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A. HOMBERGER †.

As mentioned in our last issue, the death occurred on Saturday, June 11th, 1949, of Mr. A. Homberger, Chairman and Managing Director of Messrs. A. Gagnière & Co., Ltd., Woollen Merchants of 34, Golden Square, W.1, at the age of 65.

The deceased was born on December 19th, 1884, at Brigue (Ct. Valais), and came to this country in 1906, where he joined the firm of Messrs. A. Gagnière & Co., Ltd.

Owing to his great capabilities and hard work he was made a Director of the firm after 15 years in their employ, and of later years held the post of Chairman and Managing-Director.

Mr. Homberger enjoyed a great reputation in the Woollen Trade of this country. Hard work and great integrity were some of his outstanding qualities, and his untimely departure has been deeply regretted by his large circle of friends both English and Swiss.

Although having become a naturalised British subject he always kept in touch with the Swiss Colony. He was, until his passing away a *Membre Passif* of the City Swiss Club and in his younger days took a great interest in the Swiss Mercantile Society, attending many of their functions. He was a devoted freemason in which craft he obtained high dignities.

All those who were privileged to know Albert Homberger, will keep him in good remembrance, he leaves a widow and four children (two sons and two daughters) to whom we extend our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

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OUR NEXT ISSUE.

Our next issue will be published on Friday, July 29th, 1949.

We take the opportunity of thanking the following subscribers for their kind and helpful donations over and above their subscription: L. Schobinger, A. Rueff, C. Fugistall, H. O. Ernst, A. Bleiker, E. Eha, E. Bachofen, Mrs. J. Downing, C. Nater.

OPENING OF THE CIBA FOUNDATION.

On Wednesday, June 22nd, the CIBA Foundation for the Promotion of International Co-operation in Medical and Chemical Research, was opened at 41, Portland Place, W.1, by Sir Henry Dale, O.M., F.R.S., in the presence of the Swiss Minister, Monsieur Henry de Torrenté, and a distinguished gathering of eminent scientists.

CIBA Limited of Basle, the head of a world-wide organisation of companies manufacturing and selling pharmaceuticals, dyes and plastics, have endowed this British Charitable Trust in London for the promotion of co-operation in research in the medical and chemical fields.

The Trustees in whom the funds are vested and who have sole control of the policy of administration of the Foundation are: Lord Beveridge, K.C.B., F.B.A., Lord Horder, G.C.V.O., Professor E. D. Adrian, O.M., F.R.S., Mr. Raymond Needham, K.C., J.P.,

The centre at 41, Portland Place, has been repaired and decorated by the Founder, and it now provides an atmosphere, not only of comfort, but of quiet charm believed to be most conducive to the purpose of the Foundation.

During the opening ceremony speeches were made by Dr. Max Hartmann, who spoke on behalf of CIBA Ltd., Basle, Lord Horder, Sir Henry Dale and Lord Beveridge.

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BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN TRAVEL TO DAVOS.

A batch of 25 Birmingham children left Victoria Station, on Wednesday, June 22nd with destination Davos.

The party was accompanied by the founder of this scheme, Mr. Ch. Kunzle, and was seen off by the Swiss Minister, Monsieur Henry de Torrenté, accompanied by M. E. W. Bircher. The Swiss Press was represented by Mr. A. Stauffer, Editor of the "Swiss Observer."

This is the third party within twelve months to travel to Switzerland for health and strength. The children, some of whom looked very frail, were in high spirits and when the train moved off they gave three cheers for the Swiss Minister.

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