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Although a true and faithful son of his country, his position did not allow M. Neuschwander to take a leading part in the affairs of our colony, as mentioned before, time for social recreation was but scarce and for twenty consecutive years, he had to go without a holiday and a further ten years elapsed before a second holiday came his way; but for many years M. Neuschwander was a member of the City Swiss Club and a regular attendant at its functions.

When the Nouvelle Société Helvétique was founded, M. Neuschwander was one of the first to join, truly a striking attest that during all the years, he has lived far away from his country, he has kept a warm corner for the land of his birth. He was also a member of the "Culinaire" since 1888. During the last few years he has paid frequent visits to Switzerland, and these excursions amongst the beauties of our home land, have engraved in this stout heart an evergreen and everlasting memory, he was a great lover of his country and we, of the younger generation can but take our hats off and try to follow in his footsteps; and how this great heart has ceased to beat, those kind eyes have closed for ever, but in the heart of those who have had the privilege to know him, he will be kept in unfading remembrance; he was a good and true Swiss, and he has brought honour to his native land.

In this hour of sad bereavement, we extend to his family our deep and sincere sympathy.

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THE EDITOR'S POST-BAG.

To the Editor of *The Swiss Observer*.

Dear Sir,

Woe unto him who by the faintest of breath dare to even slightly tarnish the escutcheon of the Swiss in London. With pride Mother Helvetia must leave her bosom at the sight of Knights such as my dear friend A.St., who takes up the cudgels in defence of her traditions. Banished be the thought that I should accuse her sons and apostles, settled (or not) in a far off country with a most erratic climate and plenty of fog, of ever becoming befogged. How could I conceive these pioneers to be a "b.o.i." (words in last issue) in a land of high taxes and beer duty, and it makes me wonder if my "Käppi" fitted my Knight too well. No one with any knowledge of the high principles animating this Colony should even risk using such words. Let us all stand together and fight for a good cause and you will find me in the front rank, be it in the army (or S. navy) that is about to launch an attack under the leadership of my dear friend A.St. upon Asti. Honi soit qui mal y pense.

Yours faithfully,

J.B.

To the Editor of *the Swiss Observer*.

Dear Sir,

I beg to thank you for the courtesy of acquainting me with the contents of the reply by J.B., to my letter, which appeared in your issue two weeks ago, and I take the liberty of sending you a short reply.

I am sorry to see that my reply to J.B.'s letter has upset this budding Journalist; and I sincerely hope that Mother Helvetia has by now recovered from her attack of "a heaving bosom." Far be it from me to scold or discourage my friend from criticising, he has a perfect right to do so; what I objected to, was the way in which it was done; as you are perhaps aware, I have on numerous occasions voiced my disapproval about some happenings in the Colony, but I have tried to do so, *with my hat in my hand*, as I believe that bad taste in fighting an evil, is not only a poor but also a useless weapon.

As to his veiled insinuation, whether perhaps his "Käppi" fitted my *knighthly* head too well; I have some serious misgivings, after having read his last two letters, as to the size J.B. is used to.

His gallant appeal to stand together for a good cause, will no doubt receive a rousing reception in the Colony, it is only a pity that he has found no nobler cause to fight for, and I for one gladly let him lead his army, I am only wondering on whom else he would have launched his fiery attack, if my initials would not have given him such a splendid opportunity, to display his sparkling wit. I am dear Sir,

Yours truly,

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Karfreitag, den 25. März 1932.
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TAUFE.

Getauft wurde am 13. 3. 1932 der am 25. 11. 1931 geborene John William Schlaepfer, Sohn des Johann von Stein (Canton Appenzell A. Rh.) und der Lucy Maud geb. Bendy von Hounslow (Middlesex).

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