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Nicod is returning to Switzerland, and his assistant, the Rev. D. Muller, is going to pursue his studies in Germany. The Rev. Muller will be replaced for a year by a young missionary from Geneva, M. Christinat, who plans later to work in Laos for a Swiss Missionary Society. Eventually, the French-speaking parish will have to make do with one minister only, as is already the case with the German-speaking parish.

#### CITY SWISS CLUB DINNER DANCE

The City Swiss Club held its annual Informal Dinner Dance in fine weather conditions on Friday 22nd June at the Bickley Manor Hotel and Restaurant, Thorney Wood Road, Bickley, Kent.

Some eighty to ninety members and their guests appeared for this summer highlight of the Colony's activities. Dinner was preceded by a reception in the fine garden adjacent to the Bickley Manor Hotel. A swimming pool and tennis courts lent this new venue a pleasant holiday atmosphere.

Dinner was followed by several hours of dancing to a modern band with fast rhythms and singers. All this took place inside a country manor reminiscent of what is best in Old England. The President Mr. E. Tangemann, had shortly welcomed the gathering before dancing got under way, continuously until 12.30. There were no speeches as this was a specifically informal annual event. Some guests hinted that the food wasn't supplied in sufficient abundance in view

of the cost of tickets (£4.50), another complained that the band was too loud. Every function inevitably gives rise to criticisms of this kind. But success is measured by enjoyment. Since enjoyment is primarily related to good company there was no difficulty in ensuring success on that summer night.

## Obituaries

We regret to announce the death on 1st July of *Mr. Arnold Escoffey*, of 15 Rundell Crescent, London, N.W.4. at the age of 88 after a long illness. Born at La Chaux-de-fonds and hailing from Geneva, Mr. Escoffey came to this country before the first world war as agent for the Zenith watch company. During the crisis years of the thirties, he switched to importing watch components and spares. He has been a member of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique. He leaves a widow, Louise, whom he married in 1916 and two sons, Raymond and Eric. To them all, we should like to extend out heartfelt condolences.

We also regret to report the death of *Mr. Robert de Watteville*, of Kingsclere, 49 Gregories Road, Beaconsfield, Bucks, who passed away on 19th April. He had come to Britain in 1922 and leaves a widow, Elsie de Watteville.

The Swiss Community has also lost *Mrs. Lucie Meyer-Tissot*, of 13 Nichola Mansion, Trinity Crescent, London,

S.W.17. Hailing from Savoy, France, she had come to this country before the war and had lost her husband, Mr. Tissot, a compatriot, three years ago. She was a regular member of *la couture* at the Swiss Church.

Another member of the Colony, *Mr. Charles Louis Coulet* has died in Lausanne on 29th April. He had lived at 66 Woodcrest Road, Purley, Surrey for many years. He was a member of the Swiss Mercantile Society.

Finally, *Mr. Ernest Schaerer*, of 28 Saville Grove, Clifton York, died on May 28th at the age of 75. He came from Geneva and leaves a widow, Alice.

To all these bereaved families, we should like to extend deep sympathy.

#### DORCHESTER HEAD PASTRY CHEF RETIRES

After working for 28 years in the Dorchester's Pastry kitchen, almost all of that time as head Pastry Chef, *Mr. Luigi Bozzini* retired on June 21st at the age of 65, 50 years to the day from starting work as an apprentice in the kitchen at Claridge's.

After serving his apprenticeship at Claridge's, Mr. Bozzini then moved on, briefly, to the Trocadero Restaurant, then to the Park Lane Hotel, where he stayed for three years, and then to the Royal Palace, Kensington, until it closed down. He then worked in Devonshire until the outbreak of war when he served in the British Army. He joined the Dorchester after the war and was

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