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CHARLEY ROSSIER †.

As briefly reported in our last issue, Mr. Charley Rossier, passed peacefully away, on Tuesday, January 9th, 1951.

The Colony has once more lost an old comrade who, although never clamouring for the lime-light, nevertheless deserves that the services he rendered to the Swiss Colony in London should be gratefully remembered.

Mr. Rossier, known to a great number of his friends, affectionately as "Charley," was born in Rolle on the 31st of May, 1881.

He received his schooling in Berne, and subsequently made an apprenticeship in the Hotel profession after which he obtained a position at the Hotel National in Geneva.

In order to gain the necessary experience and to learn foreign languages, he left our country at an early age to take up appointments, first at the Hotel Majestic in Nice and later on at the Shepherds Hotel at Cairo.

Mr. Rossier arrived in London in the year 1900, subsequently holding positions in several leading Hotels in the Metropolis. In 1919, he married Miss Alvina Aeschlimann, who has been, throughout their married life a great and never failing helpmate to him; her cheerfulness and capability proving an invaluable asset in all his undertakings.

Together they undertook, in the middle twenties, the stewardship of the Union Helvetia Club; after occupying this position for about six years, Mr. Rossier, together with his wife, became stewards of the "Schweizerbund," (Swiss Club), a position which they held until shortly before the outbreak of the last war, when he became Manager of the "Three Greyhounds," at 25, Greek Street, W.1, this appointment he held, together with his wife, until his untimely departure.

There are few amongst us who can say, that throughout their life, they have made no enemies, but Charley Rossier can safely claim this distinction; gifted with great tact, so necessary in his calling, good manners and unselfishness, he earned the respect of all who came in touch with him. He was an enthusiastic lover of nature, and his walks through beautiful Surrey, a county which he knew from one end to the other, were his chief recreation and his joy.

Mr. Rossier was for many years a member of the Union Helvetia and the "Schweizerbund" (Swiss Club) and was often seen at many of the social functions of the Colony. He leaves a widow and a son to whom we extend our deepest sympathy in their bereavement. Charley Rossier will always be affectionately remembered by all who came in contact with him.

The funeral, at which Pasteur C. Reverdin, of the Eglise Suisse, officiated, took place at the Golders Green Crematorium on Wednesday, January 17th, when a large number of relations and friends took a last farewell of him.

May he rest in Peace.

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