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PERSONAL.

We extend heartiest congratulations to Mr. Jo. Henry Büchi, of 2, Princess Crescent, N.4, on his election as President of the Indian Journalists Association, in Great Britain.

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We deeply regret to announce the passing away of Mr. Alfredo Cima, a member of the Union Ticinese, at the age of 64.

ANGLO-SWISS SOCIETY.

Dinner in honour of the Swiss Minister and Madame Daeniker.

A dinner arranged under the auspices of the Anglo-Swiss Society in honour of the Swiss Minister and Madame Daeniker will take place on Wednesday, March 30th, at the Dorchester Hotel (Orchid Room), Park Lane, W.1.

Lord Salter, G.B.E., K.C.B., will preside, and the Toast to Monsieur and Madame Daeniker will be proposed by two former British Ministers in Berne, Sir George Warner, K.C.V.O., C.M.G., and Sir Clifford Norton, K.C.M.G., C.V.O.

Amongst the distinguished personalities who will be attending are, His Grace the Bishop of Fulham, the Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery, P.C., C.H., Sir Harry Brittain, K.B.E., Professor Straumann, President Swiss British Society, Zurich, etc.

A number of Presidents of English and Swiss Societies and Clubs, such as the Association of British Members of the Swiss Alpine Club, Ski Club of Great Britain, British Alpine Club, Swiss Mercantile Society, Nouvelle Société Helvétique will be attending. The Swiss Press will also be represented.

Members and friends of the Anglo-Swiss Society will be welcome. Tickets at 30/- per person, inclusive wine, can be obtained from Lt. Colonel St. Townend, Hill House, Hans Place, London, S.W.1. (Tel: KNightsbridge 1331.) Evening Dress.

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LILIAN

PARAVICINI



It is with deepest regret that we announce the passing away in Switzerland of Madame Lilian Paravicini, widow of Monsieur Charles Paravicini, Swiss Minister to the Court of St. James's from 1920-1939, at the age of 67.

This sad news will evoke especially amongst the older members of the Colony universal regret. Her gracious charm and splendid personality made her one of the most distinguished London hostesses.

During the 27 years in which she was resident in London, she took a keen interest in the life of the Swiss Colony, and her parties at her private residence, and later at the Legation, became famous, and were much sought after. Both she and her husband were favourites not only in Royal circles, but also amongst the English aristocracy. Famous people in all walks of life were eager to honour the Paravicini's with their company.

Madame Paravicini was the daughter of M. and Mme. E. L. de Watteville, one of the most ancient Swiss families belonging to the Bernese patriciate. In 1910, she married Monsieur Charles Paravicini, of Basle, then Counsellor of Legation, whom she accompanied to London in 1912. She was the mother of three children, Livia, Vincent and Jaqueline, to whom we express our sincere sympathy.

On the retirement of her husband, who in 1920, had become Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary to the Court of St. James, they went to live at Oberhofen on the lake of Thun. It was at their country residence that the writer soon after the last war (August, 1947) had the pleasure of paying them a visit. With tender care Madame Paravicini looked after her husband, who was then unfortunately in precarious health, in fact he died in November of the same year.

In this quiet haven of rest, during our conversation, many an incident was recalled which during their long *séjour* in this country had caused them either amusement or embarrassment.

And now, after a long illness, patiently borne, Madame Paravicini has gone to re-join her husband, to whom she had been an ever helpful partner. We, who have known and admired her, will always keep her in our memory as a great and gracious lady.

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