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## Message from the Ambassador

I have been extremely pleased to read in the February issue of the "Helvetia", the kind welcome extended to my wife and myself, and wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness.

On my part, I would like to express to all of you, dear compatriots, my heartfelt greetings and, at the same time, say how very happy I am at having been sent to New Zealand. I have, for many years, felt attracted to this country about which, so far, I only know of from hearsay; but the very little I have seen of it up till now, and the few compatriots I have met so far, have shown me that my expectations were not unfounded; on the contrary. I have always counted among the most pleasant of my duties, the fostering of more than good, in fact natural and cordial, relations with the Swiss living abroad, and I am positive that in New Zealand, too, I shall, with the co-operation of all of you, succeed in this endeavour. May I ask you to also extend to me the confidence which you have shown to my predecessors. If ever you have a matter of concern to talk over or an idea which you would like to discuss with the Embassy, do not hesitate to do so; and should you come personally to Wellington, I shall be pleased if you will not only visit the offices of my collaborators, but my very own too.

MAX CORTI,  
Ambassador.