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ULI BRETSCHER IS NO MORE

I was informed this morning that he died early this month. This news is a shock. When I saw him last a few weeks ago at a meeting of the Council for the Study of Swiss Problems, we talked about revisiting Winterthur. True he was not enjoying exactly good health, but nothing pointed to an early parting.

Ulrich Bretscher was born in Winterthur, on May 26th, 1884. He went to the "Gymnasium," Winterthur,

for five years but left to go over to the banking line. It was his parents' fond desire that he should become a Pfarrer, but while our friend was brilliant in the new languages, the old Greek language — an essential requirement for the career of a Pfarrer — was his downfall. Had he become a Pfarrer, I feel certain that he would have developed in due course into a politician of the first order in every respect. Such was his knowledge of life, his outlook and his humanity, and the facility to give expression to his thoughts and convictions which were of the loftiest.

After finishing his banking apprenticeship in Winterthur, our friend left for abroad and eventually landed in London, and this country became his home during the last 40 years.

The Swiss Community in London has lost a staunch compatriot, and I have lost a dear friend to whom I should have liked to render the last honours; but, alas, I did not know until half an hour ago that my friend had departed.

22ND JUNE, 1945.

E. STEINER.

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The Swiss Observer has also lost a good friend in the passing of Ulrich Bretscher. Many will recall those interesting articles and reports written under his nom-de-plume "Kyburg." — Ed.

CROIX ROUGE INTERNATIONALE.

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Friday, July 13th and July 27th, 1945, at 6.30 p.m. — Swiss Choral Society (Male Choir) — Rehearsing now for National Day Celebration, at Swiss House, 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1. New Members are welcome.

Friday, July 27th, 1945, at 6.30 p.m. — London Swiss Philatelic Society — Monthly Meeting at Swiss House, 35, Fitzroy Square, W.1, followed by an auction. Informal Meeting on Friday, July 14th.

Nouvelle Société Helvétique will announce through the various societies the date when Mr. Hans Zbinden, the well-known Swiss author will address the Colony at the Dorchester Hotel.

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