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PERSONAL.

We deeply regret to announce the passing away, on the 2nd of this month, of Mr. Joseph August von Felten, of 49, Cedar Road, Berkhamstead, Herts, *originaire* of Winznau, (Ct. Solothurn) at the age of 66.

The deceased came to this country in 1912, where he obtained a position with Messrs. J. H. Vavasasseur & Co. Ltd., East India Merchants, in which firm he reached an important position, Mr. von Felten retired from this well-known concern at the beginning of this year.

We extend to his brother, Mr. J. von Felten of 3, Goldhurst Terrace, Hampstead, N.W.6, our sincere sympathy in his loss.

NEW "HEIDI" FILM IN LONDON.

The London Pavilion Cinema has provided the Swiss Colony and our friends with a very special treat in the shape of a new and delightful "Heidi" film.

It has been made by our Swiss Praesenz Lilm Company under the sensitive direction of L. Wetzler, famous for his series of international humanitarian films, including "The last Chance".

Elsbeth Siegmund with pinafore and hooked plaits gives a moving interpretation of "Heidi". Many years ago we saw Shirley Temple in this part in a Hollywood version of this classic of Swiss Child literature.

In this our own version not only the mountains and the town setting in Frankfort are more genuine but also the rendering of this touching story by Elspeth and excellently chosen remaining cast, including Elsie Attenhofer as "Heidi's" well meaning but somewhat stupid maiden aunt.

The English film version presented at the Pavilion through the enterprising United Artists Ltd. has one handicap "it is dubbed in pretty strong American" (!) This was evidently a necessity. Perhaps one day some of us may be lucky enough to see the original German version, in the meanwhile, however, the substitute will do admirably to make our hearts throb as the scenes unfold high up in the mountains, based in that indescribable faintly misty radiance.

We are glad to see that the British Press was, on the whole, most kind to our "Heidi".

Dr. H.W.E.

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