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LONDON SWISS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

On 28th April last the L.S.P.S. held its 73rd Monthly Meeting at Swiss House.

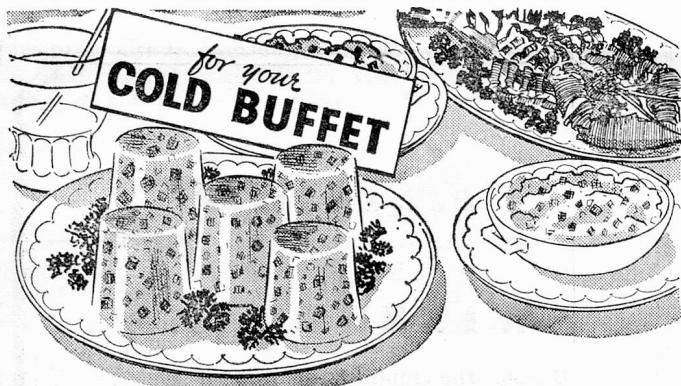
Owing to the absence of the President, Mr. F. Streit, due to bereavement, Mr. W. Burren, Vice-President, took the chair. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. A. Gotz, informed the meeting that Mr. D. Paschoud, Committee Member, had lost his father, a former President of the S.M.S.

On the conclusion of the official proceedings the Hon. Secretary, after introducing the lecturer, disclosed the fact that Mr. J. Graf had been a most generous donor of stamps at the auctions held at the A.G.Ms. for the benefit of the Swiss Benevolent Society.

Mr. Graf showed members extracts of the famous Harmer reference collection of forgeries and he expressed the hope that his display, which he had called "Philatelic Pitfalls," would not discourage stamp collectors from carrying on their hobby. He concluded by giving members the sound advice to deal only with old established and well reputed dealers and auctioneers, even if it meant sometimes paying a higher price.

The Chairman, Mr. W. Burren, paid a warm tribute to Mr. J. Graf for the excellent display given and the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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MARIUS PASCHOUD †.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. Marius Paschoud, which occurred near Herzogenbuchsee (Switzerland), owing to a motoring accident.

Mr. Paschoud was born at Lutry (Ct. Vaud) in 1885, and after an apprenticeship at St. Gall, came to this country in 1905.

For nearly twenty-seven years he occupied leading positions with two important Woollen Merchants in London (Messrs. Holland & Sherry, Ltd., and Messrs. J. J. Minnis) for which firms he travelled widely abroad.

In 1932, he left London to take over the Paris agency of Messrs. Holland & Sherry, Ltd., this post he left in 1948, when the firm closed their agency in the French capital, and since then he had lived in Lausanne, where he was laid to rest on the 29th of last month.

During his stay in London, Mr. Paschoud was almost exclusively active in the Swiss Mercantile Society, which he entered in 1911. After having occupied various posts in the committee, he was elected President in 1914 & 1915, and again in 1929-1931.

In 1932, he was elected first Chairman of the Council of the S.M.S. Ltd.; he was, together with his colleague and late President, A. C. Staehelin, the prime mover in the change of the status of the Swiss Mercantile Society.

With great enthusiasm he worked untiringly for the benefit of this Society, and his nomination as an Honorary Member in 1932, was well deserved.

It is a tragic coincidence, that the Swiss Mercantile Society has, within a few days, lost two of their most prominent members, and all those who, like the writer, had worked with Marius Paschoud in the Society, will deeply deplore his tragic departure.

For many years, Mr. Paschoud was also closely connected with the Swiss Sports and had been too, a member of the City Swiss Club for many years.

Mr. Paschoud leaves behind a widow and two sons, to whom we express our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

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