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NEWS FROM THE LEGATION.

The Legation has sent us the following *communiqué*, dated the 13th of this month:—

“The Swiss Legation announces, that Dr. Victor Umbrecht, Secretary of Legation, has been appointed, by the Federal Authorities, as head of the Economic Section of the Swiss Legation.

M. Umbrecht thus succeeds M. E. de Graffenried, Counsellor of Legation.”

M. E. de Graffenried, has recently been promoted to First Counsellor of Legation, and he will act as Chargé d’Affaires during the absence of the Minister. He held, for the last six years, the post of Commercial Attaché with great distinction, and we tender him our best wishes in his new sphere of activity.

We take this opportunity also to extend our heartiest congratulations to M. Umbrecht, on his appointment as Commercial Attaché.

Since his arrival in London, Dr. Umbrecht has taken a great interest in the life of the Swiss Colony, his various addresses given to the Swiss Mercantile Society and the Swiss Economic Council have been much appreciated.

Dr. Umbrecht, who hails from the canton of Aargau, studied *juris prudencia* at the Universities of Berne, Paris and Lausanne and took his doctor’s degree at the University of Berne. Having acquired the patent at an advocate he received an appointment as clerk of the court (*Gerichtsschreiber*) at the Tribunal in Baden.

In 1941, M. Umbrecht entered the Diplomatic Service, and was sent to Ankara in the capacity of Commercial Attaché for the Middle East.

Dr. Umbrecht, was transferred to London in March 1946, where, for the last three years, he has been in charge of financial affairs. In this office, he took part in all the negotiations concerning the Anglo-Swiss Trade agreement.

It might be mentioned, that Dr. Umbrecht won an International scholarship for a dissertation on International law.



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