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REV. MARCEL PRADERVAND'S NEW APPOINTMENT.

The many friends of Marcel Pradervand, formerly Pasteur of the Eglise Suisse in London, will be interested to hear that he was elected on July 29th, 1954, General Secretary of the World Presbyterian Alliance.

The "Amerikanische Schweizer Zeitung" (Aug. 11th, 1954) writes:

"Dr. Pradervand, 48, speaks three languages and understands five, has been executive secretary of the Alliance, which comprises 40,000,000 adherents of the Reformed faith in forty-five countries, since 1948. He will assume newly created post under a revised Alliance constitution, but will have essentially the same administrative duties as before. He is a graduate of the University of Basle, Switzerland, and the University of Berlin, and is a former pastor of the Swiss Church in London.

As Dr. Pradervand took office July 29th by unanimous choice of the General Council of the Alliance, in session at Princeton Theological Seminary, the Rev. Dr. Joseph L. Hromadka, dean of Jan Hus Theological Faculty of the University of Prague, who has drawn the fire of critics for his support of Communist groups, rose to pay tribute to him.

Speaking hesitantly in English, the head of the Czech delegation declared that because "the present world is divided" it was sometimes "so difficult to understand one another."

The new General Secretary, Dr. Hromadka said, has manifested "a rare understanding of the hopes and aspirations of the Reformed churches". To this Dr. Pradervand replied that he regarded his task as a commission to work "directly for Jesus Christ" and "for the Reformed cause and the great Protestant cause which is the true cause of Jesus Christ".

OUR NEXT ISSUE.

Our next issue will be published on Friday, October, 15th, 1954. We take this opportunity of thanking the following subscribers for their kind and helpful donations over and above their subscriptions: J. Dubs, G. Jenne, Mrs. A. M. Themans, R. de Watteville, C. F. Illi, A. Paris, A. Spargnapani, W. Stettbacher, James Sieber, C. Pulfer, C. L. Schlaeppli, A. Steiner, Mrs. L. Wuest.

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The N.S.H. shows much commendable enterprise in enabling this young group of artistes to appear before the Swiss Colony in London. It comprises four men and three girls who are coming over here in three motor-cars complete with stage props and all. They are expecting no payment and their only reward will be to watch the delight in our faces and our laughter created by their light-hearted but clean youthful humour.

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