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**PAUL GEORGE OBERHANSLI †**

We deeply regret to announce the passing away, after a short and serious illness, of Mr. Paul George Oberhansli, of The Lodge, Old Forge Close, Stanmore, Middlesex, at the age of 64.

The deceased came to this country in 1913, and obtained positions as chef de cuisine at the Trocadero Restaurant and the Regents Park Hotel, London. Afterwards he owned the Exelsior House, at Gordon Square for 22 years, which in 1941, was hit by bombs. Consequently, he went to live at Stanmore, Middlesex, keeping the Normandie Restaurant for several years, and was also connected with the Earls' Court exhibition, until owing to ill health he had to retire altogether.

Mr. Oberhansli leaves a widow to whom we extend our sincere sympathy in her sad bereavement.

Madame R. Oberhansli  
Madame M. Jlg à Wettingen et  
Madame E. Noli à Zurich et ses amis, on le  
profond regrets de fairepart du décès de

**MONSIEUR PAUL GEORGE OBERHANSLI  
ANCIEN CHEF DE CUISINE**

survenu le Jeudi 12 avril à St. Mary Hospital,  
Paddington, leur très cher et regretté époux,  
frère et ami, décédé subitement après une courte  
et cruelle maladie à l'âge de 64 ans.

L'incinération a eu lieu le Mercredi, 18 avril  
à Golders Green Crématoire.

The Lodge, Old Forge Close,  
Stanmore, Middlesex.

**GEORGE MARCHAND †**

As briefly reported in our last issue, Mr. George Marchand, after a short illness, has peacefully passed away in Geneva, at the age of 72.

This sad news has been received by his large circle of friends with deep regret. Although not anymore a resident in this country, he had paid, during the last few years, regular visits to London, and never missed seeing his old friends. His *bonhomie*, sharp wit and good humour will be greatly missed by all those, who for many years enjoyed his friendship and company.

George Marchand was born in Le Locle in 1884, in which town he received his schooling. After a commercial apprenticeship, and employment in Switzerland, he came to London in 1913, where he obtained a position with a firm of Forwarding Agents, but barely two years later, he established himself as a watch manufacturer's agent, and in 1918, he founded the firm of Ryf and Marchand, Ltd., Watch Importers, which concern he brought, together with his colleagues R. Ryf and A. Corbat — all compatriots of ours — to great prominence.

Almost from the beginning of taking up residence in this country, he took an active part in the life of the London Swiss Colony, especially in the City Swiss Club, of which he became a member in 1915. In this Club he held for nearly 25 years many offices in the committee. In 1926, he was President; for nine years he occupied the post of Vice-President (1924, 25, 31, 32, 35, 38, 39, 40, 41). In the years 1923, 33, 34, 36, and 37, he was Hon. Secretary, and for seven years Librarian (1929, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, and 48). There are few who can equal this record.

Many of the brilliant social functions which were held during this period were arranged or inspired by him. The City Swiss Club owes a great deal to George Marchand.

The deceased was also a member of the Swiss Mercantile Society which Society he entered in 1927. Year after year, he played a conspicuous role in arranging the "Fête Suisse", and Swiss Sports.

George Marchand took a keen interest in British Masonry, and was the holder of many honours granted to him by the Grand Lodge of England, and other Lodges.

In 1950, after having been in this country for 37 years, and after a successful business career he retired and went to live at Geneva. In his retirement he was still very active, taking an interest in many undertakings.

"George", as he was affectionately called by his friends — alas — has left us all too soon, but all those who have known him, will keep him in good remembrance. A kind Providence has willed, that he should close his eyes in his homeland which he loved so dearly.

REST IN PEACE, DEAR FRIEND.

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