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Les allocutions ont été encadrées par deux oeuvres du maître: la musique funèbre des "Heldenehren," pour chœur

d'hommes (Liedertafel) et orchestre, et le "Sanctus" de la "Symphonie héroïque" pour chœur, solo (Mlle. Adélaïde La Roche), orchestre et orgue (M. Hamm). A travers l'émotion de ses fidèles interprètes, l'esprit de Huber a rempli l'ample vaisseau gothique. Et le plus bel éloge qu'on puisse faire de ces pages détachées, c'est qu'elles n'ont pas été éclipsées par "l'Ave Verum" de Mozart, qui marqua le centre et le point culminant de la cérémonie.

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A bandmaster of a former Bavarian infantry regiment had recently been appointed Director of Music in Herisau (Appenzell), in which town he made the acquaintance of an embroidery manufacturer, who hit on the bright idea that the occasion of the removal of the musician's household furniture from Ulm to Herisau would provide an excellent opportunity for smuggling. Accordingly the manufacturer accompanied the bandmaster to Germany and made purchases on a wholesale scale in Stuttgart and Ulm, which goods were then collected and packed in two furniture removal vans in the hope that all would safely pass the German customs as removal property of the band conductor. But there was a leakage somewhere, and the customs authorities at Friedrichshafen got wind of the manoeuvre, promptly arresting the two when they boarded the steamer which was to cross over to the Swiss shore. The two trucks were also stopped and unloaded, and after the property which rightly belonged to the bandmaster had been sorted out there were found new goods to the value of over 400,000 Marks, consisting of brand new dining-room, bedroom and library suites, pianos, violins, cellos, phonographs, hand organs, expensive carpets, several new bicycles, binoculars, travelling cases, china, books, boots, electric chandeliers, etc., etc.

Confiscation of the new goods and heavy fines will be one sure sequence of this escapade, and Herisau will probably need to be on the lookout for another bandmaster!

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To the Editor of *The Swiss Observer*.

Dear Mr. Editor,—On the occasion of the first anniversary of *The Swiss Observer* I come to offer you my heartiest congratulations and good wishes for a prosperous New Year. For you it means a start on new lines, a definite step towards the goal you had in view from the outset. It is indeed most gratifying for all those who have at heart the welfare of the Swiss Colony in Great Britain to see that the more ideal hopes of the founders of *The Swiss Observer* have not been disappointed. Of course, expectations from a business point of view may not all have materialised—it would be too soon. *The Swiss Observer* has not been of a size, hitherto, to do all that he was expected to perform. The increase of space and the new mode of publication will allow him to do twice or four times as well in future. Let advertisers and subscribers think of this!

I am especially conscious of the value of *The Swiss Observer* as a living link between all sorts of subscribers, members of the Colony and, as you see, some who are not. From a glance at your lists of subscribers it would appear that most of your readers are of that happy age and condition of men who do no longer think it absolutely indispensable to take part in all the meetings, dances and dinners, however interesting and successful they may be. They have realized what an economy those 12s. for *The Swiss Observer* really mean. There are still a few hundred like them who ought to make the investment now—*The Swiss Observer* helps to save time and money, time for business or for enjoyment at home. For this latter domestic reason every Swiss housekeeper is advised to take the *Observer* in, if she wants to have Father home for early dinner or even for tea. Should he fail for once to turn up in time—well, there must be a good reason, some meeting of the N.S.H., the C.S.C., the S.M.S. or what not. Mother looks up the latest number of *The Swiss Observer* to know—and she understands. And what a consolation for the man who comes home late to prove in print that he has been in the best of companies! Pater Familias, have *The Swiss Observer* as a friend always with you.

If, however, you are a young member of the Colony and eager to instruct and amuse yourself—let *The Swiss Observer* be your guide. He can offer you something for almost every evening: lectures at the N.S.H., concerts of the Swiss Institute, lessons in book-keeping, shorthand and languages by the Swiss Mercantile Society, a 'souper familier' at the City Swiss Club, a song, a dance or a gym. lesson at 74, Charlotte Street, or 1, Gerrard Place—if to all this you don't prefer the Swiss Y.M.C.A. or some of the special meetings arranged by the Swiss Church. Therefore, young friend, subscribe to *The Swiss Observer*, it stands you cheaper than buying it at the bookstalls—and then you will never miss anything of importance.

The first anniversary is a fit time to recall some of our experiences in connection with the foundation of *The Swiss Observer*. How many meetings had been held to study the great problem with its possible risks and consequences! Invariably the majority would decide that it would be a fine thing to found such a paper, but that it was far beyond the means of the Colony, and that it would certainly die from intellectual starvation a few weeks after its foundation. And then it came all of a sudden, thanks to the courage and initiative of Mr. Boehringer, to whom the Colony owes hearty thanks. I was quite proud, as 'Editor ad interim,' when I held in my hand the first copy,