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(Nachstehender Brief ist uns zur Veröffentlichung überwiesen worden):—

An den Präsidenten des Education Department der Swiss Mercantile Society, London.

Sehr geehrter Herr Präsident,—Gestatten Sie uns einige Worte herzlichsten Dankes an Sie zu richten zu Händen der Gönner und Unterstützer unserer Schule.

Die Sommerferien stehen bevor, während welcher die Unterrichtskurse 14 Tage unterbrochen werden, um unserem verehrten Lehrer, Herrn Masterman-Smith, die in so reichlichem Masse verdiente Erholung zu gewähren, und da benützen wir diesen Anlass, Ihnen unsere Befriedigung auszudrücken über den Erfolg der Kurse.

Wenn wir dem Grund dieser Erfolge nachgehen, so sehen wir sogleich, dass derselbe allein Herrn Masterman-Smith zu verdanken ist; der es auf seine ausgezeichnete Art verstanden hat, uns in die Geheimnisse der englischen Sprache einzuweihen und vor allem auch durch seinen unermüdeten Eifer und sein jugendliches Feuer in uns den Arbeitsgeist hervorzurufen, der für das Gelingen seiner Arbeit Grundbedingung war.

Doch die Tatsache dieses Erfolges allein genügt uns nicht; wir möchten die Qualität unserer Schule auch bei unseren Landsleuten in der Schweiz bekannt machen, zum Nutzen derer, die früher oder später zur Erlernung der Sprache nach England kommen, dieses Ziel am ehesten zu erreichen, wenn wir Sie bitten, die in unserem Auftrage von zwei Mitschülern des "Specialists Course" verfassten Artikel in deutsch und französisch an die wichtigsten Schweizerzeitungen zu senden.

Denen aber, die durch ihre Hülfe und tatkräftige finanzielle Unterstützung an dem Aufbau und Unterhalte der Schule beigetragen haben, möge es eine Genugtuung sein, dass der Samen, den sie gesät, auf fruchtbaren Boden gefallen ist und reichliche Früchte trägt, Früchte, die nicht verderben können, sondern einen bleibenden Nutzen bilde und manchem jungen Schweizer den Kampf ums Dasein erleichtern in der heutigen Zeit, wo nur der Tüchtige freie Bahn hat.

Genehmigen Sie, sehr geehrter Herr Präsident, den Ausdruck unserer vorzüglichen Hochachtung. Die Schüler der Kurse des Swiss Mercantile Society Education Department.

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THE LATE Mr. C. E. MUSGRAVE.

By the death of Mr. C. E. Musgrave, in a nursing home on August 3rd, Switzerland loses a friend and admirer who has visited our country on many occasions and who, as secretary to the London Chamber of Commerce, has played an important part in the development of commercial relations between the two countries. M. Henri Martin, the Commercial Attaché of the Swiss Legation, could probably write a book about the stern and unique qualities of Mr. Musgrave, whom a good number in our colony will always remember by the charming speech which he delivered in June, 1921, on the occasion of the dinner offered to Messrs. A. Georg and John Syz. In referring to our Commercial Attaché, Mr. Musgrave said: "Mr. Martin is a pushful person, and it is impossible to deny him anything he asks, and as he asks only what is fair and reasonable, he always gets what he wants." We are reproducing below the obituary notice published by *The Times* on August 4th:—

Born in 1861, Charles Edwin Musgrave was the eldest son of E. G. Musgrave, of Stotfold, in Bedfordshire. Beginning life as a journalist, he entered the service of the London Chamber of Commerce in 1882, becoming assistant secretary in 1884 and secretary in 1909. Musgrave took his work with whole-hearted sincerity. He lived for it, and was largely responsible for the immense progress made by the Chamber in importance and influence during his secretaryship. A most able organizer, he also found time to arrange the congresses of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, and to do the work of the Imperial Council of Commerce. Musgrave was known to Chamber of Commerce men all over the world. His tact was never failing, his skill in reconciling apparently irreconcilable opinions and drafting resolutions that united men who had been bitter opponents was almost uncanny. Musgrave was in many respects the model secretary; he never forgot the little courtesies due to strangers, and never failed to remind his chairmen of all that was expected of them. After a long experience as secretary to many presidents, he became, in 1921-22, president of many secretaries, for in that year he reached the chair of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries.

It would be impossible to record here all the posts that he filled, but mention must be made of the remarkable service rendered by him during the war. He devoted himself cheerfully to the most exacting and tedious work. His scrupulous accuracy and his detailed knowledge of the ramifications of trade were invaluable; his advice was sought by all, but his help was given as readily to the humblest member of the Chamber as to the highest officers of the State. Foreign Governments had showered honours upon him, but, though he highly appreciated the tribute thus paid to his efforts, his innate modesty, no less than his intense patriotism, made him extremely reluctant to wear foreign decorations to which he was entitled.

In public life Musgrave was precise and inclined, perhaps, to be a little formal, but to his friends he could unbend and become a most delightful companion. He had a retentive memory, and often amazed those who knew him best with the exactitude of his wonderful wealth of information. He was a Freemason and Master of his Lodge. His was not a nature subject to rapid change; he was loyal to his friends, faithful to his convictions, perhaps conservative in his mode of life, but he had one great love that dominated his life: he was wholeheartedly devoted to the London Chamber of Commerce.

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