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It is a pleasure to offer readers of the SAHS Review two exceptionally informative pieces. Professor D. Crosby's comparative essay features Benjamin Franklin and Heinrich Zschokke which he presented in October 1993 at the SAHS annual meeting in Philadelphia. Walter Angst offers an insightful sketch of Swiss Bauernmalerei, of which he is himself an expert and disciplined practitioner. (Unfortunately, the costs proved too prohibitive to reproduce his illustrations in color.)

Two reviews complete this issue. The Correspondence of H. M. Mühlenberg, an influential Lutheran pastor in eighteenth century Pennsylvania and a contemporary of the Swiss Reformed pastor Michael Schlatter, is being published by Picton Press, whose energetic president is Lewis Bunker Rohrbach, C. G. Professor Don Heinrich Tolzmann, the author of the review, is President of the Society for German American Studies and a special friend of the SAHS. Professor Sabine Jessner, former SAHS President, justly praises A Very Civil War, a lavishly illustrated book that will make an exceptional holiday gift, since it features not only the war, but also gives much insight into Swiss culture and the Swiss national character.

With best wishes for a rewarding holiday season,

Leo Schelbert, Editor