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JOHN C. NUSSLE †.

*"Like the dew on the mountains,
Like the foam on the river
Like the bubble on the fountain
Thou art gone and for ever."*

As briefly reported in our last issue, Mr. John C. Nussle, of "Swiss House," Elmer Beach, Bognor Regis, (Sussex) passed away on Sunday, September 18th, 1949, at a Nursing Home in Switzerland.

Once again the Swiss Colony has suffered a grievous loss, and our friend has departed to the Elysian fields from whence there is no return.

Death came gently to him — after long sufferings patiently and courageously borne — as light winds, wandering through groves of bloom.

All too soon he has left us; a merciful Providence willed it, that he should close his eyes in his own country, which he had loved so dearly. Those who had, like the writer, the privilege of visiting his comfortable home on the Sussex coast, which he called appropriately "Swiss House," will remember how proudly the Swiss Flag was flown from the high mast, as a reminder that in this small portion of a foreign land was also a little corner of his native land.

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John C. Nussle, was born on February 19th, 1891, at Schaffhausen, where he received his schooling at the secondary and commercial schools, and after an apprenticeship at the "Maschinenfabrik Rauschenbach" in his home town, he departed in 1908 for Paris, where he took up a position with a Banking concern.

Three years later (1911), he arrived in London to join the well-known firm Wohlgemut, Exporters and Importers. Having attained, by sheer hard work and tenacity, a thorough knowledge of the trade, he started in 1919, as a young man, his own business, which from small beginnings developed into a prosperous concern.

In 1926, he started with the import of the products of one of the largest continental breweries "Patzenhofer," and through his efforts the name "Patzlager" became a household word in the best Hotels, Restaurants and Clubs all over the United Kingdom.

At the beginning of the last war in 1939, his business activities came to a close, the concern into which he had put so much energy and initiative was owing to war conditions, closed, and he went into retirement at his sea-side home near Bognor Regis.

John C. Nussle was first married in 1918, and lost his wife in February, 1937, after a long and painful illness. In September of the same year he married Miss Mabel Florence Ketley, who presented him with three children, Jaqueline (1940), Anthony John Conrad (1942) and Cheryl Maureen (1946). It was an exceedingly happy marriage, and in the intimate circle of his family, he found a welcome substitute for his previous business activities.

Previous to his retirement, in spite of his heavy business engagements, he took an active part in the life of the London Swiss Colony. He was for a great many years a keen member of the Swiss Mercantile Society, and for some time held the post of President of the Entertainment Committee of that Society, he was also a generous subscriber to the Educational Fund of the S.M.S. For many years he was a member of the City Swiss Club. One of his relaxations was motoring both here and on the Continent, and in the circle of his friends he often referred with joy to his many travels by car.

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It is a tragedy that our friend, who will be greatly missed, had to leave us at a respectively early age, and yet, sad as it is to relate, death came as a great relief to him. For a number of years he had been in failing health, and although he was under the care of well-known specialists both here and on the continent, his state of health had only grown steadily worse. With great courage he had borne his sufferings, and for the sake of those nearest and dearest to him he remained cheerful even during periods of acute pain.

To his widow, his children and to his brother, Mr. E. A. Nussle, we tender our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

In their hour of sorrow we might remind them, that every Calvary has an Olivet. To every place of crucifixion there is likewise a place of ascension. The sun that was shrouded is unveiled, and heaven opens with hope eternal to the soul which was nigh unto despair.

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