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LEON JOBIN †

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of yet another old and trusted friend, Mr. Léon Jobin, who passed away on 1st August.

He was born at Tramelan, Jura Bernois, in 1890. He was educated there and joined the watch manufacturers A. Reymond S. A. at the age of 15. After an apprenticeship of three years, he remained with the firm for another couple of years, and although he was only 20, he was put in charge of some 250 work hands, a splendid testimony to his abilities. But then he left his home and his country for Berlin where he stayed with a firm of watch importers for two years. It was in 1911 that Léon Jobin came to London, to join the watch concern of Abel and Katz whose Manager he became.

In 1914, he entered into partnership with René Marchand. He had met him at the same boarding house, and a life-long friendship resulted as well as a flourishing business venture. From High Holborn, the firm of Marchand and Jobin moved to 100 Hatton Garden. During the first world war, they manufactured munitions and then developed their company into a well-known watch trading concern.

In 1962, Mr. Jobin went back to La Tour-de-Peilz, and, his partner Mr. René Marchand also retired.

Already in 1927, Léon Jobin became President of the City Swiss Club. He was also active on the committees of the "Fête Suisse", First of August, Swiss Sports and the Swiss Economic Council. He was an enthusiastic supporter of the Swiss Male Choir and a member of the Swiss Mercantile Society, as well as the "Foyer Suisse".

In all his social activities he was ably supported by his dear wife Marie and their family. Unfortunately, he was unable to enjoy his retirement as all his friends would have wished. Soon after his arrival on the Lake of Geneva, he had a stroke, and he never really regained his health. For the last three months prior to his death he was in hospital, and although his family and friends are heartbroken, they are grateful that he was released from his sufferings.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his wife (Chemin de Béranges 8, La Tour-de-Peilz, Vaud) his daughters Denise (at Nassau in the Bahamas), Odette (Geneva), Yolande (at home) and his son Lucien and family (in London). Léon Jobin rendered sterling services whilst he lived in this country, and his many friends will honour his memory as that of a man of integrity and fair play. We missed him when he left, and we miss him even more now, but our thoughts and heartfelt wishes go out to Mrs. Jobin and the family in their bereavement.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Every Thursday, from 6 to 7.30 p.m. — Discussion Circle in English — Young men specially invited. Tea from 6 to 6.15 p.m. Swiss Y.M.C.A., London Central Y.M.C.A. Building, Great Russell Street, W.C.1.

Secours Mutuels des Suisses à Londres — no meeting until 5th October.

AUGUST:

Monday, 29th to 2nd September — ASSEMBLY OF THE SWISS ABROAD — Berne.

SEPTEMBER:

Sunday, 11th, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Swiss Rifle Association — SHOOTING — Bisley (Siberia Range).

Wednesday, 14th, 7 p.m. — Swiss Mercantile Society — MONTHLY MEETING followed by "Holiday Reminiscences" — Swiss House, 35 Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Thursday, 15th — Swiss Club **Manchester** — LECTURE (FILM SHOW.)

Sunday, 18th — Swiss Church (French-speaking Community) — SWISS FEDERAL DAY OF PRAYER — SERVICE (with Holy Communion) — Eglise Suisse, 79 Endell Street, W.C.2. (11 a.m. and 7 p.m.)

Sunday, 18th — Swiss Church (German-speaking Community) — SWISS FEDERAL DAY OF PRAYER — SERVICE (with Holy Communion) — St. Mary Woolnoth Church, Bank, E.C.3. (11 a.m. and 7 p.m.)

Sunday, 18th — Swiss Catholic Church — SWISS FEDERAL DAY OF PRAYER — SUNG MASS AND SERMON — St. Ann's Church, Abbey Orchard Street, S.W.1. Followed by MEETING at Swiss Catholic Youth Club, Westminster Ball Room, S.W.1. (7 p.m.)

Tuesday, 20th — City Swiss Club — CARD EVENING.

Thursday, 25th — Swiss Club **Manchester** — MONTHLY MEETING.

Monday, 26th — London Group of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique — GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION — details to follow.

Thursday, 29th — Swiss Club **Manchester** — MONTHLY MEETING.

OCTOBER:

Sunday, 2nd, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Swiss Rifle Association — "GRUEMPELSCHIESSEN" — Bisley (Siberia Range).

Thursday, 13th — Swiss Economic Council — MEETING.

Saturday, 29th — Swiss Church London — BAZAAR — Central Hall, Westminster.

NOVEMBER:

Saturday, 12th — Swiss Club **Manchester** — ANNUAL BANQUET AND BALL — Midland Hotel.

Friday, 18th — City Swiss Club — ANNUAL BANQUET AND BALL — Dorchester Hotel, London W.1.

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JANUARY:

Saturday, 28th — Swiss Mercantile Society — ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE — Dorchester Hotel, W.1.