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PERSONAL.

Mr. J. Bruderer, of 29 Studley Road, Luton, is shortly leaving this country for Switzerland, after 50 years' residence in England.

Mr. Bruderer was born at Trogen (Ct. Appenzell) in 1885, where he attended the elementary and secondary schools, after which he started an apprenticeship with an embroidery firm in St. Gall. He came to this country in June 1906, obtaining a post in the counting-house of the firm of Paul Walser & Co. Ltd. in London, and afterwards in Luton. In 1910 he left Luton for a two-year stay in Paris, returning in 1912, to join again Messrs. Paul Walser & Co. Ltd. in Luton. Owing to ill health he had to give up his post with this concern in 1936, but three years later (1939) he was able to take up another post with a Luton firm, from which he retired in 1953. In 1921 he married an English girl, who unfortunately died four and a half years ago.

For nearly thirty years he was a member of the Leaside Bowling Club, Luton, where he occupied the post of Hon. Treasurer for eighteen years, and where he made many friends. At the end of last month this Club commemorated his long association with them, on which occasion he was presented with various gifts.

We wish Mr. Bruderer a long and happy eventide in our homeland.

We deeply regret to announce the passing away, at the age of 83, of Mr. C. L. Schlaeppi, of 71, Thornton Avenue, Chiswick W.4. The deceased was born at Gadmen (Ct. Berne), and came to this country in 1896.

Mr. Schlaeppi was for many years a porter at the Dorchester Hotel in London, and a former private courrier. He was a member of the Union Helvetia and the "Schweizerbund". He leaves a son to whom we extend our deep sympathy.

1st OF AUGUST COMMITTEE.

On the 2nd of this month the 1st of August Committee held its meeting at Swiss House, 35 Fitzroy Square, to pass the accounts of the last 1st of August celebration at Wimbledon Town Hall.

The President, Mr. F. Streit, gave an account of this celebration, which he considered as having been a great success. The accounts, including an amount of £82 brought forward from last year, close with a credit balance of £71.

Mr. Streit voiced his disappointment at the poor attendance of this meeting, as, apart from the committee, only four members attended, although fifteen invitations had been sent out. Owing to this regrettable lack of interest, he and his committee tendered their resignations, which, however, owing to the lack of a quorum, were not accepted, and the matter was left to be dealt with at a later meeting.

Mr. A. Jaccard, on behalf of those present, thanked Mr. Streit and the committee for the services they had rendered.

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