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### † THEO BECKER, 15/5/45.

Theodor Simon Becker, born at St. Gall in 1873 received his education there, served his apprenticeship in the Embroidery Trade, and after spending some years in Nottingham and Paris, established himself as a Swiss Textile Agent in London.

With the decline in the fashion for Embroideries and Laces, however, he sought other outlets for his energy and enterprise and found ample scope in the Hide, Skin and Fur Trade, in the interests of which he undertook extensive travels.

Apart from his business activities, Theo Becker had a number of vastly diversified interests and hobbies. He was a keen gardener and a great lover and connoisseur of dogs, breeding French Bull Terriers and acting as Judge at Cruft's. His greatest recreation, however, was Music and coming from a musical family he was himself very proficient on the 'Cello, which instrument it will be remembered by many, he used to play in the Orchestra of the Swiss Institute.

His end was peaceful and his remains were cremated at Golders Green, on the 18th instant, the uplifting funeral service being taken by the Rev. M. Pradervand, in the presence of a number of friends, who had known and esteemed Theo Becker over a long period of years.

W.D.

### PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meier of 53, Priory Road, Hampstead, N.W. are pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Erika Ann, on April 28th. Mother and baby are doing well.

Heartiest congratulations and best wishes to our compatriots, Mr. and Mrs. Filippo Diviani, who celebrated the twenty fifth anniversary of their wedding on the 5th May, 1945. Also, the renewed thanks of their many Swiss friends who were guests on this very happy occasion at a most sumptuous and enjoyable dinner at Young's Chinese Restaurant, W.

Once again the Foreign Press Association has chosen a compatriot of ours as its President; the many friends in the Swiss Colony will wish to join us in congratulating Dr. H. W. Egli for having been elected

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to this much cherished distinction. Dr. Egli arrived in London soon after the last war when he represented the "Bund" of Berne and other papers; later on he was appointed by the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung" to report on commercial and financial matters and is now the exclusive correspondent of this, our premier daily paper.

### REV. A. KOECHLIN AT THE SWISS CHURCH

Rev. A. Koechlin from Basle, President of the Federation of Protestant Churches of Switzerland, preached at the Eglise Suisse on Sunday the 29th April. A Joint Service had been arranged, and his encouraging message was very much appreciated by the congregation.

### MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISEMENTS

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday, June 4th, 1945, at 5.30. p.m. sharp — Lecture at the Dorchester Hotel by Dr. A. R. Lindt (in English) on Home and Army. See Advert City Swiss Club.

Friday, June 1st, June 15 and June 29th, at 6.30. p.m. — Swiss Choral Society (Male Choir) — Rehearsing now for National Day Celebration, at Swiss House, 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1. We welcome new members.

Wednesday, June 13th, 1945, at 6.30. p.m. — Swiss Mercantile Society Ltd. — Monthly Meeting followed by a lecture. Particulars later.

Friday, June 22nd, 1945, at 6 p.m. — London Swiss Philatelic Society — Monthly Meeting at Swiss House, 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1, followed by "Swopping."

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