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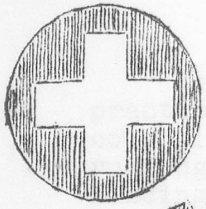
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HELVETIA

Monthly Publication
of the Swiss Benevolent Society
in New Zealand.

AUCKLAND, 1st February, 1936.

No. 5

Swiss residents of New Zealand have been deeply bereaved by the news of the death of His Majesty King George V., and we wish to express to our English and New Zealand friends our sincerest sympathy for the loss of their great Monarch.

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ELECTION RESULTS

The results of the election of our National Council which took place on October 27th last, were, quite contrary to the New Zealand elections, without any drastic changes. The following mandates were returned, showing the principal party strength and the previous seats in parenthesis:

Conservative Democrats	48	(52)
Catholic Conservatives	41	(44)
Farmers & Trades Party	22	(28)
Liberals	6	(6)
Social - Democrats	50	(50)
Communists	2	(2)
Social Political Party & "Young-farmers"	7	(4)
Independent	7	(0)
Various other factions	4	(1)

The Conservatives (Democrats & Catholics combined) are still the strongest party and in spite of extensive propoganda and special efforts, the Socialists made no progress whatever. The Independents (new faction altogether) are the sole party to register an outstanding success, which was chiefly due to their leader, G.Duttweiler. We referred in our previous issue, No.3, to this rather remarkable personality. Mr.Duttweiler had the unprecedented distinction of being elected a "Nationalrat" in three different electorates, namely, Zürich, Bern and St.Gall.

THE SWISS OLYMPIA

In the 14th and 15th centuries, the Swiss Confederacy was surrounded by enemies. Training in the art of war was a necessity of life. The spirit of Olympia, which had lapsed into oblivion for 2000 years, and which in the Middle Ages was only practised by the knights and nobles, came to life again in the whole of Switzerland. Thus, it came to pass that the small democratic communities in town and country revived the cult of physical strength and discipline.