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PERSONAL.

The many friends of Monsieur P. Brun, President of the Swiss Club, Birmingham, will regret to hear that he has been laid up for some time and was admitted to the Bolingbroke Hospital, Wandsworth Common, suffering from heart trouble. His large circle of friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. F. M. Gamper has undergone a preliminary operation in the British Emergency Hospital (German Hospital); he is progressing very satisfactorily and we are eagerly looking forward to see him back again. All his friends and especially the colleagues on the many committees of which he is a member will be with him in their thoughts.

Mr. P. Boehringer wishes to thank the many friends for their kind enquiries and letters and hopes that he will be excused from writing personal acknowledgments; he is making encouraging progress.

SWISS CATHOLICS IN LONDON.

At the annual general meeting which followed the "Bettag" service on September 19th, at which the Right Rev. Bishop Myers, Vicar Capitular, preached and gave the benediction, the Committee of the Swiss Catholics was re-elected en block.

The Hon. President, Colonel Anton Bon, made a stirring patriotic address, Mr. C. Schumacher, the Chairman, in his annual report dealt with the activities and financial matter whilst the Chaplain, Father Lanfranchi, reported on his apostolic work in the Colony.

The appeal for contribution for 1943/44 has been sent out some time ago and those who have not yet responded are asked to send their donations to the Hon. Treasurer as soon as possible.

The combined Christmas and New Year's service will be held this year on Sunday, January 2nd, 1944, at 2.30 p.m. at St. Peters Church, Westminster, S.W.1, and will be followed by a Christmas party at the Westminster Cathedral Hall. Fuller details will be given later.

An event, which if not unique is at least extremely rare, took place on Tuesday, November 16th, 1943, when a member of the Swiss Colony, Jacques Thomas Boos, made his monastic profession at Quarr Abbey, Ryde, Isle of Wight, thus becoming a member of the order of Saint Benedict. The new monk is the son of J. J. Boos, the President of the S.M.S., and was quite well-known in certain circles of the Colony in London, being for a short time on the staff of the Swiss Bank Corporation.

After undergoing a serious operation in 1939, in Switzerland, he returned fully recovered to this country early in 1940, entered St. Edmunds College, Ware, as a theological student and became novice at Quarr in January 1941.

Quarr Abbey, a monastery which, though French in origin, is fast becoming English, although the cosmopolitan flavour still exists and our compatriot has brought a breath of the land of Blessed Nicolas von der Flue among the English, Belgian, Dutch, Irish and French monks who make up the community. J.J.B.

CHRISTMAS AT THE SWISS CHURCH.

On Christmas Day, at 11 a.m., there will be a Service in French at the Eglise Suisse, 79, Endell Street, W.C.2, and a Service in German at the "Oak Room," Kingsway Hall, Kingsway, W.C.2.

On Sunday, December 26th, at 3 p.m., a Christmas Tree Celebration will take place at the Eglise Suisse; the service will be in French and German, and we hope to have a very large gathering; children will be welcome. After the service, tea will be served; it will be a real "fête de famille."

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Union Chretienne de langue française (French Y.M.C.A.) 9, Soho Square (Eglise Française) W.1. Réunion chaque mardi à 5.45. Invitation cordiale à tous.

Tuesday, December 7th, at 7.15 p.m. — City Swiss Club — Monthly Meeting, at Brown's Hotel, Dover Street, W.1, preceded by a dinner at 6 p.m. (See Advert.).

Saturday, December 11th, at 2.30 p.m. — Swiss Mercantile Society Ltd. — Monthly Meeting, at Swiss House, 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1, followed by a film show: "Flag of Mercy," etc.

Saturday, December 18th, 1943, at 2.15 p.m. — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — Monthly Meeting, at Swiss House, 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1, followed by Mr. G. J. Keller's usual talk on "Current Events."

Sunday, December 19th, 1943, at 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. The Rutli Ladies Club — Dance, at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1. — (See Advert.).

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