

H. R. Napp †

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NOUVELLE SOCIETE HELVETIQUE.
Lecture by Albert J. Welti.
 Tuesday, April 18th, at 7 p.m.,
 at the Vienna Café, Baker Street, N.W.1.

We wish to direct the attention of our readers to the lecture of Mr. Albert J. Welti, who will talk (in French) on "Le Patrimoine de l'Art en Suisse."

Mr. Welti, who is well-known as a dramatist and novelist, is the son of the famous painter A. Welti, known to many by its fresco in the "Ständerats Saal" in the Houses of Parliament in Berne.

In 1910, he went to the Academy at Düsseldorf where he studied glass-painting and mosaic work. He continued his studies at Munich and Madrid.

Since then Albert, J. Welti has devoted most of his time to writing. Of the 15 plays he has written, many have been performed. Some are tragedies such as the "Steinbruch" and "Mordnacht" both written in Swiss-German. "Susperstition" was written in German, but has been translated into French and performed in Geneva. For his tragedy "Michael Servet," as well as for two of his novels he received the Schiller Prize.

Apart from writing, Mr. Welti is also a gifted painter.

We hope that many members and friends of the Colony will attend this lecture which promises to be very interesting.

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On Thursday following (April 20th) Mr. Welti will

read from his own works in German and Swiss-German at a private gathering. Invitations to the reading on Thursday are issued at the lecture on Tuesday to those attending. The place, where this invitation party is held (it is not the Vienna Café) will be announced at Tuesday's lecture.

H. R. NAPP †.

It is with deep regret that we inform our friends of the passing away of Henry Richard Napp, as the result of an accident on Sunday, the 26th March, 1950, in his 57th year.

Born in Bâle in 1892, where he also passed a happy childhood and absolved with success his schooling and matriculation, he began his active career with Hoffmann-Laroche, Bâle. Subsequently he was transferred to Paris and London, where, in 1914, he became Manager of the English firm.

In 1923 he established his own Company under the style of H. R. Napp Ltd., London, W.C.2, which introduced many Ethical Pharmaceutical Products which by their excellency now command medical consideration and high approval throughout the world.

It was through sheer determination, an astounding enthusiasm for work and great skill that brought his firm to prosperity and esteem; in spite of this success H. R. Napp, who has been a naturalised British subject for some years, remained the kind and sympathetic man; many are the young Swiss who came to him seeking advice and help; none was turned away and if a friendship was formed it was one for life and happy for the one who could enjoy his confidence. — In spite of his naturalisation he loved and never forgot the Town on the Rhine — in fact he was to us Swiss always the Balois.

H. R. Napp was a member of the City Swiss Club.

Many are the friends both here and in Bâle who mourn this sad loss and we extend to his family in London and his relations in Bâle our deepest sympathy.

P.A.M.

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