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SWISS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

For some time past, the philatelists in the Colony felt that there should be a philatelic club or association, through the medium of which they would be able to exchange their surplus stamps and complete their own collection on a cash basis. This has now been achieved and a Society called the "London Swiss Philatelic Society" has been formed with this object in view. The entrance fee is 2/6 and an annual subscription of 2/6 payable in advance, to defray postage, exchange booklets and insurance of stamps in transit. For full particulars, please write to The Hon. Secretary London Swiss Philatelic Society, c/o Swiss Observer, 23, Leonard Street, E.C.2, to whom application for membership should also be addressed.

SWISS CATHOLICS IN LONDON.

To celebrate CHRISTMAS and as an OLD/NEW Year service, the Swiss Catholics are invited to attend a special service consisting of Sermon and Solemn Benediction on Sunday, December 27th, at 3.30 p.m., at St. Peters and St. Edwards Church, Palace Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

Following the service the Chaplain Rev. Father Lanfranchi invites his compatriots to join in his Christmas party at 4.15 p.m., at Westminster Cathedral Hall. Old and Young are welcome.

Further particulars will be given later.

The contributions so far received are gratifying but much more is needed to carry on the apostolic work of the Chaplain. Will those who have not yet responded to the appeal please send their donations as soon as ever possible.

J. J. BOOS.

Secretary to Committee.

PERSONAL.

We regret to report the death of Mr. S. W. Wetter who passed away, at the age of 82, on November 11th, he having been ailing for some considerable time. Born in the canton St. Gall and by trade a skillful embroiderer he spent the best part of his life with a London manufacturing firm in this particular line of business. After his retirement he worked up a profitable connection in the wine trade and many of the London Swiss will remember with some longing the excellent "Neuchâtel" and "Brissagos" that he used to supply. But with the older members of our Colony he will remain identified with the Swiss Club Schweizerbund, whose secretary he was for a long number of years; during his stewardship the club enjoyed an enviable popularity and prosperity. Mr. Wetter leaves a daughter to whom we extend our sympathy.

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Another veteran of the Colony disappeared with the death of Mr. Ulrich Hohl, who hailed from the canton of Appenzell. He also was in the embroidery trade and a life-long friend of Mr. Wetter. He died as the result of an accident; before going to bed he turned on the gas in his room at 31, Conway Street, W.1, and for some unexplained reason forgot to light it. He prided himself that he never had a day's illness in all his life (he was 88) and this explains the undestructible cheerfulness which was one of his characteristics. Mr. Hohl was a confirmed bachelor and leaves no relatives in this country.

Monsieur A. L. Despond died in Roubaix, on June 21st, last after a long and painful illness at the age of 52. Before the war he was an active member of our Colony taking a personal interest in our social activities. He was a man with an ever-ready humour and most of the members of the City Swiss Club will remember his witty criticisms at the meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Chapuis, of 21, South Grove House, South Grove, N.6, celebrated their silver wedding on the 18th inst., amongst a circle of personal friends who are all looking forward to join the happy and carefree couple again at the golden anniversary.

The large circle of friends will wish Mr. Willi Notari every success in his new field of activities: he has taken over, together with Mr. Peter Bassi, the management of "La Coquille" Restaurant, 79, St. Martin's Lane, W.C.2. Our two Ticinese compatriots are associated in the new company with Mr. Bailly.

MARRIAGE.

Married in Geneva, Switzerland. Son of Rudolf Nydegger (deceased) and Mrs. E. Nydegger, of 211, Gower Street, N.W.1. — Ronald Rudolf Nydegger to Mathilda Beetschen, 21st September, 1942.

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Our next issue will be published on Friday, December 18th, a.c.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

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

Saturday, 12th December, at 2.30 p.m. — Swiss Mercantile Society Ltd. — Monthly Meeting, at Swiss House, 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1, followed by a Film Show.

Saturday, 17th December, at 2.15 p.m. — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — Monthly Meeting, at Swiss House, 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1, followed by Mr. G. Keller's "Comment on Current Events."

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