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**NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE**

The Council of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique announce that their Annual General Meeting has had to be moved from Tuesday, 6th April to Friday, 2nd April. They regret that this clashes with another function in the Swiss community, but the change was necessitated by circumstances beyond their control.

**UNIONE TICINESE**

Through an oversight, the date of the Social arranged by the Unione Ticinese for the end of May was put for March under Forthcoming Events in the last two issues. We have corrected this and regret the mistake. Please note the correct date: Sunday, 30th May, **SOCIAL AND BUFFET** at the Swiss Hostel for Girls in Belsize Grove, Hampstead.

**PERSONAL**

We have great pleasure in announcing the engagement of the Rev. Marcel Dietler, Minister of the German-speaking community of the Swiss Church in London, to Miss Verena Bürgin from Basle.

**SWISS BANK CORPORATION****RETIREMENTS**

On 28th of February this year, two prominent members of the Swiss Bank Corporation in London retired: Mr. Hermann Knoll and Mr. Oscar Grob, both very well known not only for their services to the bank over a long period of years, but also to the Swiss Community in London.

**Mr. H. Knoll**, a native of St. Gall, first came to England in 1924 and was associated with the bank for over forty years, over twenty-five of which were spent in an executive capacity. Formerly an officer in the Swiss Army, in his younger days he was known for his gymnastic ability, a sport in which he retains his interest. Mr. Knoll had acquired a thorough knowledge of the City of London where he is, of course, widely known and is an authority on financial affairs in Switzerland. His activities in the Swiss Colony include a strong interest in the Swiss Mercantile Society (of which he is a Trustee and Hon. Member). He is an ex-President of the City Swiss Club and was a member of the Swiss Economic Council.

**Mr. O. Grob**, who served his apprenticeship with the Spar-und-Leihkasse, Eschenz, was for a short time employed by the Swiss Credit Bank before joining the Swiss Bank Corporation in Schaffhausen and came to the London Office in 1924. He was appointed *Fondé de Pouvoirs* ten years later and had special responsibilities in the office for control and organisation. His abilities in this direction led to his being called upon to organise the New York Agency in August, 1939. He was appointed Sub-Manager in London in 1945, since when he has been mainly concerned with securities business. In his youth he was a keen sportsman. Mr. Grob has been closely associated with the Swiss Mercantile Society which he has served in many capacities including that of President. He is also Chairman of the Committee of Swiss Catholics in London.

We wish both these gentlemen many years in which to enjoy their retirement.

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**PFARRER:** M. Dietler, 1, Womersley Road, N.8. Telephone: MOU 6018.

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Every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month from 3 to 6 p.m.

Every second and fourth Thursday of the month from 3 to 6 p.m.

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**CHAPLAIN:** Rev. Joseph Scherer, St. Ann's Church, Abbey Orchard Street, S.W.1. Tel.: ABBey 2895.

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