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PAUL A. MOEHR †.

"The Day THOU' gavest, Lord, is ended."

On Sunday morning, August 7th, shortly before dawn, Paul Moehr passed peacefully away at his home, "Pilgrims Wood", 95, Southview Road, Pinner Hill, Middlesex, in his 58th year.

Those who have known the dear departed intimately were aware, that in recent months his health was not as good as one would have wished it to be, but there was not the slightest intimation nor idea that his indisposition would cause any immediate alarm, or that it would take such a sudden and tragic turn.

It is hard indeed to realise that we shall not see him any more.

The writer had been privileged to enjoy the friendship of Paul Moehr and his dear wife for over thirty years. His cheerfulness, kindness and straightforwardness had endeared him not only to his friends, but to all those who had come in contact with him.

For many years the deceased who was a prominent member of the London Swiss Colony, had taken a great interest in the life of the Colony, and there were few social events at which he and his wife were not present.

Amongst the various Swiss Societies of which Paul Moehr was a member, were the City Swiss Club, which Club he joined in 1932, and in which he held the office of Hon. Secretary from 1943-1949, and President in 1949/50, the Swiss Mercantile Society, the Swiss Rifle Association, the "Schweizerbund", the Swiss Economic Council, the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, and the Anglo-Swiss Society.

Paul Moehr was a generous supporter of many deserving causes in the Colony, and no genuine appeal was ever ignored. He was a

passionate lover of music playing the violin, and his musical evenings at his beautiful home were a much sought after event. He had a deep love for his native country, which he served so well and visited frequently, and how often did we enjoy listening to the stories which he used to relate about his service with the mountain artillery during the first world war.

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Paul Moehr, was born in Basle, on August 28th, 1896, his parents being "Bündner". He received his schooling in Basle, and matriculated in 1914 at the "Oberen Realschule" of that town.

Having chosen a commercial career, he entered a firm of Shipping and Forwarding Agents in Basle. In 1920, he came to this country, joining the staff of a large firm of Shipping and Forwarding Agents in London, for which concern he went, for about two years to Dublin, in order to open a Branch Office. On the accomplishment of this responsible task, he returned again to the firm's Head Office.

Having acquired a thorough and wide experience in his profession, he founded in 1931, his own business under the name of "Acme Transport Company, Ltd.", which, in partnership with his friend, Mr. Paul Haberstich, became a flourishing concern, well-known and esteemed in this particular metier.

Paul Moehr married in 1928, the daughter of the then British Consul in Basle, and this union was an ideally happy one, only overshadowed by a tragic accident nine years ago, when they lost their only child, a daughter, aged fourteen.

In this new tragedy, our hearts go out to his wife, to whom we tender our most deepest sympathy in her sad bereavement.

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And now, dear friend Paul, the parting has come, you have — alas — all too soon reached your journey's end, and in this hour of darkness and grief, I am sending you beyond the grave grateful and affectionate thanks for so many precious and happy hours spent in your company, hours which will for ever remain in grateful memory.

It is an old belief that on some distant shore, beyond the sphere of grief, dear friends shall meet once more, until then, dear friend sleep in perfect peace.

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The Funeral, at which which Pfarrer Kurt Furthmüller, of the "Schweizerkirche" officiated, took place at the Golders Green Crematorium on Thursday, August 11th, when a large number of relations and friends took a last farewell of him.