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served as an Infantry Corporal until November 1914, following which he entered the Argyll and Southern Highlanders with the special permission of Lord Kitchener. He ended the war as a sergeant and was awarded the Military Medal. His son attained a similar rank and achieved identical distinction in the following war. On his release from the forces, Mr. Reiber came to Jarrow in County Durham and met a lady of Swiss descent whom he married in 1919. Mr. Reiber had been a member of the Union Helvetia Club from the age of twenty.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Mrs. Helene Burkhalter, late of 104 Allison Road, N.8. After a long illness Mrs. Burkhalter passed away in the Hostel of

God Nursing Home, Clapham Common, on 9th January, 1971. She was 73. She leaves one son. Her husband who died 12 years ago will be well remembered for his work with the Schweizerbund.

Finally, it is our sad duty to announce the death in Leysin at the age of 93 of Mr. Maurice Roethlisberger's mother, Mrs. Emma Roethlisberger. Our most sincere sympathy goes to Mr. and Mrs. Roethlisberger. We also wish to express our sorrow to all the families bereaved by these sad losses.

#### DR. ALBERT WEITNAUER OUR NEW AMBASSADOR

The Federal Council has appointed Dr. Albert Weitnauer as the new Swiss Ambassador to the United Kingdom. He will replace, as readers know, Monsieur René Keller, who will take up his new function as Head of the Division for International Organisations at the Political Department on February 1st. Dr. Weitnauer must be well remembered by the Swiss of London. He was Counsellor of Legation for economic and commercial affairs in 1953-54, in the days of Monsieur de Torrené. We shall have the opportunity of welcoming Dr. Weitnauer in our next issue.

#### PROMOTIONS IN THE BANKING WORLD

Among the various promotions within the Swiss Bank Corporation which became effective on 1st January, we are happy to mention those of Mr. L. F. Ackerman and Mr. H. Grüniger. Both have been promoted to the rank of Sub Manager. Mr. Ackerman will remain as Manager at the West End Branch. One of his outside interests is, of course, the City Swiss Club, of which he has for some years acted as Secretary. Mr. Grüniger remains the Swiss Bank's principal dealer in sterling and Euro-dollar fixed deposits and certificates of deposit.

We are also happy to inform those of our London readers who may not have heard it already that Mr. E. Tangemann has been appointed General Manager of the Union Bank of Switzerland's London branch in succession to Mr. Riess.

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, 30th January. Annual Dinner and Dance of the S.M.S. Dorchester Hotel, 6.30 for 7 p.m.

Monday, 8th February, Dorchester Hotel, 6.30 for 7 p.m. The Institute for Swiss Promotion. Dinner followed by an address given by Prof. Charles Iffland on the "Infrastructure of the developing countries".

Wednesday, 17th February. Annual General Meeting of the S.M.S.

Tuesday, 23rd February. Soirée Famiale of the City Swiss Club.

Tuesday, 23rd February. Skittle Evening of the Swiss Club Edinburgh.

Friday, 26th February. Annual Dinner of the Swiss Philatelic Society, Dorchester Hotel.

#### SWISS CHURCH

**SERVICES EN FRANÇAIS:** à l'Eglise Suisse, 79 Endell Street, W.C.2, tous les dimanches à 11h15 et 19h00.

**SAINTE-CENE:** le premier et troisième dimanche du mois, matin et soir.

**PERMANENCE:** chaque jeudi de 15h00 à 18h00.

**REUNION DE QUARTIER:** huit veillées en automne et au printemps: voir "Le Messager"

**CLUB DES JEUNES:** tous les dimanches de 12h00 à 22h30, tous les jeudis de 15h00 à 22h30.

**REUNION DE COUTURE:** le 2<sup>e</sup> mardi du mois.

**LUNCH:** tous les dimanches à 13h00.

**VISITES:** sur demande.

**PASTEUR:** A. Nicod, 7 Park View Road, London N.3. Téléphone 01-346 5281.

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**SERVICES IN GERMAN:** at Eglise Suisse, 79 Endell Street, W.C.2, at 10 a.m. At St. Ann's Church, Abbey Orchard Street, S.W.1. at 7.30 p.m.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** every first Sunday of the month at evening service only. On major feasts at morning and evening services.

**CONSULTATIONS:** every Wednesday 4-6 p.m. at Eglise Suisse.

**DISTRICT GROUPS (W.4 and S.E.21) and SERVICES OUTSIDE LONDON:** see "Gemeindebote".

**SERVICES IN ENGLISH:** every fourth Sunday at 7.30 p.m.

**"KONTAKT" (Youth Group):** every Wednesday 4-10 p.m. at Eglise Suisse. Supper at 6.30 p.m. Programme at 8 p.m.

**SWISS Y.M.C.A.:** see Forthcoming Events.

**WOMEN'S CIRCLE:** every first Tuesday of the Month.

**MOTHERS' REUNION:** 1st Wednesday in the Month, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**VISITS:** by request.

**MINISTER:** Pfr. M. Dietler, 1. Womersley Road, N.8. Telephone 01-340 6018.

**SWISS CATHOLIC MISSION:** at St. Ann's Church, Abbey Orchard Street (off No. 25 Victoria Street), S.W.1.

**SATURDAYS:** Ecumenical Service at 6.30 p.m.

**SUNDAYS:** Holy Mass at 9 and 11 a.m. (in English). At 6.30 p.m. (mostly in German).

**CONSULTATIONS AND CONFESSIONS:** preferably on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in the afternoon or by appointment.

**SERVICES EN FRANCAIS:** Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, W.C.2. on Suns. at 9, 10, 11 a.m. 12.15, 6, 7 p.m.

**SWISS CATHOLIC YOUTH CLUB —** Meeting every Sunday after Evening Mass (8-11 p.m.) at Westminster Ball Room, 30 Strutton Ground, S.W.1.

**CHAPLAIN:** Paul Bossard, St. Ann's Church, Abbey Orchard Street, S.W.1. Tel.: 01-222 2895.

## The Institute for Swiss Trade Promotion

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Dinner, Monday, 8th February,  
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Followed by a talk in English by  
Prof Charles Iffland of  
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"The developing nations—  
Switzerland and Europe"

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