

Tribute of respect to the memory of Pierre de Coubertin

**A commemorative ceremony was held on his grave
in Lausanne on September 2nd 1957.**

On this memorable date — September 2nd—which marks the twentieth Anniversary of Baron de Coubertin's death which occurred in 1937 when he was 74 years of age, the International Olympic Committee was anxious to pay its homage to his memory by remembering that the Founder of the Olympic Games of our Modern Era was also a great pacifist anxious to see a spirit of fellowship established between men by means of the practice of sport. The difficult times we are going through at the present time render this more urgently needed than ever before.

Thus a simple and intimate ceremony took place on September 2nd, at the Cemetery of Boix-de-Vaux, Lausanne, where the late

Baron de Coubertin is buried. A wreath was placed on his grave by H. E. Mohammed Taher, Member of the Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee who kindly represented President Brundage and the members of the Committee. Baroness de Coubertin, aged 96, widow of the Renovator, accompanied by her daughter Mademoiselle Renée de Coubertin, was present, obviously moved by this ceremony, she was escorted by Comte de Madre and Madame de Navacelle nephew and niece of the late Baron de Coubertin. The Swiss Olympic Committee desirous to unite in the tribute paid was represented by its president, Mr. Marcel Henninger of Geneva accompanied by his General Secy : Mr. Jean Weymann of Lausanne who

also placed a wreath on the grave. The president and the members of the French Olympic Committee also joined in this memorial ceremony when they sent a telegram of respectful remembrances echoing the feelings of all French sportsmen to the family and the International Olympic Committee. The two German Olympic Committees (West and East) were also anxious to express their feelings of remembrance when

they caused two wreaths to be laid on the resting-place of Baron de Coubertin.

Dr. Fr. M. Messerli, historiographer of the International Olympic Committee was also present when he paid his homage to the late Baron who was his intimate friend. The press was represented by Mr. Frederic Schlatter, Press Attaché (See photographic reporting of the ceremony in the centre pages of the present issue of the *Bulletin*.)







