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OBITUARIES.

As briefly reported in our last issue the Colony deplores the passing away of several of its old members.

FRITZ SCHUEBELER †

The news of the sudden passing away, after a serious operation, of Mr. Fritz Schübeler, whilst on holiday at Samedan (Engadine), was received with much regret in London.

Although not having taken an active part in the Colony's affairs, he was nevertheless a well-known personality in the Swiss community in London, attending at one time many of the social functions. The deceased was for some time a member of the City Swiss Club.

Fritz Schübeler was born in 1879 in Winterthur where he attended the normal schools, after which he entered the Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich, obtaining the diploma as a qualified engineer.

After a short stay in America, he entered in 1906, the firm of Sulzer Bros. in Winterthur, in which concern his father had already held for 48 years a leading position. He soon showed great promise, and five years after his entry in the firm he was appointed Manager of their London Office. (1911).

During the 28 years in which he occupied the post of Manager, he brought the London Office to great repute and was able, owing to his thorough knowledge and capability to obtain important connections in this country for the firm. Soon the name of Schübeler became a household name in the circles of consulting engineers.

Shortly before the last war he retired. He was cremated on September 12th in Winterthur, and buried there in the family grave of his parents.

We convey to his daughter, who looked so devotedly after him, our deepest sympathy in her loss. *ST.*

E. J. BACHOFEN †

On Saturday, September 8th, the cremation took place at Golders Green of Mr. E. J. Bachofen.

The service was taken by the Rev. M. K. Furthmüller of the "Schweizerkirche", and amongst the congregation were Mr. J. J. Huber, Swiss Consul, representing the Swiss Minister, and Mr. Charles Gysin, President of the City Swiss Club.

Although in precarious health for some time, his passing away on the eve of his departure for a holiday in Switzerland, came nevertheless as a shock to his many friends.

The deceased, who was a resident in this country for over half a century, was of an unassuming nature, but in his quiet way he had rendered many services to our Colony without ever seeking any popularity.

On the departure of Mr. & Mrs. P. Isacco for Switzerland, who for many years had rendered conspicuous service to the Swiss Youth Club, — which was opened in January, 1948, at Grosvenor Square, W.1., under the auspices of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, — Mr. & Mrs. Bachofen took over the work, and under their efficient leadership obtained great success, until — owing to the premises no longer being available — the Club had to close down some time ago. Many of our young people, who were temporary residents in London, owe them a debt of gratitude for their incessant endeavours to make their stay in the Metropolis a pleasant one.

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The late Mr. Bachofen was born in 1885, in Zurich, and after an apprenticeship in a commercial concern in that town, came to London in 1903, joining the business of his uncle Mr. Wohlgenut, where he remained with the exception of one year in Cognac, until his death.

He had been a member of the City Swiss Club since 1910, and of the Swiss Mercantile Society since 1942. Mr. Bachofen, together with his wife, were for many years on the Council of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique.

And now our friend has come to his Journey's End, he leaves a widow and a married daughter to whom we extend our deepest sympathy in their loss. Many will keep Mr. E. J. Bachofen in affectionate remembrance, for he was a good and faithful Swiss, and we were proud of him.

ST.

JULES JOERIN †

At the ripe age of 90, Mr. Jules Joerin has passed away, at a hospital following a fall in which he unfortunately broke a leg.

"Papa Joerin" as he was affectionately known by his many friends, was not only well-known in his profession, having been for many years hairdresser to the late Queen Mary, but also in the London Swiss Colony. He had been a member of the Société de Secours Mutuels des Suisses à Londres for 55 years, and since 1937, a member of the City Swiss Club.

In spite of his advancing years he attended, until some time ago, when eye troubles prevented him from going out, many social functions of the two Societies.

Jules Joerin was of a friendly and kindly disposition, and was always ready to recall some of his many experiences during his long and distinguished career. He frequently visited our country to which he was greatly attached.

He was born in 1866, at St. Imier (Ct. Berne), and came to this country in 1887. Six years later he took over a hairdressing salon, which he ran at 12, Store Street, until 1952.

He leaves three sons and three daughters, to whom we express our sympathy in their bereavement.

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