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H. KOCH †

We deeply regret to announce the passing away, on the 5th of this month, of Mr. H. Koch, of the "Homestead", 22, Colney Hatch Lane, N.10, at the age of 75.

The deceased was born in 1882 at Villmergen (Ct. Aargau), where he received his schooling, and later on he continued his education at the "Bezirksschule" in Wohlen. After a short stay in the French-speaking part of Switzerland he returned to Wohlen to start an apprenticeship with the local Bank. On its conclusion Mr. Paul Walser, straw-braid manufacturer in that town, invited him to join his firm, and after a while Mr. Koch was transferred, in 1903, to the London branch. When the firm became a private limited company in 1906 he became one of the directors, and after the recent death of Mr. Paul Walser he succeeded him as Chairman.

The responsible position which he occupied for many years in the concern of Paul Walser & Co. Ltd. did not allow him to take an active part in the life of the Colony. He was a member of the City Swiss Club, a keen gardener and golfer, but he was happiest when spending his spare time with his family.

Mr. Koch frequently visited his native country, which he loved very dearly. He was a man of charming personality and fine character, and all those who have known him will keep him in affectionate remembrance. He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter, to whom we express our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

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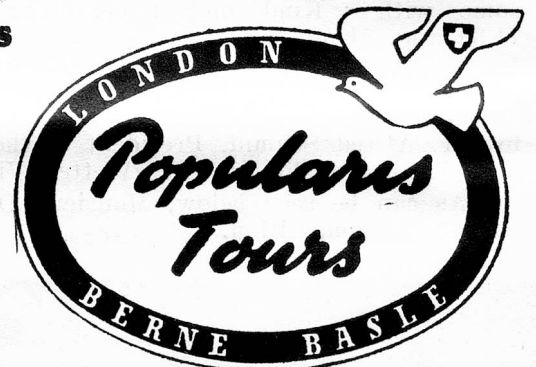
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