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## 31st SWISS CHILDRENS' ANNUAL XMAS TREE PARTY.

At Victoria Halls, Bloomsbury, W.C.1.

The Colony's old time honoured friend the "S.O." is enjoying a well-deserved Seasons holiday, therefore, these few lines which will appear after the Xmas Party, seem at the moment somewhat out of gear!

Still, claiming the readers' indulgence, may we refresh fading memories! Since 1909, generations of young compatriots have known our Xmas Party; last year, one could notice some of the very early participants with their little ones and even grandchildren present in that large and inviting Hall. —

Preparing for the 7th January, the organising committee has been busy again, remembering the 160 pairs of little eyes, who a year ago, greatly enjoyed that New Year's First day, not forgetting that for their elders, this outing meant Transport anxieties and a real London rainy day. —

Everyone is anticipating a happy party again, invitations have been sent out by Mlle Ida Matthey to all known parents, and one also notes the co-operation of the three Swiss Churches, which is very gratifying.

The "Little Black Book" like the Boy Scout cannot be forgotten, it is always there and everywhere, collecting the funds which are needed, and if our many friends in the Colony will have a refreshing New Year's thought, their donations will be thankfully received and acknowledged by Mr. C. Campart, 33, Heathfield Park, N.W.2. —

It is perhaps the most appropriate time to remember once more the Poet Laureat's ever remaining beautiful words:—

"He who gives a child a treat,  
Lights a lamp in Heaven's street."

May we close with our gratitude and thanks to the many compatriots who never fail to show kindness and generosity.

*CeC.*

(A full report about the Party will appear in our next issue.)

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