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Läg dort ich unterm Firneschein
Auf hoher Alp begraben,
Ich schliefe mitten im Juchheine
Der wilden Hirtenknaben.
Wo sonst ich lag im süssen Tag,
Läg ich in dunkeln Decken,
Der laue Krach und dumpfer Schlag,
Er würde mich nicht wecken.
Und käme schwarzer Sturm gerauscht
Und schüttelte die Tannen,
Er führe, von mir unbelauscht,
Vorüber und von dannen.
Doch klänge sanfter Glockenchor,
Ich liesse wohl mich stören
Und lauscht' ein Weilchen gern empor,
Das Herdgeläut zu hören.

Conrad Ferdinand Meyer.

1st OF AUGUST CELEBRATION IN MANAIA.

The Swiss in the Taranaki district have decided to commemorate the birthday of the Swiss Confederation on the 30th of July in the Town Hall at Manaiā. The Consul of Switzerland, Mr. Theiler, and Mrs. Theiler, will be the Guests of Honour.

AUCKLAND CELEBRATION.

A gathering of the Swiss community of Auckland and surrounding districts will be held this year at the Comodore Rooms, Customs St., West, (opposite Point Chevalier tram stop) on Saturday, August 7th at 7.30 p.m. Owing to the position of Lighting Restrictions, we ask patrons to roll up early. As we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Republic of Neuchatel, and also the Constitution, we should like to see our patrons turn up in Good Numbers.

AUSLANDSCHWEIZERTAGE 1948.

From the 24th to the 26th of June, 1948, took place the so-called Parliament of the Swiss living abroad. A special meeting had been arranged for the evening of the 24th of June for the Swiss from overseas, in order to discuss various problems. On the agenda figures, the closer relationship between our compatriots living overseas and the Secretariat of the New Helvetic Society for the Swiss living abroad was included. The Swiss Benevolent Society of New Zealand was represented by Mr. & Mrs. Merz as delegates.

SCHILLER FOUNDATION.

The Schiller Foundation has just granted various recognitions to Swiss writers. Among the German speaking Swiss authors, Emil Balmer and Hans Roelli each received a premium of Sfr.1000. Other authors who also received Sfr.1000 are Alfred Fankhuser for "For they shall own the Earth"; Marcel Gero for "Berner Marsch"; Ernst Hirt for "Gallus Peter"; Gustav Keckels for "Die fremde Zeit"; John F. Vuilleumier for "Die vom Berg" and Albert J. Welti for "Marta und die Niemandssöhne." Among the French Swiss authors Denis de Rougemont was awarded a prize of honour of Sfr.1000 and C.A. Cingria received Sfr.1000 for "La reine Berthe." The Italian Swiss author Vittore Frigerio of Lugano received a prize of honour of Sfr.700 and the two Romanche, Toni Halter and Gian Cadielli each received a prize of Sfr.500.