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## R. de CINTRA †

committee, and the Cercle Genevois. For nearly ten years, he was Chairman of the Advisory Council of the Swiss Observer. He served the Swiss Economic Council for many years as Honorary Treasurer. He was an ardent Free Mason, Past Master of the "Entente Cordiale" Lodge, and a member of the Helvetica Lodge.

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Mr. R. de Cintra was born in Sao Paulo (Brazil), and shortly after his birth his parents returned to Geneva, where his father became a medical practitioner. In that town, he received his schooling, and, after having spent one year with the Banque Hentsch, came to London at the age of twenty-one, taking up a post with the firm of G. Dimier Bros. In the early thirties, he became a director, and then Managing Director, of the Omega Watch Company. Some three years ago, as a tribute for his work at Omega, he was appointed Chairman. He enjoyed a great reputation in the watch trade. Since the death of his wife, a few years ago, he had suffered ill health, and he never seemed to recover his former zest for living. He fell seriously ill last August, with cancer of the lung, and on 15th November died in his chair by the fire. He leaves a son and two daughters, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy in their great loss.

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A life full of achievements and success has now come to its journey's end. Raoul, as he was known to his intimate friends, had rendered great service to the Swiss Colony, services which will never be forgotten. He has served us and his country well, and he will always be affectionately remembered.

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*The funeral service was held on Monday, 20th November, at St. Peter's Church, Lordship Lane, Dulwich, S.E.22. Amongst the large congregation was the Swiss Ambassador, Dr. Armin Daeniker.*

The Swiss Colony has sustained another grievous loss, by the passing away of Mr. R. de Cintra, a prominent member of the Swiss community, at the age of 69.

The deceased had, for nearly half a century, rendered innumerable services to the Colony, and his death will be keenly felt by his large circle of friends. Almost from the time of his arrival in this country in 1913 — following the example of his uncle, and later on father-in-law, Mr. George Dimier, the great benefactor of the Colony — he took an active part in the work of the London Swiss Colony. He joined the Swiss Benevolent Society in 1913, a year later becoming a member of the committee, a post which he held until his death. In 1935 he was appointed one of the three original stewards, in which capacity he was instrumental in securing valuable support for the Society. Unobtrusively, he gave his whole-hearted services to this work, and many of our compatriots in need, even unbeknown to the Society, received his personal support. In 1913 R. de Cintra also became a member of the City Swiss Club, in which he played a prominent and distinguished role. For many years he held the office of Honorary Treasurer, and he was President of the Club in 1922, and again in 1946/7. For his long and faithful services he was elected, two years ago, Honorary Vice-President.

The deceased was also a contributing member of the Swiss Mercantile Society, and for many years occupied the presidency of the Swiss Sports

### ANGLO-SWISS SOCIETY

At a dinner of the Anglo-Swiss Society, which took place at the Dorchester on 10th November, "The British and St. Moritz" was the theme developed by both speakers. Mr. Peter Kasper, managing director of St. Moritz Kurverein, followed Lord Brabazon of Tara, who referred more particularly to the forthcoming Commonwealth Winter Games. The loyal toasts were proposed by the Swiss Ambassador, who is Honorary Patron of the Society. The President, Sir Clifford Norton, proposed that of the guests, who numbered amongst them Mme. Daeniker, Lady Brabazon of Tara, Lord and Lady Bledisloe and Lady Crossfield.

### Congratulations to—

Dr. Sylvia N. Clayton, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Clayton, of Hill House, Combs, near Stowmarket, who was married at Combs parish church on Saturday, 18th November, to Dr. Humphrey Gyde, younger son of Mrs. S. A. Gyde, of Surbiton, Surrey, and of the late Capt. A. A. E. Gyde.

Both bride and bridegroom are medical practitioners. Educated St. Felix School, Southwold, Dr. Clayton gained a Nuffield scholarship to Somerville College, Oxford, and later trained at the London Hospital. The bridegroom was educated at Haileybury and London University, and also trained at the London Hospital. He is a godson of Benjamin Britten, the composer, and his mother is the distinguished Swiss soprano, Sophie Wyss.