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A PROMOTION AT THE SWISS LEGATION.



Dr. E. M. Bircher.

The Federal Council has bestowed the rank of Counsellor of Legation on Dr. E. M. Bircher, Press Attaché at the Swiss Legation in London. He will occupy the post of Press Counsellor and Counsellor for cultural affairs.

The Swiss colony in Great Britain will be delighted with this news, in view of the popularity which the new Counsellor enjoys everywhere, and we tender him our heartiest congratulations on his well deserved promotion.

The writer had the pleasure of working for six years in close collaboration with Dr. Bircher at the Swiss Legation, Special Division, during the last war, in which period a much valued and sincere friendship ensued.

His courtesy, tact and helpfulness, especially after he joined the Swiss Legation, at 18, Montagu Place, has endeared him to all who have come in contact with him. Like many of his colleagues at the Legation, he has from the commencement of his appointment taken a keen interest in the doings of our colony, by attending numerous meetings and conferences dealing with the internal affairs of the Swiss community. He, as well as the members of his family, have often been present at social affairs, both in London and the Provinces, and some of his excellent lectures given in various Swiss Societies are well remembered.

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Dr. Bircher was born in 1895 in Zurich, the son of Dr. E. F. Bircher, advocate, from Küttigen and Zurich. He studied law at the Universities of Zurich and Berne, obtaining the degree of doctor of law in 1919, and the patent as an advocate in 1920. After having practised for ten years in London as a Consulting Swiss lawyer, he left in 1930 for Canada where he was with various concerns. Returning to London at the beginning of 1937, he took up law with an English firm of solicitors.

At the outbreak of the last war (1939), Dr. Bircher joined the Swiss Legation, Special Division, and in 1946, was transferred to the Swiss Legation, 18, Montagu Place. In the army he occupied the rank of first Lieutenant of the Field Artillery. He was married in 1927, to Miss Constance Nanton, daughter of Sir Augustus and Lady Nanton, who died in 1952.

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CITY SWISS CLUB.

I wish to direct the attention of the members and friends of the City Swiss Club to the "Soirée Familiale" (with Ladies), which will be held on Tuesday, February 14th, 1956, at The Dorchester, Park Lane, W.1.

On this occasion our compatriot and eminent pianist, Albert Ferber will, after dinner, give a piano recital.

Albert Ferber, needs no introduction, by his brilliant performances at some of the concert halls of the Metropolis, he has made a name for himself in the musical world, not only in this country, but also abroad, and this "Soirée Familiale" promises to be one of the highlights in the social sphere of the City Swiss Club.

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