

THE LORD MAYOR'S NATIONAL FLOOD AND TEMPEST DISTRESS FUND

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My dear Excellency,

I have heard from Sir Malcolm Trustram Eve of the splendid offer made by the Swiss Broadcasting Company, organisers of the "Chaine de Bonheur", to provide the sum of Swiss Fcs. 160,000 for children who have been orphaned by the floods.

The suggestion that an amount should be set aside for each of these unfortunate children which can be used either to complete their technical education or paid over when each attains his or her majority gives me great pleasure. It is a splendid idea to arrange the payments in this way, because normally it would not have been possible for provision to have been made by the Fund.

It is with the greatest pleasure that I accept this kind offer to these orphaned children, and I should be grateful if you would express my warmest thanks to all those who gave so generously to the "Chaine de Bonheur", and my gratitude to the Swiss Broadcasting Company, the Swiss Banks, and all those who helped in the organisation.

There are about 100 children concerned, and I will make arrangements with The Public Trustee to invest the money and pay it out as and when the children become entitled to it. This can be done without difficulty because The Public Trustee has agreed already to look after the fund which are being set aside to provide pensions for the widows, and maintenance for the children who have lost one or both parents in the floods or tempests.

I am much moved by the kindness displayed by the people of Switzerland who, as you know, have already given generous support to the Flood and Tempest Distress Fund, and I am deeply grateful for this additional gift which will enable over £100 to be given to each child at a time when such a gift can be of the greatest help.

Again may I thank you for all the kindness you and your Staff showed me in connection with our very happy visit to Geneva.

Yours sincerely,

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