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MISS KLARA WINTER †

We regret to announce the death of Miss Klara Winter at the age of 101. The following appreciation appeared in "The Belper News" on 18th January.

"Belper's oldest resident, 101-year-old Miss Klara Winter, died on Friday — 11 days after her birthday — at St. Elizabeth's Convent, Belper.

"Swiss born, Miss Winter came to England 33 years ago. After living at Leicester and Nottingham, Miss Winter came to Belper and lived at 59 Becksitch Lane. Until five years ago she did most of the light housework at her home, but eventually even this became too much for her and she was permitted to live at the Convent, where the Sisters cared for her. She had been in failing health for about eight weeks and was not very well when she celebrated her 101st birthday. The occasion was marked by a visit from the Swiss Consul and his wife, and a gift of £5 and a letter from people in her native village in Switzerland.

"Until she was 70, Miss Winter was employed by Ward, Sturt and Sharp Ltd., who were formerly manufacturers at premises at the junction of New Road and Derby Road, Belper. She was responsible for training and supervising the girls who operated the machines.

"She was a regular worshipper at the Roman Catholic Church, Belper, and until recently she rose at 7 a.m. each day for Mass at the Convent.

"The Rev. S. J. Langan, Chaplain of St. Elizabeth's Convent, officiated at Requiem Mass held at the Church of Our Lady, Gibfield Lane, Belper, on Monday. Those in attendance included the Mayor and Mayoress of Derby, Coun. S. Harper and Mrs. Harper, the Swiss Consul, Mr. Rosset, from Manchester, and Mrs. Rosset, ex-Insp. T. J. Kennedy, of Matlock, the Rev. Mother General, of Melton Mowbray, and the Rev. Mother and Sisters of St. Elizabeth's Convent. Interment took place in Belper Cemetery."

PERSONAL

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mrs. May (Anna Camilla) Weibel, wife of Mr. John Weibel, Attorney of the Swiss Bank Corporation. We express our sympathy in his bereavement.

On going to press we have just had the sad news of the death of Mr. Jo Henry Buechi, of 8 Sumner Road, West Harrow, Middlesex, and of Mr. Robert Dupraz, of 47 Pickwick Road, Dulwich Village, S.E.21, as well as of Mr. Karl Strickler, Zurich Central President of the "Schweizerischer Kaufmännischer Verein". Obituary notices will follow in the next issue.

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We wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. René E. Baumann, of 24 Gurney Drive, N.2, on the birth of a daughter, Karin, on 18th January.

ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS OF SWISS SOCIETIES IN GREAT BRITAIN

A meeting of the Presidents of Swiss Societies in Great Britain was held at the Swiss Embassy in London on Saturday, 9th February. The Swiss Ambassador, Monsieur Armin Daeniker, was present, and Mr. V. Berti (Schweizerbund) was in the chair. The bad weather had taken a heavy toll and many members were absent owing to sickness.

Mrs. M. Meier and Mr. P. Christen, who had represented the Swiss Colony of Great Britain at last August's meeting of the Commission of the Swiss abroad (ASK), reported briefly on the meeting at Sion but refrained from any lengthy comment as a full report had appeared in the "Swiss Observer" last summer. Owing to the death of Mr. A. Renou and the return to Switzerland of Dr. Mario Ludwig, two new representatives had to be elected. But as the present method of electing was not satisfactory it was decided to postpone this item until new ways had been evolved. Both deputy representatives, Mrs. Meier and Mr. Christen, were willing to attend the next meeting of the ASK in Berne on 2nd March, and therefore the Colony would not be handicapped if elections were put off.

The Chairman felt that quite a number of points had to be cleared up and certain matters of procedure clarified. He suggested, and this was unanimously accepted, that the present sub-committee, the commission set up to tackle the rejuvenation of the Colony, should be asked to study the set-up of the Assembly, to work out proper terms of reference and standing orders, and to go into any other point they felt needed clearing up. Societies will be asked for suggestions, and any proposals will, of course, be submitted to them for approval.

In the circumstances it was decided that the present officers should remain for another year, seeing that Mr. Berti had done such excellent work both as Chairman and at the head of the sub-committee.

The Consul, Monsieur Tosio, reported that the appeal to join the Solidarity Fund, sent out by the Ambassador, had had some response. But it was hoped that many more compatriots would join in the near future.

Monsieur Ansermoz gave details of a new scholarship scheme for young Swiss abroad, details of which will be published in the next issue.

WIGMORE HALL
Saturday, 2nd March 1963, 7.30 p.m.

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