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E. A. SCHEIDEGGER †.

We regret to announce that Mr. E. A. Scheidegger died last Monday, July 8th, from cardiac failure following a serious operation; though ailing for some time he had been attending at his office the week previous.

The deceased was born on July 12th, 1867, at Lucerne; he went to school at Barwangen (Aargau) and Sengen, and was subsequently apprenticed to the printing trade with the St. Galler Tagblatt. The desire to improve his knowledge brought the young compositor to Paris and London, where he found ready employment with the large houses undertaking foreign printing. In 1896 he started business on his own account at Blythe Road, Hammer-smith, moving later on to Berwick Street, Oxford Street, W. It was here that he conceived the idea of publishing the first weekly paper in our Colony and the "Rütli" was the result; he was assisted editorially by the late Mr. J. H. Corthesy, but his venture found little support, beyond a small intimate circle, and had to suspend its promising activity for financial reasons after a comparatively short run. The printing business, however, expanded and in 1904 Mr. Scheidegger was joined by Mr. P. F. Boehringer, the two forming a company under the name of Polyglot Printing Co., Ltd.; convenient premises were acquired in the City at Garlick Hill, Queen Victoria Street, E.C. Unfortunately the partnership was of short duration and after six years, in 1910, gave way to lively competition between the two directors. The old company continued to prosper but Mr. Scheidegger suffered a cruel blow when his only son was left on the battlefield in the last war; his brother assisted him in the business, though the irreparable loss visibly stifled his usually enterprising spirit. When during more recent times other adversities aggravated the difficulties in carrying on during the existing crisis, Mr. Scheidegger decided to throw in his lot with his former partner. The pooling of goodwill, resources and experience augured well for the future and Mr. Scheidegger looked forward to spend the autumn of his life usefully and free of care. Man proposes and God disposes!

Mr. Scheidegger was of a retiring disposition, avoiding the limelight; he supported most of the societies and institutions in our Colony, though, in later years, he was content with spending an occasional evening with his old friends at the Swiss Club (Schweizerbund) of which he was a trustee.

The funeral took place to-day, at the Gt. Northern Cemetery, New Southgate, the Rev. M. Pradervand conducting the service.

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to his brother and more so to Miss Florrie Scheidegger who in the short space of a month has lost both her parents.

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R. S. — Your cheque had been credited originally to another subscriber whose patronymic is identical; the matter has now been put right and we apologize.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Friday, July 19th, at 7.30 p.m. — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — Monthly Meeting — to be followed by the usual "Comment on the International Situation," by G. J. Keller, Esq., at "Swiss House," 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Tuesday, August 6th, at 7 p.m. — City Swiss Club — Monthly Meeting, at Pagani's Restaurant.

Divine Services.

Dimanche 14 juillet 1940: à l'Eglise Suisse, 79, Endell Street, W.C.2.

11h. Culte M. M. Pradervand.

Pour tout ce qui concerne le ministère pastoral, prière de s'adresser à Monsieur le pasteur Marcel Pradervand, 65, Mount View Road, N.4. (Téléphone Mountview 5003). Heure de réception à l'église le mercredi de 11-12h.30.

Sonntag, den 14. Juli 1940: in der Schweizerkirche, 9, Gresham Street, E.C.2.

11 Uhr. Gottesdienst. Mr. W. Fischer.

Für alle Amtshandlungen wende man sich z.Z. an Pfr. M. Pradervand, 65, Mount View Road, N.4. (MOU 5003)

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