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PIERRE HOFSTETTER.

Today, the Editor wishes to introduce to the readers one of his collaborators, Mr. Pierre Hofstetter, who, for the last eight years has periodically written a number of interesting and excellent articles and essays in French, under the heading "Le vagabond de Londres".

If occasionally the Editor has received some complimentary remarks for services rendered to the Colony in connection with this paper, it is only fair that he should acknowledge the assistance always so generously given by his collaborators, for without their contributions it would be almost impossible to carry on single handed.

Therefore, he wishes to take this opportunity to express his gratitude to his colleague, Pierre Hofstetter, not only for his much appreciated literary contributions, but also for the many hours spent in his interesting company.

The choosing of the title "Le vagabond de Londres" for his articles in connection with his rambles, both in the Metropolis, and abroad is most appropriate, because he is in the real sense of the

word a Bohemian, who one can not help but like, he is a keen observer, and has a delightful style of his own, which makes his articles eminently readable and enjoyable.

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Pierre Hofstetter was born at Lausanne in 1929, and after having received a classical education in his home town, he spent some time in the service of a local paper and publishing concerns.

Like so many of his compatriots, he then decided to quit his native land in order to gain further experience and knowledge. What better place could he have chosen to start his journalistic career than Paris? In this famous city he continued his studies for two years at the "Ecole des Hautes Etudes Internationales" during which time he became a contributor to several Swiss and Parisian papers. He aptly called his *séjour* in the French capital "l'apprentissage de ma vie".

Next we see him in London, where he arrived in 1950, and where he has remained ever since. For the last ten years, he has established himself as a free lance journalist, and political leader writer to Swiss daily papers and French periodicals, and as foreign correspondent to a number of weekly papers of "La Suisse romande", having become a member of the Swiss Press Association.

Like diplomats, journalists never for long remain "fixed", and so during the last few years our friend has, on and off, visited foreign lands and cities, namely: Rome, Florence, Brussels, Anvers, Vienna, Munich, Salzburg, Dublin and Edinburgh, for longer and shorter visits.

What are his plans for the future? For one thing he wishes to compete with Christopher Columbus in "discovering" America one day, then letting the writer into a secret, he revealed to him that he is going to write two books — remarking, this will be done at leisure.

We sincerely hope that his career as an author will be no less successful than the one of a journalist.

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