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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

On 30th March, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kriesi, of 132 Cockerell Road, Arbury Estate, Cambridge, are celebrating their Golden Wedding. Mr. Kriesi has been in this country since April 1912, and his wife will be 76 on 5th April. We wish them a happy Golden Wedding and a memorable birthday.

Congratulations and best wishes go to Mr. and Mrs. G. Keller, of 24b Maresfield Gardens, N.W.3, who will be celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary on 2nd April.

The following subscribers will be having their birthdays soon: Mr. Jules F. J. Ammann will be 82 on 30th and Mr. F. E. Brunner 76 on 31st March; Mr. L. W. Krucker will be 72 on 11th April. Two of our loyal old friends will be 75 on 13th April, Mr. L. Portmann and Dr. W. Preiswerk, C.B.E., Basle.

Mrs. Nina Pfaendler, of 61 Woodland Rise, Muswell Hill, N.10, will be 80 on 29th March. She is the widow of Mr. J. J. Pfaendler, a well-known personality in the Colony. His activities were shared most efficiently and loyally by his wife Nina. Mrs. Pfaendler is still interested in what happens in the Swiss community, and she has many activities she pursues with assiduity.

To all these readers and any others who will be celebrating their birthdays within the next three weeks, we send best wishes and many happy returns.

We have just heard that Mrs. Lina Gradmann, of 51 Wessex Gardens, N.W.11, celebrated her 70th birthday on 9th March. She is the widow of a former engineer with Sulzer Brothers in London, and both Mr. and Mrs. Gradmann were very active in the Swiss community at one time. Even up to a short while ago, Mrs. Gradmann rendered valuable services to the Youth Group of the German-speaking Swiss Church. Belatedly, but very sincerely, we wish her many happy returns of the day.

ALBERT FERBER AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

An interesting Piano Recital not to be missed

As readers will have seen from "Forthcoming Events" in previous issues, our compatriot and eminent pianist Albert Ferber will give a piano recital at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on Thursday, 28th March, at 7.45 p.m.

Mr. Ferber has played successfully in many parts of the world. Since his last recital at the Queen Elizabeth Hall in May last year, he has been invited to play in Ireland, Germany, France, Jamaica and U.S.A. He has also given no fewer than seven recitals for the BBC. A new record on SAGA is to be issued soon. By attending his recital next week, his compatriots have an opportunity of showing their appreciation not only of his art but also of his ever-ready kindness to play to audiences at Swiss functions. Incidentally, the recital takes place on the eve of his birthday, and we wish him many happy returns of the day.

In addition, or better as a primary reason for attending, there is an interesting programme which should induce any music lover: Variations on Righini's air "Vieni amore" and two sonatas (E major Op. 109 and E flat major Op. 31, No. 3) by Beethoven, followed by Scriabin's Sonata in F minor Op. 6. The *Polonaise-*

Fantaisie in A flat major Op. 61 by Chopin will be played next, and the recital will end with Debussy's Nocturne in D flat major and "L'isle joyeuse".

Tickets at 15/-, 10/- and 7/6 are available from the Royal Festival Box Office (01-928 3191) and usual agents. Postal applications should be accompanied by a stamped-addressed envelope.

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