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**HANS GERBER †**

Hans Gerber, best known to his many London friends as "John", whose death in his 65th year we report with deep regret, was a well-known figure in the Swiss Colony. He will be remembered for his cheerful spirit and his unfailing kindness, his robust sense of humour and his interest not only in the affairs of his office and his special part in the Colony but in his home and his garden to which he devoted so much skill and attention.

He started his business career with the Swiss Bank Corporation in Zurich in 1916 and came to the London Office, which was then situated at 43, Lothbury, in December, 1919.

John was one of the early members of the Swiss Male Choir and remained an active and enthusiastic member of this body throughout his life. He will be remembered as the Choir's soloist at many functions.

The illness which necessitated his ultimate retirement last year was a source of much sorrow to his colleagues and his many friends and their deep sympathy is expressed to his widow, who was herself at one time a most popular member of the Staff of the Swiss Bank Corporation.

A.J.

## PERSONAL.

We extend heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. Berner, of "Berner House", West Bradford Road, Waddington, nr. Clithero, Yorks., on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary. Mr. E. Berner is the Vice-President of the Swiss Club, Manchester.

## FETE SUISSE.

A full report of the Fête Suisse, which took place on Thursday, April 19th, at Central Hall, Westminster, will appear in our next issue.

## OUR NEXT ISSUE.

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