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Yes, said the Swiss, if we can have their milk for the refugees who are under our protection here.

So, walking two by two, the herd and the bulls were driven to Rome and ushered into the embassy garden.

The countess bargained for black market hay for them.

For 18 months they browsed in splendour. And to-day I met them back home on the Senni estate — gentle dreamy cattle with something of a discreet elegance.

Eighteen months in an embassy does a lot for one's manners."

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Many will regret the death of our former Minister, M. Walter Thurnheer, who took over from M. C. R. Paravicini at a delicate time and under difficult conditions. Here is the obituary notice published in "The Times," August 8th, 1945:—

"Born in Baden, Aargau in 1884, son of Kaspar Thurnheer, he was educated at the Universities of Zurich, Leipzig, and Lausanne. Entering the Swiss Diplomatic Service, he was an attaché at the Foreign Office in Berne before going to the Swiss Legation in Berlin (1915-16). From 1917 to 1921 he was back in Switzerland as first secretary, and later assistant head of the division of Foreign Affairs. He served as a secretary to the Paris Legation, 1921-23, counsellor to the Legation in Washington, 1923-25, Consul-General in Canada, and Swiss Minister to Japan, which he became in 1934. He came to London in 1940, and was recalled to Switzerland in 1943 to give his report on affairs to the Federal Government. It was intended that he should return to London, but a bad illness prevented him from doing so, and he resigned in 1944."



25 YEARS SWISS OBSERVER.

Few of our readers of the Swiss Observer will realise that our little paper is celebrating this year the 25th anniversary of its foundation. In this age of hustle and bustle, at a time when momentous decisions are being taken, which will affect the destiny of millions of our fellow men, it seems to be almost pre-tentious to even mention this anniversary.

And yet the passing of a further mile-stone should not pass unrecorded. An anniversary like this will most certainly not cause any stir in the newspaper world, nor will it affect the international situation in the slightest degree, in fact it will be hardly noticed, and yet, as a former Editor of our Colony's paper, I feel that such an event concerning mainly the Swiss Colony in Great Britain, should not pass without at least a few words of gratitude to the present Editor and Publisher, Mr. P. F. Boehringer.

During the last six years, so full of tragic happenings, he has carried on this patriotic work under often trying circumstances. Right through the "Blitz", which affected, in an unpleasant manner, the Printing Works, and later on, during the rocket period, the Swiss Observer, has appeared without a break; this is surely an achievement which is worth while mentioning. Only those who have been in constant contact with Mr. Boehringer, can judge with what difficulties, sometimes almost unsurmountable, he had to contend with.

What would we have done without the Swiss Observer during the last few years, when almost every channel of communication was sealed off? Thanks to his ingenuity, the Swiss living in this country, were able to keep in touch with the happenings in our country.

The Editor can to-day, with some measure of pride point to the fact, that the Swiss Observer in spite of hard and difficult times has managed to carry on this publication for the last twenty-five years, thus establishing an almost unique record amongst Swiss papers published abroad.

We as subscribers and readers are deeply grateful for his undaunted tenacity and for his patriotism, and on this happy birthday anniversary we are sending to the Editor and Publisher, as well as to his collaborators and the staff our sincere wishes for "many happy returns of the day".

The Swiss Observer has supported in the past many a Society, and many a venture in the Colony, the paper has been successful in collecting on various occasions considerable sums through its medium for all sorts of purposes and institutions, and it is now entitled to the same support, which so often has been asked from it, and which it has never refused.

On this 25th anniversary we pledge ourselves to help Mr. Boehringer to carry on this venture, of which he is the founder, wishing him health and strength, to continue a work which is truly of national importance to all Swiss living in the British Isles, and once more,

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