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### F. BEYLI †

The passing away of Mr. F. Beyli, of "Bernina", Branscombe Gardens, Winchmore Hill, London, N., which was announced under a short notice in our last issue, has caused deep regret amongst the members of the Swiss Colony in London, where he was well-known and well liked.

Death has unmercifully taken from our midst again one whom we can rightfully claim as belonging to the "old guard", which — alas — is shrinking with alarming rapidity.

Our departed friend was of a quiet disposition, his business engagements, and in later years ill health, did not allow him to take as active a part in the life of the Colony as he would have perhaps wished. Reluctant of playing, what might be called a *rôle* in the Colony, he nevertheless attended regularly with his family the social gatherings of the City Swiss Club and the Swiss Mercantile Society, of which he had been a faithful member for many years.

In his own quiet way, he supported many a venture organised by the Colony, and was always willing to lend a helping hand whenever asked to do so.

F. Beyli was deeply devoted to his family from whom he has now been taken; his home life was a happy one, full of care and devotion, in short we mourn with his nearest and dearest the passing of a lovable man, who will be greatly missed.

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F. Beyli was born on the 30th of June, 1883, at Wohlen (Ct. Aargau) and was a citizen of Villmergen, where he received his schooling.

During the early days of his career he took a lively interest in the work of the "Schweiz. Kaufmännischen Verein", especially in the development of its schools, at which, at one time, he was a teacher of stenography, as well as a regular correspondent of the "Zentralblatt".

On joining the well-known firm of Paul Walser & Cie, in Switzerland, he was soon sent to their branch office at Florence, where he remained for several years.

In 1906, our departed friend came to London, where he entered the renowned firm of Paul Walser & Co. Ltd., Gt. Marlborough Street, W.1., whose chief, Mr. Paul Walser, is happily still with us.

By sheer hard work, intelligence and strict integrity he soon obtained a responsible position in this concern of which he was a Director for over 30 years.

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A successful life, rich in experience has now come to its journey's end. He has closed his eyes far away from his native land, to which he remained deeply devoted throughout his life.

F. Beyli leaves a widow and two daughters to whom we extend our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

All those who have known him, and enjoyed his friendship will keep him in affectionate remembrance.

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