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J. BILLETER †

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing away on Saturday, March 23rd, of Mr. J. Billeter, of 19 Cornfield Road, Seaford (Sussex), at the age of 77.

After having spent three years in Geneva and two years in Florence he came to this country in 1900, where he remained, with the exception of two years spent in Germany until his death.

The deceased was in the hat trade and for many years a partner in the firm Billeter, Mead & Gower Ltd. After the death of his partner he became a Director of Messrs. Barnes & Mattingley Ltd. (Importers and Agents) up to the beginning of the last war.

Mr. Billeter was well known in the trade. He travelled extensively on business to Canada, U.S.A., Australia, and the South American countries.

During the last war he held an appointment as billeting officer at Henley-on-Thames, from which post he retired in 1945, when he went to live at Seaford. From this time onwards he was but seldom seen in London.

In spite of his responsible position and his many travels he found time to take an interest in the doings of the London Swiss Colony, entering, in 1919, the City Swiss Club, of which he became President in 1935.

Mr. Billeter and his family were often seen at various functions in the Colony. Although of a somewhat retiring disposition he was much liked by his at one time large circle of friends.

From his retirement he has now gone to a deeper rest, and we who remain behind will always remember him with affection.

He leaves a widow and two married daughters to whom we extend our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

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FETE SUISSE.

A full report of the Fête Suisse which was held on Thursday, April 4th, will appear in our next issue.