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## JOSEF E. SERMIER †

We deeply regret to announce the passing away of Mr. Josef Sermier, of 28, Elmer Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, at the age of 73.

The deceased who was born at Sion (Valais), came to this country at the beginning of this century, and was on the staff of the Royal Automobile Club for over 30 years.

In 1902, he joined the Union Helvetia Benefit Society in which he took a great interest. For his services rendered for the benefit of its members, and in recognition of his pioneer work to the territorial administration of Great Britain (a Branch of the main Society in Switzerland) he was elected an Honorary Member.

Mr. Sermier was a co-founder of the Swiss Gymnastic Society, Helvetia, and for many years took an active interest in the Swiss Sports, being himself a prominent athlete. He was the holder of many trophies. Owing to a heart disease he was obliged to relinquish his appointment at the Royal Automobile Club, and for many years he lived in retirement at Southend-on-Sea. The funeral took place on Friday, April 30th, at Southend cemetery, which was attended by some of his old friends from the Swiss Gymnastic Society, and representatives of the "Schweizerbund". Those who have known Josef Sermier will keep him in good remembrance.

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