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GOTTFRIED HAFNER †.

Mr. Gottfried Hafner was born at Thalwil on 20th December, 1869, and died at Westcliff-on-Sea on the 28th December, 1948. He arrived in this country in 1887, being sent over here by Messrs. Robt. Schwarzenbach & Co., of Thalwil, and he acted as their London Counting-House Manager for many years until his retirement at the end of 1933.

He married Miss Louisa Austin in 1894 and lived in Ilford up to his retirement, moving afterwards to "Helvetia," 304, Westbourne Grove, Westcliff-on-Sea, where they had a large circle of friends. Not being blessed with children themselves, they were soon after their marriage called upon to offer a home and provide for the education of the two children of Mrs. Hafner's sister. They undertook this task with much love and earned their most affectionate attachment.

Mr. Hafner was one of the most prominent members of the Baptist High Road Church in Ilford, was a Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent and Teacher as well as Treasurer for almost the whole time of his stay there. He was also one of the founders of the Schweizerkirche in London and served as Vice-President of Kirchenpflege for many years. He took an active interest in the welfare of the Foyer Suisse in London, serving faithfully as a member of the House Committee and Vice-President of the Council, and was one of the original members of the Swiss Mercantile Society.

He was a good Swiss and although he lived over sixty years in this country, he never became naturalized, but earned every respect from all his numerous British friends. His wife was in no small way responsible for this, and ever since they were married saw to it that at all more formal occasions the table should be decorated with red and white flowers.

J. J. EBERLI †.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. J. J. Eberli, which occurred on the 17th of December, 1948, at Brasted, Kent, at the age of 86.

Mr. Eberli came to London in 1879, and was for many years, until war broke out in 1914, underwriter to the Mannheim Insurance Company. In 1914, he went into partnership with Mr. F. W. E. Shorter and established the firm of Eberli, Shorter & Co., a year later he became a British subject by naturalisation.

Although having acquired British nationality, the deceased took a great interest in the Swiss Colony and he was for long a valued contributor to this paper and a member of the City Swiss Club.

CHARLES MEIER †.

We greatly regret to report the passing away, at the close of last year, of Mr. Charles Meier, at the age of 65.

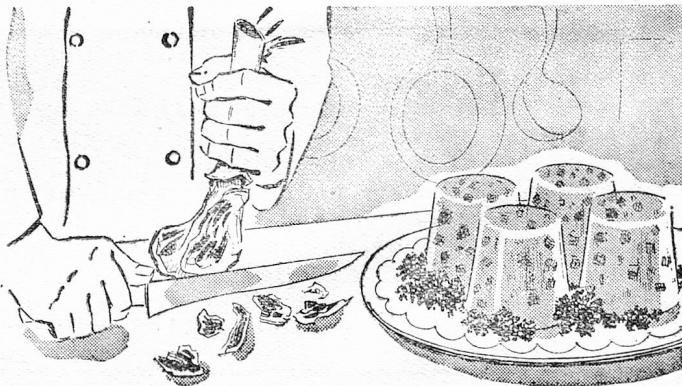
The departed was born at Lac noir, near Geneva, in 1883 and came to this country thirty-six years ago.

By profession a hairdresser, he made a name for himself in this particular sphere, receiving in 1933, a Professorship at the Hairdressing Academy in Liverpool. In 1939, Mr. Meier opened a Ladies' hairdressing salon under the name of "Charles Edward" at 871, Finchley Road, N.W.11, which enjoyed a fine reputation.

He took a great interest in art, and in his spare time devoted himself to painting pictures both in oil and water-colours in which he obtained a no mean proficiency.

Mr. Meier was a kindly man and was very much liked by his many friends, who will miss him sadly. He was a member of the City Swiss Club.

He leaves a widow and two sons to whom we extend our deep sympathy.



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