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ding to the locality of the origin of each song. And — what is perhaps no less a feat — Mrs. Hügli-Camp has entered sufficiently into the Swiss mentality so as to be able to choose the best of our songs and interpret them with the love and simplicity due to them. Among her less known songs we may mention: "Brombeerlied," "Anneli wo bisch gsi," "Lucas" (from the Jura), "Complainte" (from the Valais), "Aveva gli occhi neri" and "Mont in carozza."

Dr. Rüfenacht's very lucid account of the effects of the world crisis on the Swiss trade, industries and finances will be published in extenso in next week's issue of the SWISS OBSERVER. It was listened to by the audience with deep interest and followed by a lively discussion, in the course of which a plea was voiced that our Government may do its best at the forthcoming World Conference to further any practical proposals for international action to hasten a trade revival.

Dr. E.

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Drum liebe Leute, frag' ich an  
Sind wir den heut' nicht besser dran?  
Fasst neuen Mut, fort mit dem Murren  
Die Krisis wird vorüber surren,  
Grad diese Gährung zeigt uns an  
Das neue Leben bricht sich Bahn.

H. E.

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