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67, of our Honorary Member, our beloved Consul Dr. Arnold Schedler.

It is true, we have feared for some time that the Father of our colony was not likely to return to our midst and that his illness was slowly sapping his strength, yet to-day we can hardly believe that we shall not be able in future to ask his counsel, — that he has gone.

Yet it is all too true, he who for more than 16 years has guided our colony as Consul and who has been a tower of strength for all of us during these hard times, has been taken from us.

A member of our Club for 24 years and Honorary Member for 10 years, Dr. Schedler had the life of our community at heart and his words were listened to with respect. A man of few words, he was always able to give his wise counsel at the right moment. To the members of the Club he was a true friend, ever ready to give of his best unstintingly.

I leave it to Mr. Vice-Consul Hirs to talk to you about Dr. Schedler's consular activities.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mrs. Schedler and her family in their sad bereavement.

To us remains the memory of a true Swiss, a friend and father, whose sterling character and fine example will for ever be a spur to everyone of us.

The Vice-Consul, Mr. H. W. Hirs, then spoke on the consular activity of Dr. Schedler in these words of praise:—

“Monsieur le President et Madame Kuebler,
My dear Compatriots,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Our President has already very fittingly expressed all that I would have tried to say on this very sad occasion.

The passing away of our highly esteemed Honorary Consul, Dr. Arnold Schedler, is a very severe blow to the whole Swiss Colony in the Manchester Consular District and you will realise what it means to me personally, having been his closest collaborator for such a long time.

It is exactly 12 years ago to-day that I returned to the Homeland from India and, on my arrival in Berne, the Chief of the Consular Service told me that after my leave I would not go back to the tropics, as at first expected, but that I would be transferred to Manchester. I must have looked anything but pleased, because he endeavoured to reconcile me with the fact that, although Manchester may not be a beautiful city, I would undoubtedly have the satisfaction of working with a very understanding and considerate Consul. A few weeks later I met Dr. Schedler and within a very short time I found that all that I had been told of the personal qualities of my new chief was more than justified.

For many years past, I had the pleasure to work with Dr. Schedler in good and bad times, but whatever the circumstances, I found in my chief a man of great understanding and calmness and who was ever ready to assist and support me. He was always meticulous in dealing with consular matters, and was the first to appreciate the efforts of the consular staff. Even during his long illness, which prevented his visits to the Consulate, he never failed to interest himself in the happenings in the office and in the Colony and was always anxious to get my reports on my regular weekly visits.

During his term of office his chief centre of interest was the welfare of his compatriots, particularly of the poor and needy living in the outlying parts of the consular district, for whom, until a few years ago, our Relief Society, by virtue of its rules, was unable to provide. All that Dr. & Mrs. Schedler did in this way will never be known, but will never be forgotten by those who benefited by their great kindness.

I know I am voicing the feelings of my colleagues at the Consulate, and I am sure of the Swiss Colony as a whole, when I say that we have lost in Dr. Schedler not only an outstanding Chief, but, what is more, a true compatriot, whose equal it would be difficult to find.

In conclusion the President invited the gathering to rise from their seats to honour the memory of Dr. Schedler and Mr. and Mrs. Caspar, whose departure leaves a great gap in the Colony.
Manchester, 23rd May, 1941.

A. SPARGNAPANI,

Hon. Secretary,

Swiss Club — Manchester.

A BOOK YOU MUST READ.

Maouns, the story of a Swiss who has lived a whole year amongst the Laps in the north of Lapland, which was published some time ago in Switzerland, has just been translated into English; it is a book full of strange happenings related in a poetic style which speaks directly to the heart of the reader.

The Times literary supplement last week put it on its list of recommended books and it has furthermore had the distinction of being awarded the Schiller Prize in Switzerland.

The members of the Swiss Colony will find this a book well worth acquiring. M. Robert Crottet, the author of the book is living amongst us in England and members of the City Swiss Club will soon have an opportunity of hearing him speak about his experiences and adventures in the lonely arctic regions.

The book has been published by Routledge at 7/6.

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