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Pessimists prophesied a life of two years for our Society. Instead of this the membership has been ever increasing. During 1936-37 the membership swelled to 70 members, 1937-38 we reached 80, while in 1938-39 we overstepped the century mark by 20. At present our membership stands at 150.

With this report of our achievements which we put before you, we hope to foster an interest among our compatriots beneficial to our Society. Just think what a great help it would be :

- (1) If every member would nominate at least one new member per year.
- (2) If every member would forward his annual fee at the beginning of the financial year without being asked for it. It would save the Executive a lot of time, work and extra postage.
- (3) If members would inform the Secretary of happenings of interest to Swiss in New Zealand. We are indebted to a few interested compatriots for their past contributions of news and paper-cuttings for the benefit of the "Helvetia".

We extend an extra word of thanks and appreciation to our esteemed Consul, Dr. W. Schmid, who is taking such a great interest in the welfare of our Society. We are also highly indebted to Dr. Schmid for his contributions to our "Helvetia".

W. U.

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### A N N U A L   R E P O R T

The Committee of your Society has much pleasure in presenting the Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending September 30th, 1940.

The fifth year proved to be a very successful period, the membership steadily increased and the finances are also satisfactory. Much greater activities in the Society were the main feature of the past year, chiefly attributable to the widespread collection-campaign for our Soldiers at home. These matters have frequently been referred to in our paper, and as regards the growth and foundation of the Society, we refer you to the preceding article. We express the hope of continued success during the ensuing year.

### B A L A N C E   S H E E T

of the Swiss Benevolent Society in New Zealand for the year ending Sept. 30th, 1940.

| 1939   |                             | <u>Dr.</u>         | <u>Gr.</u>        |
|--------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Oct. 1 | By Balance brought forward  |                    | 132. 9. 6         |
| 1940   | " Subscriptions & Donations |                    | 56. 5. 4          |
|        | " Refunds                   |                    | 4. 0. 0           |
|        | " Interest on Bank deposits |                    | 3.15. 2           |
|        | <u>Expenditure:</u>         |                    |                   |
|        | To Printing during year     | 35. 4. 8           |                   |
|        | " Postage " "               | 6. 2. 11           |                   |
|        | " Donations " "             | 6. 0. 0            |                   |
|        |                             | <u>47. 7. 7</u>    |                   |
|        | Cash on hand                | 4. 2. 7            |                   |
|        | Balance carried forward     | 144.19.10          |                   |
|        |                             | <u>£ 196.10. 0</u> | <u>£196.10. 0</u> |

Oct. 1st, 1940 - Balance at Bank :

£144.19.10

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