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ERNEST ALDER †.

We announce with deep regrets the passing away of Mr. Ernest Alder, which occurred in Zurich at the end of last month at the age of 61.

The deceased started his career in the Embroidery trade in St. Gall; after a short stay in Brussels he came to this country in 1910, joining the big Swiss staff of Messrs. A. Gagnière & Co., Ltd., Woollen and Silk Merchants, in Golden Square, W.1, where he was employed in the Shipping Department.

Owing to his great capabilities and efficiency he was entrusted in 1919 with the Swiss journey twice a year and subsequently, during the years 1935-1940, he travelled extensively for the firm in Austria and the Balkan States. In 1940 he decided to return to Switzerland as resident representative of Messrs. Gagnière.

During the long years in which he was connected with the firm, he was greatly esteemed both by the Management, Staff and Customers, who have lost through his untimely death a faithful and efficient collaborator.

In spite of his frequent absence from this country, Ernest Alder took a lively interest in the life of the Swiss Colony in London, he was, for many years, a member of the City Swiss Club and the Swiss Mercantile Society, where he had a large circle of friends.

The loss of this charming man is keenly felt by his many friends, who found in him a friend in the real sense of the word, his high character, his sense of fairness and straightforwardness have endeared him to all who came in contact with him.

The deceased married in 1941 a Lady from La Chaux-de-Fonds, and their married life was an exceedingly happy one, and we tender to his widow our most sincere sympathy in her cruel loss.

Ernest Alder was cremated on the 2nd of this month in Zurich, and amongst the many friends who accompanied him to the last resting place, was Mr. A. Homberger, Managing Director of Messrs. A. Gagnière & Co., Ltd., in London.

A lovable man and a good and true Swiss has departed from us, alas, all too soon, but those who have known Ernest Alder will keep him in loving remembrance.

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FREDERICK J. ISLER †.

As briefly reported in our last issue, the death has occurred of Frederick J. Isler, after a long and patiently borne illness at the age of 69.

With Fred Isler, as he was known by his numerous friends, one of the "old guard" has disappeared. He was born in Staefa, and came to this country in 1903.

During his long sojourn in England he took a great interest in the Swiss Colony in London; he was for many years closely connected with the "Union Helvetia" of which Society he was at one time its Secretary. He will be remembered by many older members of the Colony through the witty speeches he used to make at some of the social gatherings, and many articles from his pen have, from time to time, appeared in this paper.

The deceased was for a great number of years in business at Tunbridge Wells, but he returned to London in 1940. Two heart attacks weakened his constitution, and on Thursday, June 17th, 1948, he passed peacefully away at a London Nursing Home.

All those who have known Fred Isler, will keep him in good remembrance.

"AT THE COURT OF ST. JAMES'S."

By an inadvertence the name of the writer of the pen-sketch of His Excellency, Mons. Henry de Torrenté, the new Swiss Minister at the Court of St. James's, which was reprinted from "The Tatler" in our columns last issue, was omitted. The writer was Mr. George Bilainkin, the author and diplomatic correspondent, an old friend of Switzerland's, and notably of the former Swiss Minister's and Mme. Ruegger's.

Editor..

OUR NEXT ISSUE.

Our next issue will be published on Friday, July 30th, 1948.

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