

# H. Obrist †

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**G. MILLER †.**

It is with deep regret, that we announce the death of Mr. G. Miller, of 42, The Mall, Southgate, N.14, after having recently undergone two serious operations.

His passing away, has been deeply felt, not only by those nearest and dearest to him, but also by his large circle of friends. His kindness, cheerfulness and generosity had endeared him to all who came in contact with him.

G. Miller was born in 1873 in Zurich, but his parents originated from the canton of Aargau. He received his schooling in Zurich, which town he left as a young man, to continue his education in Paris, where he remained for two years.

In 1893, he arrived in London and after a few months left the Metropolis to take up a position in Luton (Beds.), where he obtained a post with Messrs. Welsh & Son (Hat Manufacturers). Mr. Miller returned to London in 1913, and three years later started a business of his own, under the name G. Miller & Co. (Ladies Hat manufacturers), this business he carried on until 1935, when he went into retirement.

After the death of his first wife (1927), who presented him with a son, he married in 1929, Miss J. Prichett of London, a union which proved a very happy one. Last August, Mr. Miller had the pleasure of attending the christening of his great grand daughter, an event of which he spoke with pride.

Although our departed friend took no active part in the life of the Colony, he attended, on many occasions, some of the social gatherings of the City Swiss Club and the Swiss Mercantile Society. He was a member of the London Group of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique and the Anglo-Swiss Society.

In spite of his residence of nearly 60 years in this country, he has always shown a sincere attachment to the land where he was born, and often returned there to spend his vacation.

Our friend, G. Miller, from his retirement, has now gone to a deeper rest, and all those who have known him, will keep him in loving remembrance. May he rest in Peace.

To his widow and son, we express our deep sympathy in their bereavement.

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**NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE.****Open Meeting.**

On the occasion of the "Open Meeting," which took place on Tuesday, March 20th, 1951, at the Vienna Café, Berkeley Arcade, Baker Street, N.W.1, Mr. Gottfried Keller, President of the Foreign Press Association and London Correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten," gave an excellent talk on "Ambassadors of the People" dealing with amusing sidelights on the work of Foreign Correspondents in London.

Amongst the numerous audience was the Swiss Minister and Madame H. de Torrenté.

**H. OBRIST †.**

We deeply regret to announce the passing away, on Sunday, March 11th, at Bartholomew's Hospital, of Mr. H. Obrist, of 1, Manor Road, Harrow.

The departure of our friend Hans, at a relatively early age, has come as a great shock to his family, and his many friends. He was a lovable man, hard working, cheerful and as straight as a die in all his dealings.

In latter years, he was, owing to increased business activities, seldom seen in the Colony, but his presence, in former years, at some of the social functions of the City Swiss Club of which he had been a member since 1920, and the Swiss Mercantile Society to which he had belonged for over 30 years, was always much appreciated.

He was born in July 1886, at Rüschlikon, nr. Zurich, and after his schooling entered the Thalwil factory of Robert Schwarzenbach & Co., Silk Merchants. In the year 1902, Mr. Obrist came to London and in 1907, he was appointed salesman in the London Office of Messrs. Schwarzenbach & Co., which post he held until 1934, when he became Manager. He left the firm in 1947, after 45 years of faithful service, to start a business of his own under the name of Messrs. Obrist & Hartley.

Mr. Obrist, was married in 1912 to Mlle. Bertha Jäger, of Winterthur, who bore him a son.

The funeral took place on Friday, March 16th at Golders Green Crematorium.

We tender our deepest sympathy to his widow and son in their bereavement. We, who have known him and appreciated his friendship, will always remember him with affection.

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**FUND FOR AVALANCHE VICTIMS IN SWITZERLAND.**

The collection made in the Swiss Colony in Great Britain for the above mentioned Fund, had reached, on March 19th, 1951, the total of £3,053.15.8.

The list is still open and those who wish to subscribe to this Fund, should send their donations to the Swiss Bank Corporation, 99, Gresham Street, London, E.C.2. (Cheques or P.O.'s are to be made payable to the Swiss Bank Corporation and crossed "Avalanche Fund". The Bank will acknowledge the receipt of each contribution. A letter of appreciation will reach the donor from the Swiss Legation.)

The Fund which has been opened in Berne, by the Swiss Red Cross, has reached, according to latest figures supplied, Swiss Francs: 11,072,495.—.

It might interest our readers to hear, that on the occasion of a recent diplomatic reception and presentation party at Buckingham Palace, His Majesty the King, had expressed to the Swiss Minister his deep sympathy regarding the avalanche disaster. This message was passed on, by Monsieur H. de Torrenté, to Monsieur Max Petitpierre, the Swiss Foreign Minister.