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Preface

The Editorial Board of the *Swiss American Historical Review* is especially proud to present to the public the present issue of the *Review*, for it features research by two internationally renowned scholars, Dr. Edmund Campion, a prominent expert on the Renaissance theologian and philosopher Erasmus, and Dr. Leo Schelbert, a well known expert on Swiss American History.

In his article, "Erasmus and Switzerland," Dr. Campion, who holds his doctorate in French studies from Yale University and is currently Professor of French Literature at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, corroborates the case for the conception of Switzerland as a just humanitarian state which provides asylum for the persecuted: Erasmus, who was victimized by so much intolerance in other European countries, found, like so many others before and since, a safe haven in Switzerland, where he thrived on the rich exchange of ideas and discussions with his friends and patrons in Basel and promoted intrepidly his philosophy of enlightened tolerance.

In his review of the autobiographical account, *My Twentieth Century. Recollections of a Public Historian* by Arnold H. Price, Dr. Schelbert analyzes the two main historical issues which have occupied this author, the nature of the German Weimar Republic (1919-1933) and the Germanic warrior clubs, a unique aspect of the ancient Germanic world. In his review of *Swiss Sisters Separated*, edited by Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs, Dr. Schelbert summarizes the themes of this 500 page work presenting rich documentation of the Swiss pioneer experience in Kansas, Oklahoma and Washington between 1889 and 1914.

The issue concludes with a directory of genealogical services in Switzerland which the Editorial Board of the *Review* trusts will be of great help to our readership as individuals of Swiss descent strive to trace their Swiss ancestry.

Finally, it is the sincere hope of our Editorial Board that this issue will provide many hours of pleasurable and edifying reading to our readers around the globe.

Dwight Page, Editor, SAHS Review
Madisonville, Tennessee, September, 2003

Reviews

The Editorial Board of the *Swiss American Historical Society Review* is currently pleased to present to the public the present issue of the journal. It features a number of articles by two authors, both of whom are well known in the field of Swiss American history. The first article, by Dr. Hans-Joachim Lauth, is a review of the book *Swiss American History* by Dr. Hans-Joachim Lauth, published by the University of Toronto Press in 1998. The second article, by Dr. Hans-Joachim Lauth, is a review of the book *Swiss American History* by Dr. Hans-Joachim Lauth, published by the University of Toronto Press in 1998.

In his article, "Swiss American History," Dr. Lauth, who holds a doctorate in history from the University of Toronto and is currently Professor of History at the University of Toronto in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, discusses the role of the Swiss in the development of the United States. He argues that the Swiss played a significant role in the development of the United States, particularly in the areas of agriculture, commerce, and industry. He also discusses the role of the Swiss in the development of the Swiss American community in the United States. He argues that the Swiss American community has played a significant role in the development of the United States, particularly in the areas of agriculture, commerce, and industry. He also discusses the role of the Swiss in the development of the Swiss American community in the United States.

In his review of the book *Swiss American History*, Dr. Lauth discusses the role of the Swiss in the development of the United States. He argues that the Swiss played a significant role in the development of the United States, particularly in the areas of agriculture, commerce, and industry. He also discusses the role of the Swiss in the development of the Swiss American community in the United States. He argues that the Swiss American community has played a significant role in the development of the United States, particularly in the areas of agriculture, commerce, and industry. He also discusses the role of the Swiss in the development of the Swiss American community in the United States.

The issue concludes with a directory of genealogical services in Switzerland and a list of Swiss American organizations. The directory provides contact information for various genealogical services in Switzerland, including the Swiss American Historical Society, the Swiss American Genealogical Society, and the Swiss American Historical Society. The list of Swiss American organizations includes the Swiss American Historical Society, the Swiss American Genealogical Society, and the Swiss American Historical Society.

Finally, it is the knowledge of the Editorial Board that this issue will provide many hours of pleasurable reading to our readers. We hope that you will find this issue as enjoyable as we do. We are grateful to the authors for their contributions to this issue. We are also grateful to the reviewers for their helpful comments. We are also grateful to the staff of the Swiss American Historical Society for their assistance in the production of this issue.