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by the Tombola draw, with the fortunate result that half of the forty members left for home, when midnight had rung, with at least a bottle of liquor or a box of Swiss cigars.

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#### **Swiss Catholic Mission**

There will be an Ecumenical Service on Christmas Eve at St. Ann's at 6.30 p.m. This will be followed by a Christmas Dinner in the Westminster Ballroom. At 11 p.m. Heinrich Schutz's "Oratorio" will be performed at St. Ann's. This will be succeeded by a Midnight Mass and the day will end with a friendly tea.

On Sunday 27th, Holy Mass will be celebrated at St. Ann's at 3 p.m. This will be followed by a Children's Christmas Party. Dancing at the Westminster Ballroom from 8 p.m. onward.

#### **Eglise Suisse**

The Annual Dinner of the Doyens of the Parish will take place on Saturday 5th December at 5.30 p.m. The Christmas Tree celebration of the joint Swiss Church and French Reformed Church of Soho Square as from 3 p.m. The Christmas Tree celebration of the French-speaking Swiss parish will take place on the following Sunday at Endell Street, starting at 3 p.m. On Christmas Day there will be a service at 11.15 a.m. followed by Holy Communion. On Saturday 2nd January, the children of the Colony enjoy their annual party at St. Mary's Hall. YWCA, Gt. Russell Street, at 2 p.m. A special dinner is foreseen for the Youth Club on Christmas Eve. The young Swiss exiles can spend Boxing Day at the Presbytery (address given overleaf) from 4 p.m. onward.

#### **German-speaking parish**

The series of Christmas events begins with a Family Fete at Seven Oaks, on 17th December, 4 p.m. A second Family Fete will take place at Endell Street on Sunday, 20th December, at 4 p.m. On Christmas Eve at 6.30 p.m. an Ecumenical Service will be held jointly with the Catholics at St. Ann's. Christmas Day, 10 a.m., Service and Holy Communion. No service on the morning of Sunday 27th, but evening service at St. Ann's. Finally, an Ecumenical Service will be celebrated at St. Ann's on 31st December at 6.30 p.m.

#### **CHANGES AT THE WELFARE OFFICE**

A reception at the Ambassador's Residence was held to bid farewell to Mrs. M. H. Ellis, President of the Committee of the Swiss Welfare Office, and Mrs. B. Kind, Secretary of the Welfare Office. Mrs. Ellis has had to abandon her responsibility as she is now involved in social work at Folkestone, where she lives. Readers may remem-

ber that she was awarded an M.B.E. last year in reward for her outstanding services to social welfare. Mrs. B. Kind has had to follow her husband, the present "Neue Zurcher Zeitung" correspondent in London to Moscow. Mr. Kind swaps places with the actual Moscow correspondent of the N.Z.Z. Mrs. Ellis is temporarily replaced by Mrs. O. Grob but a permanent replacement for Mrs. Kind, Miss Senn, has already been found. Monsieur René Keller pronounced a short farewell address and offered both Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Kind gift vouchers as a token of the appreciation of the Colony. We congratulate them and wish them all the best in their new life.

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#### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Tuesday, 1st December, Orchid Suite of the Dorchester, Dinner of the Anglo-Swiss Society, 7.30 for 8 p.m. Black tie. Prof. L. W. Forster will speak on "Some Swiss Writers and their Attitude".

Friday, 4th December. Annual Cup Competition of the Swiss Philatelic Society.

Wednesday, 9th December. Swiss Mercantile Society, monthly meeting. The speaker will be Mr. W. Stettbacher.

Tuesday, 15th December. City Swiss Club Christmas Dinner.

Saturday, 12th December. Cercle Genevois Gathering at the Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, W.C.2. 7.30 p.m. Tel: 995 0083.

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