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## NEWS FROM PRESTATYN.

Our small Swiss circle has lost its oldest member, Mrs. Steffen from Basle, who died on 21st November at the age of 85; and we have lost a compatriot who was greatly liked. She came on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Cheetham, in Sale, Manchester, but could not return on account of the war. Both she and her daughter came to live at Meliden, Prestatyn, to be out of the turmoil of a large town, but her one thought was to return to Basle the moment Swiss Air could take her back and the thought that this might be possible at any moment greatly sustained her. However, death overtook her before this was possible and she died here amongst friends and amongst scenery she liked. With a sweep of the hand she used to point to the sharply rising hillside near her home and say that is where I want to go. But her strength was insufficient for such a journey and her outings had to be limited to places which could be reached by car. Now her last resting place is in Coed Bell Cemetery on a platform at the foot of a steep hill slope carrying a wood which is famous for its carpet of Bluebells in spring and offering a wide view over the sea from Anglesey to Liverpool Bay. The day of her funeral was mild and sunny with a remarkably clear atmosphere allowing of extensive views and we all felt the charm of the scenery amidst which she rests.

Her only grandson in Britain, Captain Cheetham, was prevented by his military duties from attending the funeral, so stern are the demands of war.

When she was born, the speed and endurance of the horse was being outstripped by the locomotives of the railways, and daring spirits turned over in their minds the possibilities of piercing by tunnel the barriers of the Alps. Now the railways are outstripped in speed by the internal combustion engines used for cars and aeroplanes. Electricity is the motive power most favoured for railways instead of steam — all gifts to humanity to be used for good and evil. Such a lot of progress in a single life and yet the most persistent sound of our civilisation appears to be the harsh voice of the drilling sergeant.

News has also reached the Consulate that Captain E. M. Wyss, the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Wyss, so well known to the Birmingham Swiss Colony, has lost his life at Arnhem, leading his men. We express our deep sympathy to the bereaved parents of so gallant a son.

E.M.

## UNIONE TICINESE (Sezione Femminile).

The members of the Ladies' Section of the Unione Ticinese would like to express their appreciation and gratitude to all those who visited and bought at their Christmas Bazaar, held at the Swiss House, Fitzroy Square, on Saturday, the 2nd December. Sincere thanks are also given to those kind friends of the Society who made generous contributions in money and in kind.

The Section is happy to announce that the Bazaar was a great success, apparently much enjoyed by everybody, and the proceeds, which are to go towards the Section's Benevolent Fund, very much exceeded even the highest expectations, totalling approximately £170.

Again to our many supporters — thank you.

R.A.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICE AND PARTY  
FOR SWISS CATHOLICS.

The usual Christmas and New Year's Service and Party will be held on New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31st, at St. Peter's Church, Palace Street, W. 1, and Westminster Cathedral Hall (see notes under "Forthcoming Events").

The Church Service, at 3.30 p.m., will consist of Sermon and Benediction. Kind friends have given useful presents for the children, also gifts in kind and cash for the Tea Party; there will be a concert and carol singing, all in line with the seriousness of the times, but all are assured of a happy family re-union.

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J. J. B.

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