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great satisfaction to everyone present and were punctuated by applause.

The President next called on Mr. G. J. Keller, for his usual Comments On Current Events. These talks (which really are first class lectures) are such a great feature of the monthly meetings of the N.S.H. now, that they form in themselves a considerable attraction. Mr. Keller, in his easy and fluent style, covered a very wide field with technical skill and the best part of an hour went by like 5 minutes. At the end of the talk, Mr. Suter gave out that the lecturer would be pleased to answer questions during the remaining 15 minutes, a privilege of which several members gladly availed themselves. The President thanked Mr. Keller warmly for his highly interesting exposé, which the meeting endorsed by long applause. The London Group is certainly much indebted to the new President of the Foreign Press Association for being ready to give at most of the monthly meetings these highly interesting lectures, which contain so much valuable information, gathered at first hand. Mr. Suter stated expressly that he hoped we should have the pleasure of Mr. Keller's visit again at the July meeting.

This brought the proceedings to a close, in the course of which Mr. Suter also read out a Sonnet he had received from an old member, dedicated:—

Two decades and a half, since first we met;  
At times 't would seem it was but yesteryear,  
At others ages, torn 'twixt hope and fear . . .  
And much that passed between we can't forget.

The last Great War—its long and constant threat—  
Closed our ranks, taught us to persevere  
How best the new craft N.S.H. to steer,  
For in uncharted seas the course was set.

Our Captains proved supreme, the Bos'n true,  
In weather fine or foul they pulled us through.

We should have loved this day to celebrate,  
But for this fresh war and its tragic fate.

Clear lies our duty — though the Heavens fall —  
Loyal to England and yet SWISS withal!

This effort, the President revealed, bore the signature of "GALLUS."

### LETTER BOX.

**G. H. — and several others.** The 650th anniversary will not be forgotten; a new organising committee has been formed and is having the matter in hand.

**C. F.** — No, these talks were not promoted by "Swiss Clubs." Over a month ago it was stated in the House of Commons "that British broadcasts to Switzerland were started as an experiment, and it was represented both officially by the Swiss Government and otherwise that the reaction to them in Switzerland was unfavourable. In these circumstances, and for the reasons already stated, the broadcasts were discontinued as from May 7th."

We are greatly indebted to the following subscribers who have kindly added to the ordinary rate various amounts towards the increased costs of production: A. Paris, Miss F. H. Ruch, J. Keller, J. J. Eberli, H. Epprecht and F. Egger.



### DR. ARNOLD SCHEDLER †.

(“Manchester Guardian,” 24th May, 1941.)

By the death of Dr. Arnold Schedler, a director of the Clayton Aniline Company, Ltd., and Swiss Consul in Manchester, the dyestuffs industry in this country has lost one of its leading personalities.

Born in Switzerland in 1873, Dr. Schedler was educated in Basle and graduated from the university there in 1897. His first post was with the firm of Gerber and Co., Basle, manufacturers of dyestuffs, and on the absorption of that company by the Society of Chemical Industry in Basle Dr. Schedler's activities were transferred to the latter company, in whose service he remained until his retirement in May, 1937.

Shortly after the Great War he was transferred to the works of the Clayton Aniline Company, Ltd., Manchester, which had been purchased by the Society of Chemical Industry in Basle in 1911. He was appointed technical manager of the Clayton Aniline Company in 1916 and a director in 1928.

Dr. Schedler's first few years were spent mainly in increasing the output of war materials manufactured by the company. In spite of great mechanical and technical difficulties he enabled his company to make substantial contribution to the country's requirements, and at the same time paved the way for the great development of the dyestuffs side of the company's business in later years.

Although Dr. Schedler lived in England for the past twenty-six years, he maintained a very close association with his native country, which he has served as Swiss Consul in Manchester from 1924 to the time of his death. At the same time he always showed warm regard for this country, and perhaps the best proof of that was that although he was in Switzerland at the outbreak of the present war, he returned to continue in his duties as Swiss Consul in Manchester. On two or three occasions he was elected president of the Manchester Consular Association.

Dr. Schedler always took a deep interest in the scientific life of Manchester and served on the council of the Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society, as well as being chairman of the local section of the Society of Chemical Industry during the years 1933 to 1935.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Saturday, July 5th, at 1 p.m. — City Swiss Club — Monthly Meeting — at Brown's Hotel, Dover Street (see Advert).

Wednesday, July 9th, at 6.30 p.m. — Swiss Mercantile Society Ltd. — Monthly Meeting — at "Swiss House," 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Saturday, July 19th, at 1.30 p.m. — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — Monthly Meeting — at "Swiss House," 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1, to be followed by Mr. G. J. Keller's *Comments on Current Events*.

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