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JOURNEY'S END.

We believe the majority of our young compatriots, who made the British cause their own, enlisted in the Royal Air Force; the frequent occurrence of their names in the casualty lists seems to supply the confirmation. The latest is Pilot-Officer Leonard Revilliod, the 22-year-old son of a well-known Geneva physician; his mother is the daughter of Dr. T. G. Masaryk, the first President of Czechoslovakia, and a sister of the present Foreign Minister. Young Revilliod, at the outbreak of the war, was a student at the Edinburgh University, and soon after obtaining his degree joined the R.A.F.; he was extremely popular in the social circles of the Scotch capital, and amongst his other interests, a keen member of the local Slavonic Society. We reprint part of a tribute which appeared on August 21st in "The Scotsman": "Leonard inherited both the parental traditions. He made many friends in his two years in our University by his abilities, his modesty and kindness, and a certain unconscious nobility of character, which, to a discerning eye, marked him as one likely to play a notable part in the building up of that new humane and free Society to which Geneva and Prague have borne historic witness in the true militant Liberal tradition. Honourably exempt as he was by his nationality from military service, he freely chose, in his twentieth year, to enlist in our Royal Air Force, and during his training in Canada and patrol service on the Atlantic found himself at home in its gallant fellowship. He was here in Edinburgh with his parents only a week ago.

He has most willingly given all he was and had for our common cause, and in a short life has most honourably discharged a great trust. He is one of many such. Surely this time their sacrifice will not be in vain."

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A highly respected member of the London Colony, M. Alfred H. Moser died at his home, from cardiac failure, on Sunday, September 17th. The late Mr. Moser was born on August 3rd, 1890, at Zäziwil (Berne). His schooling and early commercial experience he received at Berne. He arrived in London in 1916, and in 1926 participated in the formation of the Machinery & Technical Transport Ltd., of which he was the Managing Director.

The deceased was of a retiring disposition, very fond and proud of his home, where he liked to receive and entertain his many friends. He brought with him from Switzerland the traditional love for the rifle sport and was one of the first members of the London Swiss Rifle Association; as such he was selected to be a member of the successful team that distinguished itself at the Federal Festival at Aarau in 1924.

The late Mr. Moser, who leaves a widow and daughter, was cremated at Golders Green on Thursday, September 21st, when a large number of personal and business friends attended the rites.

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A truly Swiss compatriote—Swiss to her last breath—was laid to rest on September 11th; she was the wife of our old friend Otto Bartholdi, of 4 Charlotte Street, W.1. Frieda Bartholdi was born 59 years ago at Aadorf (Thurgau), and married at the age of 30. In building up a successful business she had been an always inspiring and staunch partner to her husband and it is one of the ironies of fate that she was retrained from enjoying with him the fruits of her life-

long joint labour. Without a doubt the late Mrs. Bartholdi was the most widely known "Suisse" in London, which was amply shown by the multitude of floral tributes and mourners present at the funeral at St. Pancras Catholic Cemetery, East Finchley.

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We also extend our deep sympathy to M. J. Huber, Chancellor of the Swiss Legation, Special Division, on the death of his mother, which has occurred in Switzerland.

The Directors and Staff of the Machinery & Technical Transport Ltd. regret to announce the death of their Managing Director,

Mr. ALFRED H. MOSER

who passed away suddenly on September 17th, at the age of 54 years.

He is a great loss to the Company where his wide experience and engaging disposition have been a great asset.

Dr. and Mme. H. Revilliod and their son, Herbert, wish to thank all friends for their kindness in their recent bereavement.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 7th, at 2.30 p.m.—Swiss Mercantile Society Ltd.—Monthly Meeting at Swiss House, 35 Fitzroy Square. Visit to the Society by the Swiss Minister.

Tuesday, October 24th, 6.30 p.m., City Swiss Club.—Monthly Meeting at the Dorchester Hotel, preceded by a "Bierabig."

Saturday, 28th October, 1944, at 2.30 p.m.—London Swiss Philatelic Society.—Monthly Meeting at Swiss House, 35 Fitzroy Square, W.1. Official part at 2.45, followed by "swopping".

Union Chretienne de langue française (French speaking Y.M.C.A.) 9 Soho Square, W.1. Reunion chaque mardi à 5.45 p.m. Invitation cordiale à tous.

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