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JOHN H. BERGER †

We announce with deep regret the death of John H. Berger, which occurred in Zurich on the 16th of this month, after a long and patiently borne illness.

The deceased was born at Pohlern (Ct. Berne) on the 10th of May, 1899, and was educated in Switzerland and Germany.

In 1923 he came to London, where he joined the firm of Scintilla Ltd., in which concern he soon advanced to the position of Manager and Director. His keen sense of business, high integrity and kindness made him a much respected and beloved personality in engineering circles.

John Berger, took a great interest in the life of the Swiss Colony in London, where he had a wide circle of friends. He was a member of the City Swiss Club, Swiss Male Choir, Swiss Mercantile Society and the "Helvetica Lodge", for many years; he was also a stout supporter of the "Schweizerkirche" in London.

He leaves behind a widow, and an adopted child, to whom we tender our sincere sympathy.

One of our friends, at present in Switzerland, has kindly sent us the following particulars about the Funeral Service, which took place at the "Krematorium" in Zurich, on Monday, May 20th, 1946.

"The Rev. C. Th. Hahn, a friend of the deceased, and formerly Pastor at the "Schweizerkirche" in London conducted the service and gave a very moving address, he was followed by Mr. Speck of the Old Students Association "Helvetia" of Mitweida University, who referred to the high qualities of our departed friend.

Amongst the congregation, which numbered about a hundred, were the following past and present members of the London Swiss Colony: Mr. & Mrs. Engesser, Mrs. J. A. Seiffert, Mr. & Mrs. Nachbur, Mr. Büsser, Mr. P. Sommer, Mr. F. Gerber, Mr. F. A. Gamper, Mr. A. G. Plüss, Mr. R. Bieri, Mrs. Ulmann (Zurich), Mr. C. Bertschinger, Mr. J. Pfaendler, and representatives of the London Office of Scintilla Ltd.

Included in the many beautiful flower offerings were three large wreaths, from the City Swiss Club, the Helvetica Lodge and the Swiss Male Choir, in London."

Our dear friend John Berger, has left us all too soon, he was a lovable man, a good Swiss and a sincere friend, we shall miss him very much and will keep him in good remembrance.

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A memorial service will be held at the "Schweizerkirche," Oak Room, Kingsway Hall, Kingsway, W.C.2, on Sunday, June 2nd, at 12 noon. (After the usual morning service).

PERSONAL

We extend heartiest congratulations to Miss Daphne Werner, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. E. Werner, of 60, Beatrice Avenue, Norbury, S.W.16, for having gained her Oxford Tennis blue. Her twin sister, Cynthia, who is captain of the Oxford University Tennis team, gained this distinction three years ago, she is also a Squash blue.

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Monday, June 3rd, 1946 at 6.30 p.m. — City Swiss Club — Interim Meeting, followed by a Jass and Bridge Evening, at Brown's Hotel, Dover Street, W.1.

Friday, June 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th, 1946 — Swiss Male Choir — Rehearsals at Swiss Club (Schweizerbund) 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Saturday, June 8th, 1946, at 8 p.m. — Swiss Club (Schweizerbund) — Special Victory Day Celebration Dance, at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

Wednesday, June 12th, 1946 at 6.30 p.m. — Swiss Mercantile Society — Monthly Meeting at Swiss House, 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Saturday, June 15th, 1946, from 5.30 to 9.30 p.m. (doors open at 5 p.m.) — Fête Suisse — at Central Hall, Westminster.

Monday, June 17th, 1946 at 6.30 p.m.—City Swiss Club — Monthly Meeting, followed by an address by Sir Charles Petrie, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1. (see advertisement).

Friday, June 21st, 1946 — London Swiss Philatelic Society — Monthly Meeting at Swiss House, 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

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