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EDITOR'S POST-BAG.

The Editor,
Swiss Observer,
London, E.C.2.

London, Jan. 17th, 1957.

Dear Mr. Stauffer,

Our Christmas Appeal, which you so very kindly published in the "Swiss Observer" last November, brought us a variety of highly appreciated gifts in kind as well as money. All, except a few anonymous ones, were duly acknowledged by us, but we would like, through the columns of your paper, to tell all donors: individuals, firms, organisations, the great pleasure and extra cheer their generous and practical response has given to our fellow-citizens in need, as evidenced by the numerous letters of thanks we have received.

In all 151 parcels were made and distributed, providing for 203 people.

Notwithstanding the claims of the Swiss Church Bazar of last November, the "Nähverein", the "Réunion de Couture", the "Schwyzerchränzli" and the "Réunion de Jeunes Filles" sent us a quantity of much needed and well made garments. And, as last year, Madame Daeniker added a sweet greeting as from home by her very kind contribution of a home-made Bernese "Lebkuchen" for each Christmas parcel.

To all who thus answered our appeal in one way or another, we express once more our sincere gratitude. We do so too to our willing helpers, Mesdames Boller, Raulin, Voegeli and Ziereisen, who devoted so much of their time in the course of the

year already towards ensuring the success of our Christmas action, not forgetting the two suffragans, Messrs. Furthmuller and Lachat, who toiled in the packing, nor Mrs. Jenne and the "Jeunesse de l'Eglise", who delivered some of the parcels personally.

With our warm thanks also to you for your very valuable help, we are, dear Mr. Stauffer,

Yours sincerely,

SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY,

J. Zimmermann,

Secretary.

CONCERT NEWS.

We again wish to direct very specially the attention of our readers to the concert of the Pro Arte Orchestra on Tuesday, February 19th, at the Royal Festival Hall (8 p.m.), the conductor being our compatriot Hedy Salquin.

Hedy Salquin is a brilliant musician, and is well known on the Continent. She will be supported at this concert by Desmond Bradley, violinist, who would appear to be a most outstanding young musician from Australia, and by the well-known tenor, Austin Miskell.

The evening will be not only an event in the musical life of London but of tremendous importance to our compatriot Hedy Salquin.

We sincerely hope that a large number of our readers and their friends will flock to the Festival Hall in support of our compatriot.

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