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JEAN-JACQUES BOOS, K.S.G. †

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. J. J. Boos, K.S.G., of Flat 4, 16 Eaton Gardens, Hove, Sussex. He died on Sunday, 18th May at the age of 81.

Mr. Boos was born in Basle where he was educated. After 7½ years with Electrical Works Alioth, Muenchenstein (later Brown Boveri & Co.), he came to this country in 1910. He was appointed Manager's Secretary with Schorsch Electrical Company. In 1914, he returned to Switzerland to serve with the Army as Quartermaster Sergeant. On his return a few months later, he joined Millns Electrical Company as Partner and Secretary, where he made a most successful career.

J. J. Boos took a great interest in the affairs of the Swiss Colony. He joined the Swiss Mercantile Society in 1920, and during the following 27 years, he was one of the most active members and held several offices: Hon. Secretary, Secretary of the House Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Council, Chairman of the House Committee. From 1939 until he vacated the office to the late Mr. Walter Meier in 1947, Mr. Boos was President of the Society, a position he held with great distinction. He was an Honorary Member both of the S.M.S. and the Parent Society in Switzerland.

In 1924, he joined the City Swiss Club, and he was a member of the Committee of the Council for the Study of Swiss Problems, of the Swiss Relief Centre, the Fête Suisse Committee, the 1st August Committee and the Swiss Economic Council, etc. Together with Col. Anton Bon, he was responsible for organising the Swiss Catholics in London, and for obtaining for them their own Chaplain. In recognition of his work, H.H. the Pope awarded him a Knighthood of St. Gregory the Great.

Mr. Boos was not spared misfortunes; he lost two wives and a daughter. But like the true Christian he was, he bore the tragic loss with courage. When he retired, he left London for the South Coast where he has spent a few peaceful years. He underwent an operation a few years ago, but recovered. The death on 18th May came as a great shock to

his many friends. Jean-Jacques Boos was an outstanding figure in the Swiss Colony, a militant, faithful fighter for what he deemed right, and the Swiss Catholics and the Swiss Mercantile Society in particular mourn a member whose activities left decisive marks on their organisations. He served conscientiously and valiantly for a large part of his life, and his memory will be honoured by many.

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OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we announce the following deaths:

Mr. A. Blunier, of 16 Belgrave Court, Sutton Lane, W.4. He died on 25th April.

Mr. J. Gallo, of San Vittore, Ticino, who used to be one of the Managers of "Pagani's" in Great Portland Street.

Mr. Albert Lampert, Rehweg 7, Arbon, Switzerland. When still in London (1921-1937), he was active in the "Schweizerbund", the Swiss Gymnastic Society, the Swiss Rifle Association. He may be remembered in the City Swiss Club, too, where he read a paper on one occasion on Diesel lorries and other Saurer activities. He had been with the Saurer Company from 1912.

Mr. Frederick Notari, of 40 Sherrick Green Road, Dollis Hill, N.W.10, who died on 28th May. He was a very active member of the Unione Ticinese, and many will remember the days of Willie and Freddie Notari, from 1924 to 1934. The former was the longest serving President of the Society. In our last issue we announced that Mr. Notari would be celebrating his 75th birthday on 14th June. But that was not to be.

We send our heartfelt sympathy to their wives and families.

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