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that he, and his Scottish wife, who was herself associated with the Swiss Bank in her earlier days, will still be granted many years of rest and retirement.

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We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. E. Lucca, which occurred on November 2nd, at the French Hospital, at the age of 60.

IN MEMORIAM.

... but the world shall end when I forget.

PIETRO DE MARIA

vive nel cuore dei Suoi cari e degli innumerevoli Suoi amici nel primo doloroso anniversario.

SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The Swiss Benevolent Society held a meeting at Swiss House on Monday, 29th November. The President, Mr. F. G. Sommer, welcomed the Swiss Minister who was accompanied by several of his collaborators from the Legation. Mr. Sommer paid a warm tribute to Monsieur de Torrenté on behalf of the Society. This was later endorsed by Mr. W. Meier, President of the Swiss Mercantile Society.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. M. Rothlisberger, presented the accounts for the first nine months of this year. Unfortunately they again showed a deficit. The sum spent on casual relief was about the same, but the figure for pensions had gone up by several hundred pounds. £2,400 alone had been spent on regular grants to some 60 pensioners. Five new ones were elected after the adoption of the accounts.

The Minister then took leave from the Society as this was his last meeting before his departure for Washington. He thanked the members, particularly the faithful workers of the Monday Committee, for all the unselfish work which they were carrying out in the interest of our poor compatriots. He recalled with pleasure his association with the Society in settling the Sandoz Legacy, in bringing about the formation of the much needed Welfare Office for Girls and now in establishing the badly wanted Home for Swiss Girls. He regretted not to be here at the opening, and he wished every success to the Home and the Society.

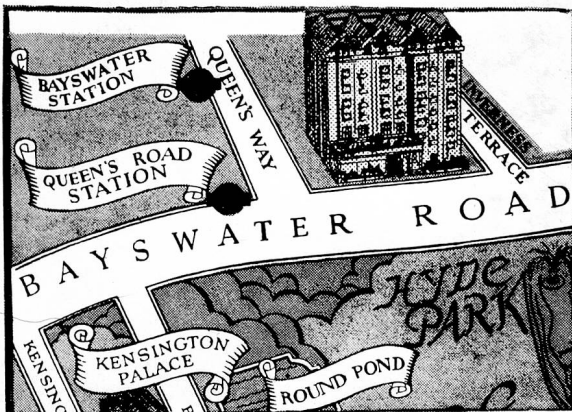
Mr. Sommer then reported on the progress of this Home. A large part of the Sandoz Legacy was now being invested in the freehold purchase of a building in Hampstead. This was ideally suited for the purpose, having several large reception rooms and some 50 bedrooms. He again made it clear that the furnishing and running of the Home would be the responsibility of the two Swiss Organisations "Freundinnen junger Maedchen" and "Katholischer Maedchenschutzverband". Funds were now being collected in Switzerland for that purpose.

The meeting accepted the report and discharged the *ad hoc* Committee which had been dealing with the matter. General satisfaction was expressed that the plans for a Home had now materialized and that it should take but a few months before the establishment would be completed.

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