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a great success, and all those who were lucky enough to attend will remember these all too short hours with joy. —

There will come a day, when again the church bells will ring, not to warn the population of an approaching foe, but to herald in peace, the hour will come when a maddening world will come to its senses, — until then may God Almighty protect us and our dear country, may a kind providence allow us and our dear ones far and near to witness this hour of relief, may all the families which have been wrenched asunder be united once more, and together we will start again to work to heal the wounds which this terrible catastrophe has brought on us. Whatever is in store for us, we will bear with the same spirit of our forefathers who, in the darkest hours stood steadfast, and to whom we owe the independence and liberty of our homeland, — until then

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Amongst those not already mentioned, were:

Mr. and Mrs. Aeschimann, Dr. Arpel, Mr. and Mrs. Bachofen, Mr. and Mrs. Bachmann, Mr. and Mrs. Beckmann, Miss Beglinger, Mr. and Mrs. Bernheim, Mr. and Mrs. Bessire, Mr. and Mrs. Beyli, Mr. and Mrs. Billeter, Mr. and Mrs. Bindschedler, Mr. and Mrs. Bingguely, Dr. Bircher, Mr. Bloch, Mr. and Mrs. Boehringer and party, Mr. Bon, Mr. and Mrs. Boos, Mr. and Mrs. Borel, Miss Bossard, Mr. Bucher, Mr. and Mrs. Buhler, Mr. and Mrs. Burn, Mr. and Mrs. Candrian, Mr. Causer, Mr. Chapuis, jun., Mr. and Mrs. C. Chapuis, Mr. and Mrs. Chappuis and guest, Mr. and Mrs. Charnaux, Mr. de Cintra, Miss Cotti, Mr. Dean, Miss Deplihet, Mr. and Mrs. Deutsch and party, Mr. Devegney and guest, Mr. Dreyfuss, Mr. Eberli, Dr. and Mrs. Egli, Mr. and Mrs. Eha, Mr. and Mrs. Enz and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Epprecht, Mr. and Mrs. Fankhauser, Mr. Fattet, Mr. and Mrs. Fer, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. Flory and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Frei and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Gamper, Mr. and Mrs. Gattiker, Mr. Glauser, Miss Goy, Mr. and Mrs. Grau and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Grether, Mr. Guggenheim, Dr. Haefely, Mr. Haepenschiller, Mr. and Mrs. Heimerdinger, Mrs. Heinzelmann, Miss Homard, Mrs. Honegger, Mr. Huber, Mr. and Mrs. Jenne, Miss Jeannot, Mr. and Mrs. Jobin, Mr. J. Keller, Mrs. Kessler, Mr. and Mrs. Kienast, Mrs. Klinger, Mr. Krucker and guest, Mr. and Mrs. Kung, Mr. Laemlé, Dr. Lewis, Mr. Lewis, Miss Lovering, Mr. G. Marchand, Mr. R. Marchand and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Margot, Mr. and Mrs. Matthey, Mr. and Mrs. May, Miss Meyrat, Miss Michaut, Mr. Nater, Mrs. Oertli, Mr. and Mrs. Oswald, Dr. Pettavel, Mr. and Mrs. Pfaendler and party, Mr. Pfrter, Miss Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Pradervand, Dr. Rast, Mr. and Mrs. Reichenbach, Mr. Renou, Mrs. de Rham, Mr. and Mrs. Rohr, Mr. and Mrs. Rueff, Dr. Ruegg, Mr. Rult, Mr. and Mrs. Ryf, Mr. and Mrs. Sager, Mr. and Mrs. de Salis, Mr. Schad, Mr. and Mrs. Schmid, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Seiffert, Mr. and Mrs. Seinet, Mr. and Mrs. Shapland, Mr. and Mrs. Sommer and party, Mr. and Mrs. Stauffer, Mr. H. Steiner, Mr. and Miss E. Steiner, Mr. Steinmann, Mr. Strahl and party, Mr. Suter, Mr. Trepp, Mr. and Mrs. Tustin, Mr. and Mrs. Ulmann, Mr. and Mrs. Valon and party, Mr. Wallimann, Mr. Walser, Mr.

and Mrs. Weber, Mr. and Mrs. Weil, Mrs. and Miss Weil, Mr. and Mrs. Weist, Mr. and Mrs. Wetter, Mr. Wettstein, Mr. Wetzel, Mr. Widmer, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Willi, Mr. and Mrs. Wintsch, Miss Womfor, Mr. G. Wuthrich, Mr. Wuthrich, Mr. and Mrs. Wyss, Mr. Zimmermann, Mr. Zobrist, Mr. and Mrs. Zogg.

SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER. FILM SHOW AND MEMORIAL GATHERING.

After serious reflection and consideration by the Committee, it was decided not to cancel, but to carry on with the arranged film show and light dinner on the evening of Wednesday, the 21st May, 1941, at the Café Royal, Manchester, notwithstanding the sad news of the death of our esteemed Honorary Consul and Honorary Member Dr. Arnold Schedler, which occurred at Ruthin Castle, Wales, on the previous morning. The Committee came to the conclusion that the proposed gathering would be a suitable occasion for the members of the Colony, especially those unable to attend the funeral, to mourn in union the death of their veritable "Father." Consequently the President, Mr. E. Kuebler, spoke the following appropriate words before the meal:—

Ladies and Gentlemen!

