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is the possibility at the same time that an international trade fair for photographers and opticians will be held as well as a number of technical courses given by specialists.

The exhibition will be organised under the auspices of the Lucerne authorities with the assistance of a number of technical organisations. Hundreds of the best works by professional and amateur photographers from all parts of the world will be presented in an entirely new form.

Sites already chosen for the different events include the Congress House (Fine Arts Museum), a large part of the square in front of the station, and the Festival Hall.

## NEWS OF THE COLONY

The Swiss Shooting Club in Stratford has the following members:—P. Amstalden, P. Fluhler, F. Gwerder, J. Kaiser, D. Luond, K. Nolly, L. Nolly, T. Napfli, A. Risi, J. Schelbert, A. Schuler, F. Suter.

Below are the results obtained on October 14:—J. Kaiser, 69.3 points; T. Napfli, 96.1 points; F. Suter, 95.2 points; K. Nolly, 93.2 points; J. Schelbert, 92.0 points; F. Gwerder, 90.0 points; A. Risi, 89.1 points; L. Nolly, 83.1 points.

## GENERAL MEETING OF SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

### EXTRACTS OF REPORT.

We are pleased to report that the Annual General Meeting, held on October 31st, was well attended by members from Auckland and surrounding districts.

Minutes.—Last year's minutes, read by the secretary, were duly confirmed and approved by the meeting.

Balance-sheet.—This was presented by the President (Mr. A. Peyer) to the meeting and was unanimously adopted as carried. The full balance is shown below.

Election of Committee.—The old committee being available for re-election, all previous members were again elected. To give some younger compatriots opportunity to get conversant and to gain experience with committee-matters, an additional three "executive members" have been added, the full team being now as follows:—

President: Mr. A. Peyer.

Vice-President: Mr. F. Steyer.

Secretary: Mr. E. Merz.

Executive members: Mr. A. Moosberger, Mr. E. Straumann, Mr. W. Fierz, Mr. E. Gilgen, Mr. H. Gilgen.

### BALANCE SHEET.

September 30th, 1951.

	October 1st, 1950:—		Dr.		Cr.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
By Balance Carried Forward .....					631	15 8
Subscriptions, 1950-51 .....					130	19 8
Subscriptions, 1951-52 .....					4	10 0
Donations .....					25	12 9
Collections Swiss Badges .....					5	10 0
Interest Bank Account .....					14	9 8

### EXPENSES.

To Printing of "Helvetia" .....	104	10	0
Posting of "Helvetia" .....	21	8	6
Christmas Gifts .....	1	17	0
Swiss Observer .....	1	1	0
Stationery .....	0	16	0
General Postage .....	3	4	6
Exchange on Cheques .....	0	8	3
Social Security Tax .....	1	1	9

£134 7 0

October 1st, 1951:—

Balance at Bank .....	663	11	5
Cash on Hand .....	14	19	4

£812 17 9      £812 17 9

To All Members.—We wish to remind members that the annual subscription fee of 15/- (or more if willing to donate) has become due at closing date of our balance. Please pay early and save us extra work and expense.

## ANNUAL REPORT

1st OCTOBER, 1950-30th SEPTEMBER, 1951.

Once again your Committee takes the pleasure of presenting the Annual Report and Balance Sheet. The past year has been quiet. No calls have been made on our funds for any financial assistance, on the contrary, the Society had the fortune to have a sum of money donated by the father of a deceased member.

We are sorry to say that we have lost 11 members through death or resignation, on the other hand 26 compatriots have joined the Society during the year. The membership list now totals 221.

General Expenses remained about the same as last year £8/8/6, 1950 £11/13/4. The printing of the "Helvetia," however, has risen to £125/18/6.

Now, if readers will bear with me a while longer I would like to right some misconceptions that apparently exist regarding the Society and its Committees. It has come to our notice, for instance, that we, the Committee, do nothing but hoard the moneys collected. If so far no calls have been made for financial assistance, well, that is our good fortune, and if there have been cases among our countrymen that needed assistance, let me assure you the Committee had no knowledge of them. I may intimate, however, that this year there are already two cases where financial support was given.

It has also been said that the Committee squanders the funds on entertainments. This misconception no doubt has arisen because there has existed in Auckland, since 1951, a Swiss Social Committee, but, unfortunately, owing to the small numbers of compatriots here, some of us have to act on both Committees. Banking accounts, however, are kept strictly separate, and in different hands. Incidentally, owing to lack of interest, no social functions were held during the last two years and the Committee was practically non-existent, but now, with the influx of new blood, we hope that past activities will again be taken up.

Any organised social functions among our compatriots must of necessity be locally arranged, and the S.B.S. as a country-wide organisation cannot give any financial assistance. Paragraph 2 in the Rule Book will make this clear.

I hope I have been able to clear any misfeelings some of our members may have had and that they will give us their wholehearted support in the future.

In conclusion, I wish to thank my Committee and especially Mr. Merz and the Swiss Consulate for all they have done for our Society.

A. PEYER,

President.

## MEMBERSHIP LIST

Patron: The Swiss Consul, Wellington.

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Vice-President: F. Steyer, 1525 Gt. North Rd., Avondale.

Secretary: E. Merz, P.O. Box 85, Auckland, C.1.

Executive Members: A. Moosberger, 129 Crummer Rd., Auckland, W.2; E. Straumann, 35 Hollywood Ave., Auckland, S.E.3; W. Fierz, 38 Rose St., Auckland, W.2; E. Gilgen, P.O. Box 2875, Auckland, C1; H. Gilgen, P.O. Box 2875, Auckland, C.1.

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Bachman, Jost, P.O., Opatiki.