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GUSTAVE JENNE †

It is with deep regret that we report the passing away of an old and greatly valued member of the London Swiss Colony in the person of Mr. Gustave Jenne on the 11th November, 1955, at the age of 68. He passed away peacefully and ready to meet His Maker after many months of failing health.

The deceased hailed from Basle where he received his education. After leaving the "Realschule" he entered a Bank in his home town as an apprentice after completion of which he was appointed a clerk, remaining with the same Bank for about nine years. In 1911 he came to England where he took up employment first with an English Bank and from 1913 onward he joined the staff of the Banque Belge pour l'étranger in whose service he remained for 40 years until his retirement in June, 1953. His thoroughness in

business and his expert knowledge of Finance and Banking earned him successive promotions. Thus he rose from ordinary clerk to "fondé de pouvoir", was later appointed Assistant Sub-Manager and ultimately Sub-Manager. The Bank testified its appreciation of Mr. Jenne's long and faithful service by a special presentation on his retirement.

Mr. Jenne was an ardent and beloved worker in the Swiss Colony. For the major part of his 40 years' residence in London he did valuable service in the Swiss Mercantile Society, first as an ordinary member, later and for many years as a committee member and member of the council of Management. In 1953 he was appointed a Trustee of the Society. He was also a Member of the City Swiss Club and the Nouvelle Société Héloïte.

In 1938 he was elected a member of the Consistoire of the Eglise Suisse, after having previously served for some years as a member of the then Kirchenpflege of the Schweizerkirche (Deutschsprachige Gemeinde). His well reasoned views, his Christian principles and friendliness, coupled with a sense of humour were only a few of his outstanding characteristics.

Mr. Jenne was a great lover of children to many of whom he was the adopted and kindly uncle. He always took a very keen interest in the Swiss Colony's Christmas-Party for children and was never happier than in the company of smiling youngsters.

In January, 1939, he married Miss Helena Simmen in whom he found an ideal and devoted life's partner. Our sincerest sympathy goes out to her in her sad loss.

Mr. Jenne's all too early passing has left a great void both in the Colony and among his many personal friends.

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