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EMIL HUNGERBUEHLER †.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. Emil Hungerbühler, which occurred on the 8th of this month, at his home in Bray, Berks.

Once again the Swiss Colony mourns the loss of one of the "old guard", who, in his younger days, took a great interest in the Colony.

Emil Hungerbühler was born in Paris in 1877, the son of Mr. Gottfried and Clementine Hungerbühler. His parents came to this country when the deceased was three months old, and he himself remained here until his passing away.

On leaving school he joined his father, who carried on an upholsterers business at 41 and 43, Queen's Road, Bayswater, as an apprentice. By sheer hard work, he soon became a partner and the business became a flourishing concern.

During the early years of the present century, he was an ardent river enthusiast, and many an hour of leisure was spent on the Thames between Windsor and Maidenhead. It was there, that he met Miss Ethel Mary Woodhouse, whom he married in 1908, and it was an open secret, that this union, which lasted 44 years, had been an exceedingly happy one.

The 1914-1918 war dealt a severe blow to the prosperity of his business, which Emil Hungerbühler, after the death of his father (who was also well-known in the Colony) carried on, but by

sheer determination and diligent work the business once again paid its way. When the world war in 1939 broke out his efforts were put to naught, and the business went into liquidation a year later.

Since then, he had lived in quiet retirement in Bray, and as he told the writer — who visited him during the war at his comfortable home — was very happy and content.

The last few years of his life were unfortunately dogged by failing health, but to the end he bore his infirmities with cheerful resignation.

Emil Hungerbühler, joined the Société de Secours Mutuels in 1900, and was also for a great number of years a member of the Swiss Mercantile Society, where he and his wife were often seen at social functions. He was probably best known to the Swiss community as being responsible for the decorations of halls where many of the Swiss functions were held.

The deceased did not seek the limelight and shunned publicity, but all those who knew him will remember him as a lovable man. He spent many of his holidays in his native country (he hailed from the canton of Thurgau) and in spite of his long residence in Great Britain, always had a soft corner in his heart for the land of his origin.

He leaves a widow and a son to whom we tender our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

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