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JOHANNES JENNY

Johannes Jenny (or John as he is called here) was born in Ennenda, Kanton Glarus on 14th February 1877. His father was a builder, and the family Jenny also run the well-known Gasthaus zum Sternen.

Father Jenny would have liked his son Johannes to take up the profession as builder in order to ensure continuity of the family business. However, Johannes felt an urge to see foreign countries, and he left his native Ennenda for Bucharest at the age of 18. He worked there for 3½ years and then 2 years in Paris. The *Wanderlust* was still not satisfied, and Johannes accepted (in 1901) a position as foreign correspondent with the well-known Bradford yarn exporters Heymann & Alexander Ltd. He was later made a Director, and he stayed with the same firm until his retirement in 1946.

Johannes Jenny married a young Bradford lady in 1905. His wife Florence gave him two daughters and he is now surrounded by five grandchildren. His wife died in 1932. To-day, Johannes Jenny lives with one of his daughters and her family where he finds care and affection.

Johannes Jenny joined the Bradford Swiss Club in July 1901, and he has been a faithful member ever since. Although he spent most of his active life in England, he never lost contact with Switzerland and particularly with his native Ennenda. Indeed, since his retirement in 1946, he went back to the place of his boyhood every year, to visit his relatives and friends. His voice was trembling, when he told me that now, only one of his schoolfriends is still alive, namely Dr. Gottfried Huber-Pestalozzi in Zurich, an eminent expert on algae, subject on which he wrote various books. Johannes Jenny is also an enthusiastic gardener.

Our friend is of shy disposition and has never sought the limelight. He found satisfaction and fulfillment in his family, his garden and his work. For all these years he was a faithful member of the Bradford Swiss Club. And it was a sad moment when this Club, so active in its early years, had to close down earlier this year owing to lack of new blood.

Johannes Jenny never missed the "Landsgemeinde" at Hardcastle Crags, and we sincerely hope that he will fully recover from a recent operation and be with us again next year.

A.O.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

As in previous years, the "Swiss Observer" will put space for Christmas greetings at the disposal of readers. The price of Christmas cards has again gone up, and this arrangement will enable subscribers to wish their friends the compliments of the season at small cost. At the same time it is a means of additional financial support to the paper.

We propose publishing these greetings in our Double Christmas Number on 17th December. Those of our readers and friends wishing to be included should forward name and address to our office not later than Monday, 22nd November, together with remittance of 25/-. Prompt response will be doubly appreciated by the Editor this year, seeing that she no longer has the assistance of the late Mr. A. Stauffer who kindly looked after Christmas Greetings in previous years.

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