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Foreword

The present issue of the *Swiss American Historical Society Review* represents a milestone in the history of the Swiss American Historical Society. In this issue we present for the first time our new book series, which in future issues will continue to provide our readership with many hours of intellectually engaging and stimulating reading.

The Board of Directors of the Swiss American Historical Society would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Dr. Robert Sherwood, Associate Professor of History at Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, Georgia, for agreeing to serve as our new Editor of Book Reviews. This first selection of book reviews demonstrates Dr. Sherwood's excellent discernment and his high level of devotion to the Swiss American Historical Society. He has selected books which deal with a wide variety of Swiss and Swiss American historical periods and communities. We are deeply grateful for Dr. Sherwood's outstanding service, and we look forward to the continuation of this tradition of interesting and informative book reviews from experts around the globe.

Secondly, the Board of Directors of the Swiss American Historical Society would also like to take this opportunity to personally thank Dr. Bradford Sample, Vice President of Academic Affairs at Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee, for consenting to allow us to reprint his fine biographical essay on the life of William Jennings Bryan, the founder of Bryan College, an important statesman and diplomat of the early Twentieth Century, and one of the co-founders of the United Nations. This essay first appeared in the June 2012 issue of *Bryan Life*. We are certain that our readership will be fascinated and edified by this thought provoking essay concerning this great American statesman and companion of Count Leo Tolstoi.

Lastly, the Board of Directors of the Swiss American Historical Society wishes to express its gratitude to Dr. Salome Ramseier and her staff at the Embassy of Switzerland in Washington, D.C. They graciously consented to allow us to reprint the June 2012 issue of the *Embassy Newsletter*, which you will find at the end of this issue of the *Swiss American Historical Society Review*.

May this issue of the *Swiss American Historical Society Review* provide you with many hours of enjoyable reading and intellectual edification.

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