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PERSONAL.

We extend heartiest congratulations to Mrs. H. Ellison of 67, Lady Byron Lane, Knowle (Warwickshire), on her recent 84th birthday.

We send our best congratulations to Mr. E. M. Hamilton (formerly E. M. von Arx) of 7, The Willows, Chorlton Ville, Manchester, who is celebrating his 77th birthday on the 22nd of this month. Mr. Hamilton arrived in this country in 1900, and has a daughter and a son. His wife died in 1927. He is employed in the Allied Paper trade, and has been for 50 years on the road having been since 1926 Sole Agent for the North of England and Scotland. Mr. Hamilton is a member of the Swiss Club, Manchester.

It is with deepest regret that we announce the passing away of Mr. Henry Binggely, of Villa Muceno, Corseaux/Vevey, Switzerland. An Obituary will appear in our next issue.

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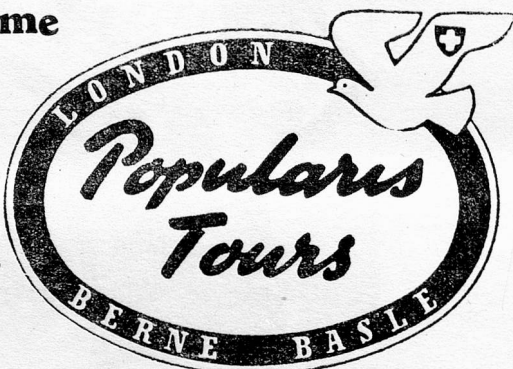
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CHARLES FREDERICK SCHUMACHER †

With the death of Mr. Chas. F. Schumacher, of 18, Armitage Road, Golders Green, on April 12th, the Swiss Colony lost one of its oldest members. Born in Basel in 1874, he had made his career as a Banker. In 1900 he came to London into a private bank but eventually joined the Swiss Bank Corporation in Basel in 1905. He was appointed Vice Director in 1915, rising to Director in 1919 and made Delegate of the Board to many Swiss and British Companies.

On his retirement in 1935 he remained the Bank's Delegate to many Companies here and in Switzerland which made his dual residence here and in Basel necessary.

He was much attached to both Countries but above all he loved his native Basel and the sunshine in summer and winter of the Swiss Alps.

The second world war found him and made him almost permanent resident here but he was one of the first to return when hostilities ended to renew old contacts.

Being of a retiring nature, Mr. Schumacher was not well known in the Colony but when the Swiss Catholic Committee was founded in 1941 he was the first Chairman from which post he retired owing to ageing years in 1952.

Mr. Schumacher was most generous to the Catholic Mission. His wide experience in financial matters and his connections with Church Authorities made him the ideal leader; he had been one of the strong and active men in Basel on "Catholic Action" in many fields.

In addition Mr. Schumacher was a generous contributor to Swiss Charities and Institutions both here and in Switzerland.

The funeral service took place on Tuesday, April 17th, at St. Edwards, Golders Green, followed by interment in the family grave at St. Pancras Cemetery, Finchley.

The Swiss Colony was represented by Mr. E. Huber the Swiss Consul, members of the Catholic Committee, whilst Mr. O. Knoll, Manager of the Swiss Bank Corporation, with Mr. O. Grob and other staff represented the Bank.

Our sympathy goes to Mr. Schumacher's only daughter Miss Phyllis Schumacher.

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