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THE SWISS OBSERVER.



GOTTFRIED LUTHY †.

Thursday, November the 19th, gathered va-rious representatives of London Swiss Societies and friends at the St. Pancras Cemetery, Finchley, to pay their last tribute and honour to Mr. G. Luthy (39) from Herzogenbuchsee (Berne), residing at 215, Stanhope St., Hamp-stead Rd., N.W.1, a well-known member of the Swiss Colony in London for many years past, who suddenly succumbed last Saturday at the Dalston Hospital to the effects of a serious operation. serious operation.

serious operation. It is with our deepest sympathy and regret that we make this announcement, for Mr. Luthy's departure from our midst ineans a great loss to the Swiss Gymnastic Society in London, particularly the late Gymnastic Society "Schweizerbund," of which deceased was a prominent, energetic member and president, until ill-health forced him to relinquish his duties shortly before the amalgamation. It was Mr. Luthy who, thanks to his unceasing endeavours, brought the Gymnastic Society "Schweizerbund" to life again five years ago after a complete collapse in membership and support. With an entirely new committee and very few members he succeeded in reviving the spirit of enthusiasm in gymnastics, which the spirit of enthusiasm in gymnastics, which had long been dormant among the Swiss gym nasts in London. His own-personality and tender-heartedness contributed much to the in-fluence and confidence he powerfully possessed over his supporters throughout his career, which for the neural thread the neuron facts, we must admit, have helped to save gymnastics among the Swiss in London. Apart acts, we must admit have heped to save gymnastics among the Swiss in London. Apart from his knowledge of gymnastics, he was, in his younger days, a good wrestler through his well-mastered technique, and our English friends and supporters always addressed him as an all-round sportsman. He gained their full confidence a few years ago, when the Metropolitan and Southern Counties Amateur Gymnastic Association made him a committee member as representative of the Swiss Gym-nasts. The editor of the well-known English sporting journal "Health and Strength," whose representative for gymnastics paid several visits to our Gymnastic Hall at Charlotte Street, proved his appreciation of Mr. Luthy's methods and good work by the following article, issued in his paper on June 14th, 1924:— "One need but pay a casual visit to the

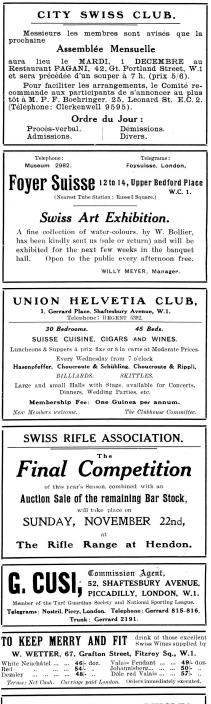
in his paper on June 14th, 1924:— "One need but pay a casual visit to the Swiss Gymnastic Club (Schweizerbund), 74, Charlotte Street, W.1, on any Wednesday even-ing after 9.30, in order to be convinced of the thorough and careful manner in which the arts of Gymnastics and Wrestling are prac-ticed in this particular worker upon upon the the arts of Gymnastics and Wrestling are prac-tised in this particular rendez-vous under the vigilant supervision and coaching of Mr. G. Luthy (President) and the Secretary. We were not surprised to learn that, in common with all sporting clubs and gymnasiums, the above club has passed through many vicissitudes of late, and that its present vitality was due, almost entirely, to the indefatigable efforts and vigilance of the two gentlemen above men-tioned.".... On helpelf of the members of Swiss Gym.

tioned.".... On behalf of the members of Swiss Gym-nastic circles in London it is my duty to express our heartfelt sympathy with his widow and children, for Mr. Luthy has well earned his respect and honour. His motto has always been: "Un pour tous, tous pour un." He worked for the benefit of all; now it is our turn to work for him—let us pray to God to give him his due, as we have not been able to do so. Good bye. Dear Friend, may we to do so. Good bye, Dear Friend, may we meet again ! "A GYMNAST."

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SWISS MERCANTILE SOCIETY. (Communicated.)

(Communicated.) The last monthly meeting of the Swiss Mercan-tile Society, preceded by a "Souper Choucroute," was held on the 11th inst, at the Union Helvetia, attended by 30 members. Amongst them the Committee noticed with pleasure some of the older members, and it is hoped that they will in increasing numbers be present at future meetings. The minutes being read and passed, the Presi-dent, Mr. A. C. Stabelin, reported 9 admissions and 3 resignations. Correspondence included invitations by the Swiss Rifle Association and the City Swiss Club for their respective Annual Banquets. The foot-notes on the circulars, notifying the embers of the monthly meetings, seem to rouse objections in the minds of some members, while others, no doubt, will follow the lead of the one who took the appeal seriously by favouring the President with his photograph. The Committee hopes that the majority of the members will take the note in appearance at the meetings whenever possible. The meeting closed at 10 p.m.



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