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shots of rugged cliffs standing sheer against the deep blue waters of the Mediterranean and areas of sub-tropical vegetation in the hinterland. Equally fascinating were some of the fishing ports with all sorts of craft tied up to the quay or at anchor.

A special feature was the folk dancing with all the locals joining in their colourful garb to the rhythm of a typical Catalonian Sardana tune.

Finally we saw some of the holiday abodes and villas which spring up like mushrooms along this favourite coast.

Thus ended a most enjoyable evening with a vote of thanks to those who had provided it.

W.B.



J. J. BOOS, K.S.G., 80

It is with great pleasure that we announce the 80th birthday, on 6th November, of Mr. Jean-Jacques Boos, K.S.G., of Flat 4, Eaton Gardens, Hove, Sussex.

Mr. Boos was born in Basle where he was educated. After 7½ years with Electrical Works Alioth, Muenchenstein (later Brown Boveri & Co.), he came to this country in 1910. He was appointed Manager's Secretary with Schorsch Electrical Company. In 1914, he returned to Switzerland to serve with the Army as Quartermaster Sergeant. On his return a few months later, he joined Millns Electrical Company as Partner and Secretary, where he made a most successful career.

J. J. Boos took a great interest in the affairs of the Swiss Colony. He joined the Swiss Mercantile Society in 1920, and during the following 27 years, he was one of the most active members and held several offices: Hon. Secretary, Secretary of the House Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Council, Chairman of the House Committee. From 1939 until he vacated the office to the late Mr. Walter Meier in 1947, Mr. Boos was President of the Society, a position he held with great distinction. He was an Honorary Member both of the S.M.S. and the Parent Society in Switzerland.

In 1924, he joined the City Swiss Club, and he was a member of the Committee of the Council for the Study of Swiss Problems, of the Swiss Relief Centre, the Fête Suisse Committee, the 1st August Committee and the Swiss Economic Council, etc. Together with Col. Anton Bon, he was responsible for organising the Swiss Catholics in London, and for obtaining for them their own Chaplain. In recognition of his work, H.H. the Pope awarded him a Knighthood of St. Gregory the Great.

Mr. Boos was not spared misfortunes; he lost two wives and a daughter. But like the true Christian he is, he bore the tragic losses with courage. He now lives in retirement on the South Coast, and we wish him many happy returns of the birthday. He may have the great satisfaction that he has served conscientiously and valiantly for a large part of his life, and his many friends hope that he will be given a few more years of good health. Bless him!

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#### MRS. LAURA DENISE CAMPART †

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mrs. L. D. Campart, of 33 Heathfield Park, N.W.2. She died on 14th October at the age of 90. Laura Denise Héritier was born at Mollondins (Vaud) on 3rd April 1877. As a small child, she came to this country where she spent her long life. She married Mr. Césaire Campart to whom she was a constant companion in his activities in the Swiss Colony. He was born in Geneva on 1st January 1875 and was an engineer by profession. He joined the Secours Mutuels in London in 1904, became Vice-President and later President, an office he held for 24 years. He was created Honorary President in 1948.

In the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, he became Honorary Secretary in 1916 and remained in that position for 36 years, a most painstaking and loyal servant. He held many more offices in the Colony and was a member of a number of societies. The little "Black Book" which he started in aid of the Swiss Children's Annual Christmas Party still makes the round to collect contributions. He died in October 1952 at the age of 77.

Now his faithful companion of many years has left us too, mourned by a grandson who flew from Johannesburg to attend her cremation at Golders Green on 20th October. We express our sympathy to him in his bereavement, though he, like her many friends, are grateful in the knowledge that she has left peacefully to join her husband.

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#### PERSONAL

We have heard from Switzerland that The Rev. Doris Voegelin who is well remembered from the time of her ministry with the German-speaking community of the Swiss Church in London, has been appointed Minister at Gelterkinden-Rickenbach-Tecknau (Baselland). At present she is in the Grisons. We wish her every success in her new Parish.

#### ANNIVERSARIES

We have great pleasure in announcing the Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jaeggi, sen., of 26 Woodville Road, Golders Green, N.W.11. Mr. Jaeggi was 78 on 7th July and lives in semi-retirement, having been a well-known figure in catering. The celebration took place on 20th October, and we wish the couple many more years of happiness.

Dr. H. W. Egli and his wife, actress and artist Miss Selma Vaz Dias, are celebrating their 31st wedding anniversary on 6th November. Congratulations! There are no birthdays to report, but we wish all our readers whose birthdays fall within the next fortnight, many happy returns.