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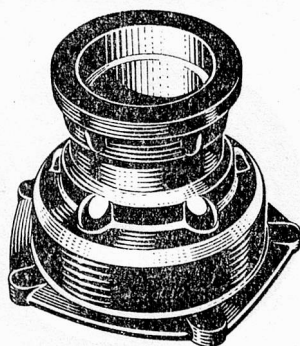
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W. FUCHS †

In recent weeks our Colony has deplored the loss of a good many faithful members of the "OLD GUARD", and it is my painful duty to announce the passing away of yet another dear friend, the sad and quite unexpected demise of Mr. WALTER FUCHS, of "Wengen," Heddon Court Avenue, Cockfosters, on 10th January 1959, at the age of 69.

Our loss is a great one because Charlie, as we used to call him affectionately, was one of those who fought shy of the limelight, the very useful work he rendered for the benefit of the Colony in his unobtrusive and quiet way was none the less effective.

The deceased was born in 1889 at Eschlikon (Ct. Zürich), and, after attending schools in Zürich, he served his apprenticeship with the firm Internationale Transporte Erhard Schneider & Co. Basel. To continue his education he joined the Paris office of that firm, and in 1913 he decided to come to this country, where he obtained a position with the European & General Express Co. Forwarding Agents, in whose employ except for a short interval in 1914 when he was mobilised, he remained until December 1915. In the same year he joined the firm of William F. Malcolm & Co. Ltd., flax, hemp and jute merchants, of Mincing Lane, with which firm he was associated until his retirement in 1955.

Mr. Fuchs joined the Basle Section of the Swiss Mercantile Society as far back as 1907, became a member of the London Section in 1916, and from 1937 to 1948 served on the General Purposes Committee, and from 1948 until his death, as a Member of the House Committee. One of his favourite hobbies was philately, and when, a few years before the last war, the Philatelic Group of the S.M.S. was formed, he became its popular Chairman. Although owing to the outbreak of hostilities this Group was dissolved, it led in 1942 to the foundation of the London Swiss Philatelic Society, of which Charlie was a Founder Member. In this capacity he became widely known amongst the members of both Societies; his cheerfulness and good humour endeared him to all, and I feel sure that he will be greatly missed by his many friends. In the annals of our Societies he will live on as a lovable and faithful friend.

He leaves a widow, to whom we express our deep sympathy in her bereavement.

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