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genial tastes, and not a few old intimates. His geniality and kindness won him wide popularity in England, as well as abroad, and his comprehensive knowledge of artistic and archaeological subjects, as well as of European politics and personalities, made his conversation as interesting as it was instructive. Sir Henry Angst married an English lady, who died before him, leaving no children."

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SWISS LEGATION

HOSPITALS OF LONDON COMBINED APPEAL.

The Swiss Legation inform us that the Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps, H.E. the Spanish Ambassador, has addressed a circular note to the foreign Missions accredited to the Court of St. James's, suggesting a special subscription amongst the foreign colonies in the United Kingdom in favour of the London Hospitals. Attached to his note was a copy of the "Hospitals of London Combined Appeal," organized by King Edward's Hospital Fund, under the patronage of H.M. the King.

His Excellency pointed out that in view of the very difficult financial position of these charitable institutions an effort made by the foreign residents would be highly recommendable.

At the meeting of the Presidents of the Swiss Societies in London, held at the Legation on May 16th, this proposition has been discussed. It was agreed that in view of the fact that the majority of the Swiss residents in London have already received individually the said appeal and sent in contributions to some extent; that, on the other hand, a special collection is made every year in the Swiss Church in favour of the London Hospitals; and that the Legation have, owing to the present state of things, been obliged to appeal repeatedly to the charity of their countrymen, a subscription to the said purpose hardly seems justified.

However, the desire was expressed at the meeting that the matter should be reported in *The Swiss Observer*, with the view of drawing once more the attention of the Swiss Colony to the difficulties experienced by the London Hospitals, and of reminding Swiss residents that donations may be forwarded to the Treasurers and Trustees, Hospitals of London Combined Appeal, 19, Berkeley Street, W.1.

To the Editor *The Swiss Observer*.

Sir,—Some time ago members of the Swiss Colony have drawn my attention to two articles published in the Swiss papers "L'Impérial" and "La Tribune de Lausanne," insinuating that a Swiss firm established in London had made a "report" to the Foreign Office suggesting that the British visa for Swiss citizens should be maintained. It was added that this extraordinary step had been taken by "one of the most influential members of the Swiss Colony in England."

I have not failed to make the necessary enquiry on the subject, and I am glad to be able to inform you that, according to a note received from the Foreign Office, no trace of such correspondence can be found in any Department of His Majesty's Government.

I should feel obliged if you would kindly publish a communication to that effect in *The Swiss Observer*.

Yours, etc.,
C R. PARAVICINI.

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The Committee.

REFLECTIONS ON THE BIG FIGHT.

By a Spectator.

Urgent business had kept me late at the office on Thursday, May 11th. It was past ten when, walking up Fleet Street, homeward bound, my thoughts on the day's affairs were suddenly interrupted by the shrill voices of the newspaper boys announcing the "Result of the Big Fight."

Everybody knows now what happened: how Carpentier struck the much discussed knock-out blow within 150 seconds.

I drew a mental picture of the large crowds assembled at Olympia to witness the contest of the two champions. I could hear the shouts of triumph in favour of the successful winner and the groans of disappointment and despair of those who backed the loser.

And being a business man, I was envious of the large amount of free publicity given by the Press in favour of two gentlemen who in return had nothing to offer which would benefit mankind, although I realised that the anticipation of this free publicity was a large factor in the minds and calculations of the promoters in fixing up the respective purses for the prize fighters.

Net Result of the Big Fight:—

A third-rate pugilistic display lasting 150 seconds
Disappointed spectators 20,000

But

Hard cash for Carpentier* £7,500

do. for Kid Lewis £2,500

do. for the Promoters £ x

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or scientific contribution NIL.

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And then my mind turned to another Big Fight, a