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PERSONAL.

We extend our best congratulations to Mr. André Charton, of 25, Westmoreland Road, London, S.W.13, for having won the Donegal Badge, on the occasion of a shooting competition of the Barnes Home Guard Rifle Club, at the Middlesex Club.

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We extend heartiest congratulations to Miss Elisabeth Fankhauser, younger daughter of Mr. E. Fankhauser, and the late Mrs. Fankhauser, of 71, Rivermead Court, Hurlingham, S.W.6, on her engagement to Lieutenant Michael, J. Conway, R.N.

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We have much pleasure in announcing that Mr. A. Spargnapani, of the Swiss Legation in London, has been transferred to the Swiss Consulate in Hamburg, in the capacity of Chancellor.

On this occasion, we express to him our sincere congratulations on this well-merited promotion.

Mr. Spargnapani, was previous to the last war at the Swiss Consulate in Manchester. In 1944, he received an appointment at the Special Division of the Swiss Legation and two years later at the Swiss Legation. He has for a number of years taken an active part in the life of the Swiss Colony, first as Honorary Secretary of the Swiss Club in Manchester, a post which he held for six years. Until recently he was

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Hon. Secretary of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique (London Group). Mr. Spargnapani was also a member of the City Swiss Club.

For all the good work so obligingly given, we wish to thank him and all our best wishes for success accompany him in his new sphere of activity.

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GEORGES LAEMLE †.

As briefly reported in our last issue, the death of Mr. Georges Laemlé occurred on Saturday, September 18th, 1948, at a nursing home, after a long illness.

The deceased, who was 63 years old, was born in Berne, where he received part of his schooling.

After an apprenticeship with the Banque Fédérale in Berne and employment in other Banking concerns in Switzerland, he came in 1908 to this country, where he entered into the services of Messrs. Greener, Dreyfuss & Co., Stockbrokers in London.

When the Banca Commerciale Italiana opened their office in 1911, he obtained the post of chief of the Stock Department.

Six years later (1917) he joined the staff of the London & South Western Bank Ltd., which was amalgamated with Barclays Bank Ltd. in 1918. He was subsequently appointed a Sub-Manager of the Chief Foreign Branch of the latter institution which position he held until his retirement in August 1946.

In his earlier years, Georges Laemlé took an active interest in the Swiss Colony in London, and in 1921 he was elected President of the City Swiss Club, he was also a Contributing Member of the Swiss Mercantile Society.

Mr. Laemlé was a keen Freemason, being one of the founders of the "Helvetica Lodge" and a member of the United Grand Lodge of England.

Although widely known in Banking Circles, he had few intimate friends, being by nature somewhat reserved.

From his retirement he has now gone to a deeper rest, and those who have known him will keep him in good remembrance.

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