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At the annual meeting of the SAHS, held on October 6, 1996, at the Balch Institute in Philadelphia, Dr. Laura Villiger offered an incisive portrait in words and pictures of the life and works of Mari Sandoz, the noted Swiss American writer. Her captivating lecture is offered here especially for those who were unable to attend. The essay of Natalie Jomini, a high school student in Helena, Montana, won first prize in a competition launched by the Secretariat for the Swiss Abroad. How will she judge her essay in 2050 when she will be able to compare the Swiss reality of that year with her elegant prognosis? In a third article, Dr. Arnold H. Price, a Swiss American by 'adoption', recalls his happy memories of his stay in the Romontsch region of Switzerland during his youth.

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