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ANTON BON †.

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing away, on 4th December, in Basle, of Mr. Anton Bon, at the age of 79. The deceased was, previous to 1951, a well-known member of the Swiss Colony in London.

Anton Bon was born on 23rd August 1881, at the "Bodenhaus" Splügen (Ct. Grisons), where his parents kept the Hotel. He received his schooling at the Primary School and *Gymnasium* in Lucerne, and afterwards entered an apprenticeship with the banking concern Baup & Cie., in Nyon (Ct. Vaud).

At an early age Anton Bon joined his father in the management of the Park Hotel Vitznau, and later on the Suvretta Haus in St. Moritz. From 1919 to 1924 he was president of the "Schweiz. Hotelier Verein", and was also a member of the Board of the "Schweiz. Verkehrszentrale".

In the army he reached the rank of Colonel of Cavalry, holding successively the commands of the "22nd Schwadron", "8th Mitrailleuse Schwadron", and "6th Guidenabteilung."

Mr. Bon arrived in this country in 1936, and was at first entrusted with the organisation of the Nestlé Company here. Later on he was appointed General Manager of the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.

Although an exceedingly busy man, the deceased took a keen interest in the London Swiss Colony. In 1943 he was elected President of the City Swiss Club, which post he held with great distinction until 1947. One can say without exaggeration that during the years in which he was at the head of this Club, it passed through one of its most famous epochs. The departed was also at one time President of the Swiss Benevolent Society, to which institution he had rendered conspicuous services, and President of the Swiss Catholics in London. He retired in 1951 to Switzerland.

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