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As a Group we wish to express here our deepest condolence with all those of our compatriots who have been war damaged; we do not at the moment know how many such cases exist, but the most serious ones are only too evident and the number cannot fail to increase with the progress of the war. We furthermore express our wholehearted sympathy with those of our compatriots whose sons, born in this country, are fighting with H.M. Forces, and when I say we sympathise with them, I mean we are proud of them, the parents and the sons.

In conclusion of this address, I would wish to give expression once more to some sentiments pronounced in my speech at the luncheon:— Our future as individuals is uncertain, but the need of the moment is pressing and clear. So is our responsibility as good citizens. The present is the time to test the depth of our loyalty and the sincerity of our endeavours; NOW must we hold together faster than ever; NOW must we open our hearts and purses to those less fortunate than ourselves; NOW must we make any sacrifice to assist in the preservation of the faith and the practice of our forefathers — **FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY.**

A. Fred. Suter,
President.

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Owing to some delay a telegram from the Secrétariat des Suisses à l'Etranger à Berne was received too late to be communicated to the meeting. It reads as follows:—

“ L'activité que vous déployez au cours mois terribles fait notre admiration Secrétariat vous adresse vœux et félicitations respectueux hommages Ministre Thurnheer que Dieu vous protège.”

Brio.

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The present issue of the Swiss Observer is posted to the latest addresses in our posession and we sincerely hope that every copy will be received safely. Owing to prevailing restrictions, we have to point out that we cannot post spare or propaganda copies unless these copies are prepaid (3d. each).

OUR NEXT ISSUE.

We hope to publish our next number on March 21st a.c.



A FEW OF THE MANY APPRECIATIONS RECEIVED.

Dear Sir,

I am exceedingly pleased to see “The Swiss Observer” again. Through this paper we always get interesting information from the whole Swiss colony in Great Britain and also from Switzerland.

I realise the great difficulties you will be experiencing during this worrying time, and more expenses than ever will be involved in running the paper. May I, therefore, offer you a small donation of £2, which I trust will help you in carrying on the publication of “The Observer.”

With my Good Wishes,

I remain,

Yours truly,

E. HOFSTETTER,
Swiss Consular Agent.

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My dear Mr. Boehringer,

The arrival of the Swiss Observer this morning fills me with great pleasure and I congratulate you sincerely on the indomitable spirit with which you persevere and which enables you, in spite of the terrible blows inflicted by the Huns, to publish this welcome newspaper.

In these days when it is practically impossible for us Swiss to re-visit our beloved homeland and when, therefore, we all feel all the more homesick — we all now realise the feelings of that “Schweizer auf der Strassburger Schanz” — the appearance of the Swiss Observer is all the more welcome and you and your collaborators are doing fine work in making its publication possible from time to time.

I enclose a very modest contribution towards expenses you have — a widow's mite, as it were — but as business is at a standstill you will understand that my position is not any too rosy.

Sincerely yours ever,

U. BRETSCHER.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Saturday, March 1st, at 12.45 p.m. — City Swiss Club — Monthly Meeting at Brown's Hotel, Dover Street (nr. Green Park Station).

Saturday March 8th, at 2.30 p.m. — Swiss Mercantile Society Ltd. — Monthly Meeting — at Swiss House, 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

Saturday, March 15th, at 1.30 p.m. — Nouvelle Société Helvétique — Monthly Meeting — at Swiss House, 34/35, Fitzroy Square, W.1, to be followed by Mr. G. J. Keller, on “Comments on current events.”