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RICHARD WEIST †

"And all that faithful heart is lying still".

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing away of Mr. Richard Weist, of 19 Leinster Road, Muswell Hill, N.10, on Thursday, April 11th, at the age of 69.

The news of his sudden death — after he had seemingly recovered from a previous serious illness — came as a great shock to his large circle of friends.

Only the day before he closed his eyes for ever he was at his desk at the office, and in the evening attended a meeting of the Swiss Mercantile Society.

The Swiss Colony is losing in R. Weist a faithful member, who for over 40 years took an active part in its doings. The many services he has rendered to several societies will not soon be forgotten.

He was a self-effacing, quiet man, a man who never wished to be in the limelight, and what he has done so unostentatiously was done solely for the good of the cause, and in a wider sense for the good of his country, to which he remained deeply attached; the same attachment he also showed to the country which has given him its generous hospitality.

We who have worked with him shall always remember him with affection; he was a lovable man and a true and faithful Swiss.

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Richard Weist was born on August 26th, 1888, at Lucerne, and was a citizen of Basle. After attending schools in Basle he made his apprenticeship with the Banque Populaire of that town, and later on held positions in the same Bank in Zurich and Geneva. He came to London in 1912, where he obtained work in a Bank. In 1920 he was appointed chief accountant of a large commercial concern in the City, having in the meantime been made a Fellow of the Institute of Company Accountants. (F.I.C.A.)

Amongst the many posts he occupied in various Swiss Societies at one time or another were the following: Member of the Education Committee of the Swiss Mercantile Society, which he entered in 1918, Hon. Treasurer for many years of the London Group of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique, and Hon. Secretary of the "Schweizerbund" (Swiss Club). He became a member of the City Swiss Club in 1918, of which club he was at one time an auditor. For a number of years, he belonged to the Swiss Sports and 1st of August committees.

R. Weist leaves a widow and three grown up children to whom we extend our deepest sympathy in their sad loss.

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The funeral took place on Tuesday, April 16th, at Highgate cemetery. Pastor H. Spoerri officiated, and amongst the large congregation were H.E. the Swiss Minister, Monsieur A. Daeniker, and Mr. J. Huber, Swiss Consul.

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