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PERSONAL.

We regret to record the death in London, on 18th February, of Mr. Walter Eichenberger, of 1 Chestnut Close, N.14.

Mr. Eichenberger, who was educated in Burg and in Reinach, joined the staff of the Swiss Bank Corporation in 1910. From 1920 to 1923 he was attached to the Geneva Office of the Corporation and, from his return to London until ill health compelled him to retire, was a well-known figure in the foreign exchange dealing room of the bank.

He was a keen supporter of the Arsenal football club and a well-known figure at the Highbury ground.

His courageous efforts to carry on his business activities in spite of crippling disability in the last years of his service at the bank earned him deep respect among his friends and colleagues. We express our sympathy with his widow and family in their loss.

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It is with regret that we hear from Manchester of the passing away of Mr. Fritz Meyer and Mr. Rudolf T. Gschwind.

Mr. Meyer, of Wattwil (Ct. St. Gall), was an Honorary Member of the Swiss Club Manchester, joining the Club in 1905. In November 1956 he retired to Zurich, where he died on January 24th 1958, at the age of 77. Mr. Meyer held at one time the posts of Hon. Treasurer and Librarian.

Mr. Gschwind joined the Swiss Club Manchester in 1949, and for three years occupied the office of Hon. Secretary. He was born in Manchester of Swiss parents, and died on January 25th at the Manchester Royal Infirmary. Mr. Gschwind leaves a widow and a daughter.

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We extend heartiest congratulations to Mr. A. Altwegg, of "Säntis", 18, The Charter Road, Woodford Green, Essex, who recently celebrated his 70th birthday, as well as 50 years' residence in this country.

NOUVELLE SOCIÉTÉ HELVÉTIQUE.

A report of the Meeting of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, which was held on Tuesday, February 18th, at 9, Belsize Grove, N.W.3, at which the Swiss Ambassador, Dr. Armin Daeniker, spoke on "Glimpses of Diplomacy To-day" will appear in our next issue.

CONCERT NEWS.

We wish to direct the attention of our readers to a Violoncello and Pianoforte recital, by the distinguished Swiss composer Frank Martin and Swiss 'cellist Henri Honegger, on Friday, March 14th, at 7.30 p.m. at Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W.1. The programme includes works by Bach, Frank Martin and Debussy.

SIR GAVIN de BEER'S LECTURE.

Sir Gavin de Beer, F.R.S., F.S.A., Director of the British Museum (Natural History), read a most interesting paper on "The Inhabitants of Switzerland" on Wednesday, February 12th, at the Royal Arts Council's headquarters.

The Swiss Ambassador was in the Chair.

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