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Welcome to the Swiss Minister

By the time these lines reach our readers, the newly appointed Swiss Minister, Monsieur Henry de Torrenté, will have arrived in London to take up his responsible office as Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary to the Court of St. James.

We take this opportunity to extend to him, on behalf of our readers in particular and our compatriots in Great Britain in general, a hearty and sincere welcome, coupled with our best wishes for success in his high mission to which he has been entrusted by the Federal Council.

Monsieur le Ministre de Torrenté has a brilliant career behind him; he studied at the University of Geneva, where he obtained the *license en droit*, *license ès sciences sociales* and *license ès sciences commerciales*.

After several years abroad, in 1925 he entered into the service of the Federal Economic Department in Berne, where, a year later, he was promoted to secretary of the commercial section.

In 1938, he was appointed to the Swiss Legation in Paris, with the rank of 1st Secretary of Legation, and in 1932 was promoted to Counsellor of Legation. In 1935, he acted as Chargé d'Affaires in Paris.

When, in 1941, the offices of the Swiss Legation in the French capital were closed, Monsieur de Torrenté took over various commands in the Swiss army, where he holds the rank of Colonel on the General Staff.

In 1942, he again entered the Federal Economic Department in the capacity of Delegate for commercial treaties, and in 1945, was promoted to the rank of Minister, and sent to Nanking as Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary.

Monsieur de Torrenté is the 6th representative of the Swiss Confederation in London, his predecessors being Monsieur C. D. Boucart (1892—1902); Monsieur G. Carlin (1902—1920); Monsieur Ch. Paravicini (1920—1939); Monsieur W. Thurnheer (1940—1944); and Monsieur P. Ruegger (1944—1948).

Excellent relations between the diplomatic representatives and the Swiss Colony have existed in the past, and we deem it an opportune moment to state

here, that especially during the last few years the respective Ministers and their collaborators have taken an active interest in the life and doings of the Colony, a fact which has been appreciated and proved beneficial.

The Colony has been loyal to its heads, and this loyalty has been returned in a generous manner.

At the moment, when our new Minister is taking up his exacting post, we pledge ourselves to the same hearty collaboration, as far as the affairs of the Swiss Colony are concerned, which have been extended to his predecessors.

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NEWS AT RANDOM

Federal

The Federal-Council has nominated Monsieur Charles de Jenner at present Swiss Minister in Sofia, to the post of Minister in China, in succession to Monsieur Henri de Torrenté, who has been transferred to London.

Monsieur Charles de Jenner, is well-known in the Swiss Colony in London, having been *en poste* here for thirteen years.

Minister de Jenner, was born in 1886 in Berne, he studied law at the Universities of Berne and Munich, after which he established himself as an advocate in Berne. He entered the Diplomatic Service in 1919.

After having been for five years at the Swiss Legation in Vienna, in the capacity of Secretary of Legation, he was transferred in 1925 to Belgrade as Consul General; the following year he was promoted to Counsellor of Legation.

In 1931, Monsieur de Jenner was transferred to London, and in 1943 he returned to the Federal Political Dept., in Berne; during the first part of the year

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