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We thank him for having met us in a spirit of homeliness and simplicity. We thank him for having come to our meetings, attending our functions and enjoying with us our festivals and social gatherings, and for the help he has given us in solving many of our problems, and in encouraging our religious and philanthropic institutions. In every way our Ambassador has performed his high mission faithfully, zealously and well.

To be an Ambassador's wife is no sinecure; to her falls the duty of supervising and organising the social life of the Embassy. Madame Daeniker has performed this duty in an exemplary manner. She has done more than that; she has from the time she arrived in this country taken a lively interest in the work of the Colony. She has been, for instance, President of the Company of the Swiss Hostel for Girls, and Chairman of its Management Council, Hon. President of the Welfare Office, a member of the Presidents' Assembly and of the "Frauenverein".

In all these offices her legal training was, no doubt, most helpful. Madame Daeniker, who was born in Berne, studied Law at the University of that town, from which she obtained her degree of Doctor of Laws; she was, in fact, the first woman in Switzerland to qualify as both an advocate and a notary.

The year 1959 must have been for her undoubtedly one of the busiest ones. Apart from her usual routine work, she had to entertain a large number of visitors from Switzerland, overseas and from this country during the "Swiss Fortnight", no easy task indeed. In addition, she organised the major part of the work in connection with the collection undertaken for the British Pestalozzi Children's Village at Battle (Sussex), which was such a splendid success, several thousands of pounds having been subscribed.

Madame Daeniker has been an indefatigable worker, and the Colony owes her a deep debt of gratitude. She, too, will be greatly missed.

In a very few days our Ambassador and Madame Daeniker will leave these shores where they have made so many friends, and where they leave behind a still larger circle of friends. They leave a land where, to judge from their own admission, they have spent many happy years, and if the parting be sad for them, the sadness will be shared by all their compatriots in this realm.

You, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur and Madame Daeniker, have been loyal to us; we on our part have reciprocated in the same spirit. Without loyalty there can be no lasting friendship, and it is for this reason that we part the best of friends.

We wish you both every happiness in your retirement, and should you have, at one time or another, an irresistible desire to come and visit us, you will find a warm welcome from the Colony you have served so well and loved so much.

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DINER D'ESCALADE

Tous ceux de Genève et amis et amies établis ou de passage sont les bienvenus au Dîner d'Escalade qui aura lieu au Glendower Hotel, Glendower Place, S.W.7, jeudi, le 12 décembre. Réception à 6h.30 et Dîner à 7h.15. Inscriptions (sh. 25/- boissons non comprises) auprès de M. A. Bleiker, 6 Hanworth Road, Feltham, Middlesex, ou Mr. Schmid, Glendower Hotel, S.W.7.

PERSONAL

It is with great regret that we announce the death of Mrs. Lucie Buhler. She was 73 and died on 8th November at the Royal Hospital for Incurables at Westhill, Putney. Mrs. Buhler came to this country before the first war. For many years she ran a Café in Charlotte Street and afterwards in Old Compton Street. She sold foreign newspapers, too, and was well known to many Swiss. She was a member of the "Schweizerbund". We express our sympathy to her family.

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It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. G. E. S. Brenni of 3 Mount Pleasant, Kings Heath, Birmingham 14. He died on 9th September at the age of 52, while on holiday with his wife in his native Ticino. He was a specialised consultant to the Terrazzo and Cement Tile Trade, also a skilled engineer. In addition, for nearly eight years, he has been supplying the Midlands with "Fresh Ravioli". His father was a pioneer of Pressed Cement Tiles in Great Britain, having patented them in 1908.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Olga Brenni and her son Dante who are going to carry on the business.

THE CRISIS IN CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

The British Institute of Recorded Sound is organising a series of lectures at the Royal Institution of Great Britain, 21 Albemarle Street, W.1.

The two Mayer Lectures 1963 on "The Crisis in Contemporary Music" will be given by our distinguished compatriot Monsieur Ernest Ansermet. He will talk on "Problems of Music" on 9th December (Chairman: Sir Arthur Bliss, Master of the Queen's Musick) and on "The Stravinsky Case" on 11th December (Chairman: Sir William Montagu-Pollock, K.C.M.G.).

Tickets at 10/- and 5/- per lecture *must* be obtained in advance from the British Institute of Recorded Sound, 38 Russell Square, W.C.1.

A REMINDER

May we remind readers of the three exhibitions mentioned in previous issues:

Tryon Gallery Ltd., 41-42 Dover Street, W.1 — PICTURES BY BIRD ARTISTS OF THE WORLD, amongst them the Swiss artist Robert Hainard (to 20th November);

Alpine Club Gallery, 74 South Audley Street — MOUNTAINEERING to mark the Centenary of the Swiss Alpine Club, arranged by the Association of British Members (from 25th November, when it will be opened by the Swiss Ambassador, to 30th November);

British Museum, North Entrance — ALPINE PRINTS from the Lloyd Collection (to 30th November).

CITY SWISS CLUB

The Press Reporter of the City Swiss Club would like to draw the attention of members and friends to the Club's Christmas Dinner at the Dorchester Hotel (Orchid Room) on Wednesday, 11th December.