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IN NEW ZEALAND.

It has been the intention of the Editors to publish on the front page, as usual, an editorial article, but in the eleventh hour requests for publishing correspondence of members have reached Wellington, which at this moment, deserve first consideration. Ahead of the publishing of this interesting correspondence, we wish to express our lively satisfaction for the increasing interest taken by our fellow-countrymen in New Zealand in the development of the activities of the Swiss Benevolent Society. The suggestions made in the correspondence from members of our Society in Auckland and the Thames Valley fully coincide with the thoughts which have been uttered also by members of the newly elected Central Committee at Wellington. The active policy followed by the local Swiss group in Auckland in going ahead and setting up special local committees for different purposes no doubt is the right way to go about developing the activities of the Swiss Benevolent Society in New Zealand. The initiative for more activities of the Society must necessarily come from the local centres of New Zealand, where smaller or larger Swiss groups exist. It is not possible for the Central Committee at Wellington to create local interest for the Swiss Benevolent Society except by means of the monthly Bulletin and by correspondence with individual members or local groups. We, at Wellington, wholeheartedly recommend therefore to all members of the Swiss Benevolent Society in different parts of New Zealand to follow the example and suggestions given us by fellow-countrymen of ours in Auckland and the Waikato. They can rest assured that the Central Committee at Wellington greatly appreciate any initiative for the setting up of local committees in pursuance of the aims and purposes of the Swiss Benevolent Society. It is, however, important that all local groups keep in contact with the Central Committee at Wellington for the necessary co-ordination of all efforts and for the purpose of keeping all activities within the limits of statutes and by-laws of the central organisation, the Swiss Benevolent Society in New Zealand.

DR. WALTER SCHMID.

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AUCKLAND LOCAL NEWS.

A representative gathering of some 25 Auckland Members was held on November 6th, to nominate executive district members and to elect a Social Committee, as well as "Hospital Stewards" and Scrutineers. The discussions were fruitful in many aspects, and will doubtless result in closer co-operation between our compatriots. New measures were taken, leading to more lively interest in matters concerning our Swiss Community, and, we hope, will also induce compatriots in other centres such as Taranaki, Wellington, Waikato, etc., to follow suit.