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375 students (247 men, 128 women) attended the College in 1952 as against 407 (279 men, 128 women) in 1951.

There was a welcome increase in the number of students sitting for the diploma examination. There were 255 candidates, of whom 214 obtained the diploma, representing 84% passes.

The College lost through death Mr. J. Lockyer, B.A., one of its most able masters. We are indebted to him for the compilation of an English Grammar which was published a short time before his death and should prove a real asset to our students.

569 students attended the Evening Classes in 1952 (491 in 1951). Several classes were run and are continuing to prepare students for the lower certificate in English (Cambridge University). The examination results obtained are very gratifying.

The Employment Department placed 31 of our compatriots in 1952 — only one less than in 1951 — in spite of the continuance of very difficult conditions.

Mr. W. L. Krucker, chairman of the House Committee, reported that Swiss House was now in a very good state of repair, all class rooms having been re-decorated. Further new furniture had been bought which was much appreciated by the students. 34 Fitzroy Square would be taken over on 31st May next on a seven year lease, and should accommodate 80/100 students.

After Mr. Robert P. Huxley, F.C.A., had been re-elected as auditor, Mr. Willy Deutsch was elected as chairman pro tem. He thanked the past President, and the outgoing committee and council members for

their indefatigable efforts during 1952, and had a special word of thanks for Mrs. Mariann Meier for her forbearance. As all officials, council and committee members were willing to serve for another term, the re-election en bloc was disposed off in a trice.

Mr. J. J. Boos proposed that we send Messrs. E. Steiner, our trustee, J. J. Schneider, our former secretary, and M. Heilinger, our former treasurer, hearty greetings, and express the hope that they will soon be able to join our meetings again from time to time. This was readily agreed to.

The meeting was conducted with exemplary efficiency and punctuated by light-hearted banter which was appreciated on all sides. Little wonder we got through the agenda well before 9 p.m.

*E.H.S.*

### PERSONAL.

We deeply regret to announce the passing away, after a short illness of Mr. Ch. Bertschinger, of "Bonnyvale", Sheering nr. Bishops Stortford, Herts. An obituary will appear in our next issue.

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We extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Richard H. Weist, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Weist of 19, Leinster Road, Muswell Hill, N. 10. on the occasion of his marriage on Saturday, February 21st at Hounslow Congregational Church. The couple left the same day by air for a honeymoon in Paris.

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