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OBITUARIES

We announce with deep regret the death of Mr. Willy Brunner, of 34 Mountain Avenue, Larchmont, New York. Before their departure for U.S.A. early in the war, Mr. Brunner and his wife, both originating from Schaffhausen, took an active interest in the Swiss Colony in London, particularly in the N.S.H. Mr. Brunner then was with Messrs. Singer and Friedlaender and had been a member of the Swiss Mercantile Society since 1924. We extend our deep sympathy to Mrs. Brunner and their family.

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It is with deep regret that we have to announce yet another death, that of Mr. W. Zuppinger of St. Annes-on-Sea, Lancs., who died on 13th December. He had been in the textile trade in London for many years and was a member of the Swiss Mercantile Society for 58 years. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

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It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. Jakob Birrer who died in Stafford on 6th October. He was born in 1881 and hailed from Willisau-Land. Electro-engineer by profession, he came to this country in 1903. For just over 50 years, Jakob Birrer was with the English Electric Company. He took a very active part in the life of the Roman Catholic community of Stafford and many are his friends who now mourn him and extend deep sympathy to his daughter in London and his son, a priest at Lyndhurst, Hants.

MAX HEILINGER †

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. Max Heilinger, of 533, Viaduktstrasse, Bellach (Solothurn), where he died on 15th December.

After a commerce apprenticeship, Mr. Heilinger worked for some years in commerce and industry before coming to London in July 1921, when he joined the Swiss Bank Corporation.

He had wide experience and worked successively in the Bank's Correspondence, Statistical and Securities Departments. His interest lay, however, on the investment side, and for the latter part of his career, he was head of the section dealing with this aspect of banking. His services were recognised at the end of 1951 when he was promoted to the rank of *Fondée de Pouvoir*.

Almost immediately after his arrival in England in 1921, he joined the Swiss Mercantile Society and in time became its Honorary Treasurer and a member of the Council on which he served until a temporary breakdown in health made it necessary for him to divest himself of these honorary positions.

By the time of his retirement he had regained much of his former vigour and he was able to fulfil a long cherished desire to have a house built at Bellach, at the foot of the Jura Mountains, of which he and his wife took possession in mid-year 1962.

Theirs was an open house and anyone calling at Bellach was assured of a warm and generous welcome. Max had kept in touch with many of his friends in this country, and the news of his death came as a shock to all those who had been associated with him and who mourn the passing of a loyal colleague and faithful friend.

Our thoughts are with Mrs. Heilinger in her irreparable loss and we should like to assure her of our deepest sympathy in her bereavement.

A.J.



EMILE P. A. MEYER †

It is with deep regret that we announce the death on 14th December of Mr. Emile Pierre Antoine Meyer, of 3 St. Nicholas Mansions, Trinity Crescent, S.W.17. A staunch member of the Swiss Colony in London, he died at St. James's Hospital at the age of 73. The funeral took place at Lambeth Crematorium on 16th December. The Service was conducted by The Rev. A. Nicod of the Swiss Church.

Though born at Sion, Valais, he belonged to Geneva, his father being the head of the Geneva telephone services.

Mr. Meyer was educated at the *Ecole Supérieure de Commerce* in Geneva and came to England before the first world war. He started a watch import-export business in the City and later became the London representative of Paris Jewellery and Geneva watch firms (Regent Street).

Throughout his life, stamp collecting was Mr. Meyer's hobby, and in the 'thirties, he became a stamp dealer, trading as L. Meyer Tissot in the Strand. His knowledge of rare stamps was unrivalled, and he became well known in the philatelic trade. He was a member of the Swiss Philatelic Society and the City of London Philatelic Society.

All his life, Mr. Meyer retained a deep and abiding love for his native land and Geneva and was one of the stalwarts of the "Escalade" reunion in London. He was also an active freemason, Master of *L'Entente Cordiale* Lodge No. 2796, which he joined in 1917.

He is survived by his wife Lucie née Tissot (one of the oldest members of the *Réunion de Couture* of the Swiss Church), his two sons Gerald (Editor of "The Orcadian") and Roger (Foreign Branch of Barclays Bank London), his youngest brother Marc in Geneva, and seven grandchildren. It is to them, particularly to his wife, that we express our deepest sympathy in their loss. With his passing, the Colony loses yet another survivor of a band of enterprising young Swiss who settled in Great Britain before the first world war.

G.A.M.

We have just heard of the death of Mr. Robert Schweizer, of 2 Temple Grove, Enfield, Middlesex. An obituary notice will follow in the next issue.

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