Most of you, no doubt, expected that to-night's arrangements would have been cancelled, in view of the sad event which has overtaken us.

We decided after thorough reflection to carry on for the following reasons:—

It may be quite some time before we have an opportunity to meet again and as we feel we would like to pay tribute to those who have left us, we considered that this was the opportunity, when so many of our members are gathered.

In addition, we feel that we are carrying out the desire of our late Consul, had he been able to give expression to his wishes for our Club, and in this we are especially grateful that we have been able to obtain the view of the family.

We meet to-night in very sad circumstances and you will forgive me if I say only a few words in memory of our three friends who have been taken from us.

The news of the death by enemy action of Mr. and Mrs. Caspar at the beginning of this month was a terrible shock to all of us and our sincere sympathy goes out to their daughter in this tragedy.

For us there remains only a memory of two dear friends, who for so many years have been closely connected with all the Club's activities. Their homely characters, ever ready to help where help was needed, will be remembered for long in our hearts and their passing will leave an empty place in our midst. How could it be otherwise when for over 40 years there was hardly a function at which our dear friend Albert Caspar was not present. And many a young Swiss found a friendly home and friendly guidance at Mr. and Mrs. Caspar's. Though resident in Manchester for so many years, their characters remained truly Swiss to the core.

Although they have gone, their memory will live within us and we are proud to have counted them our friends.

What makes this occasion trebly sad is that to-day we are mourning the death, at the age of only

67, of our Honorary Member, our beloved Consul Dr. Arnold Schedler.

It is true, we have feared for some time that the Father of our colony was not likely to return to our midst and that his illness was slowly sapping his strength, yet to-day we can hardly believe that we shall not be able in future to ask his counsel, — that he has gone.

Yet it is all too true, he who for more than 16 years has guided our colony as Consul and who has been a tower of strength for all of us during these hard times, has been taken from us.

A member of our Club for 24 years and Honorary Member for 10 years, Dr. Schedler had the life of our community at heart and his words were listened to with respect. A man of few words, he was always able to give his wise counsel at the right moment. To the members of the Club he was a true friend, ever ready to give of his best unstintingly.

I leave it to Mr. Vice-Consul Hirs to talk to you about Dr. Schedler's consular activities.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mrs. Schedler and her family in their sad bereavement.

To us remains the memory of a true Swiss, a friend and father, whose sterling character and fine example will for ever be a spur to everyone of us.

The Vice-Consul, Mr. H. W. Hirs, then spoke on the consular activity of Dr. Schedler in these words of praise:—

“Monsieur le President et Madame Kuebler,
My dear Compatriots,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Our President has already very fittingly expressed all that I would have tried to say on this very sad occasion.

The passing away of our highly esteemed Honorary Consul, Dr. Arnold Schedler, is a very severe blow to the whole Swiss Colony in the Manchester Consular District and you will realise what it means to me personally, having been his closest collaborator for such a long time.

It is exactly 12 years ago to-day that I returned to the Homeland from India and, on my arrival in Berne, the Chief of the Consular Service told me that after my leave I would not go back to the tropics, as at first expected, but that I would be transferred to Manchester. I must have looked anything but pleased, because he endeavoured to reconcile me with the fact that, although Manchester may not be a beautiful city, I would undoubtedly have the satisfaction of working with a very understanding and considerate Consul. A few weeks later I met Dr. Schedler and within a very short time I found that all that I had been told of the personal qualities of my new chief was more than justified.

For many years past, I had the pleasure to work with Dr. Schedler in good and bad times, but whatever the circumstances, I found in my chief a man of great understanding and calmness and who was ever ready to assist and support me. He was always meticulous in dealing with consular matters, and was the first to appreciate the efforts of the consular staff. Even during his long illness, which prevented his visits to the Consulate, he never failed to interest himself in the happenings in the office and in the Colony and was always anxious to get my reports on my regular weekly visits.

During his term of office his chief centre of interest was the welfare of his compatriots, particularly of the poor and needy living in the outlying parts of the consular district, for whom, until a few years ago, our Relief Society, by virtue of its rules, was unable to provide. All that Dr. & Mrs. Schedler did in this way will never be known, but will never be forgotten by those who benefited by their great kindness.

I know I am voicing the feelings of my colleagues at the Consulate, and I am sure of the Swiss Colony as a whole, when I say that we have lost in Dr. Schedler not only an outstanding Chief, but, what is more, a true compatriot, whose equal it would be difficult to find.

In conclusion the President invited the gathering to rise from their seats to honour the memory of Dr. Schedler and Mr. and Mrs. Caspar, whose departure leaves a great gap in the Colony.
Manchester, 23rd May, 1941.

A. SPARGNAPANI,

Hon. Secretary,

Swiss Club — Manchester.

A BOOK YOU MUST READ.

Maouns, the story of a Swiss who has lived a whole year amongst the Laps in the north of Lapland, which was published some time ago in Switzerland, has just been translated into English; it is a book full of strange happenings related in a poetic style which speaks directly to the heart of the reader.

The Times literary supplement last week put it on its list of recommended books and it has furthermore had the distinction of being awarded the Schiller Prize in Switzerland.

The members of the Swiss Colony will find this a book well worth acquiring. M. Robert Crottet, the author of the book is living amongst us in England and members of the City Swiss Club will soon have an opportunity of hearing him speak about his experiences and adventures in the lonely arctic regions.

The book has been published by Routledge at 7/6.

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