded to make fresh efforts in setting up special local Committees for taking charge of activities connected with social functions, enrolment of new members, or any other initiative connected with the welfare and the advancement of the Society. The formation of such local committees cannot be arranged by the Central Committee, but must be initiated by local members in the various districts.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION: Your fee to the S.B.S. becomes due on October 1st and we request you to remit to the Secretary; to the Treasurer, Mr. W. Ungemuth, Clarence Road, Northcote, Auckland, or to the district collection agents, Mr. John Steiner, Eastport Road, Waihou, and Mr. C. Gebert, P.O., Opotiki, respectively. Please make our task easier by remitting promptly. In view of the anticipated higher expenses during 1944/45 (particularly due to the printing of rules), we wish to encourage those members in more fortunate positions, to remit whatever sum they care to donate, apart from the fee, so that our Society can continue on a prosperous basis. You will agree that the nominal fee of 10/- is extremely moderate; the figure was originally based (1935) on a "money-value" entirely different from today. We therefore solicit your generosity to assist us.

BALANCE SHEET. SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1944.

<u>Expenditure:</u>		<u>1943</u>	
1943/44 To Printing & Postage		Oct. 1st. BY	Balance carried forward
"Helvetia"	55.19. 0		250.16. 8
Small donations	2.16. 5		Subscription 1943/44
Gift parcels	4.18. 5		100. 9. 0
Cables	2. 7. 5		1944/45
Wreaths	1.10. 0		13. 5. 0
Postage	1.18. 0		Interest Savings
Stationery	1. 8. 0		Bank A/c.
Bank charges, exchange	15. 0		3. 8. 8
	<u>71.12. 3</u>		
Balance	<u>296. 7. 1</u>		
	<u>£367.19. 4</u>		<u>£367.19. 4</u>

<u>1944</u>		
October 1st. Balance Post Office Savings Bank		289.16. 8
Cash and stamps in hand		<u>6.10. 5</u>
		<u>£296. 7. 1</u>
	Total:	

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