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SWISS FURNITURE SETS FOR GREAT BRITAIN.

We wish to refer to an article which had appeared in our issue of October 31st, 1947, dealing with the actual handing over ceremony of Swiss furniture for Great Britain, and we have much pleasure in publishing herewith a photograph which had been taken during the ceremony at the L.C.C.'s County Hall, on October 27th, 1947.

As will be remembered early this year an appeal was launched to Switzerland in the form of a personal letter, signed by the Chairman of the Council for the Study of Swiss Problems in London, Mr. E. Steiner, and its Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Renou.

The result of this appeal has been a magnificent one, 350,000.—frs. having been collected, and hundreds of British families who were chosen by the W.V.S. are now in possession of these sets consisting of two beds, a wardrobe, a kitchen table, four stools, two pair of blankets and a set of kitchen ware.

Letters of thanks are daily received from some of these families, and the Hon. Secretary has picked out of his heavy post-bag the following:—

Address in Camberwell.

November, 1947.

" My wife has received a letter from the Mayor of Camberwell, informing her that, she has been selected to receive a consignment of furniture from the people of Switzerland.

My wife and I have cause to be grateful, for giving us our first start, when we came here, and now this wonderful gift from Switzerland has made my wife very happy, as she is going into hospital on Friday to

have an operation. She is eager to go now and get it over with, so that she can get back as quickly as possible to look after the home.

We would like you to convey our very deep gratitude to the people in Switzerland, for the gift of furniture, which we have received from them. I am afraid it would have taken us a very long time to buy such furniture, even if it had been possible to purchase it.

I only hope that the people of Switzerland can understand the gratitude my wife and I have tried to convey in this letter.

Mr. & Mrs. E. N."

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Address in Surrey.

November, 1947.

" We have been fortunate to be the receivers of one of your gift suites of furniture.

It is impossible for us to convey our thanks fully for this totally unexpected kindness, we must leave it to your imagination to picture in your minds, the pleasure and joy we felt in receiving your gift.

We are a family of five, with three children under seven, who lost our house and home by a flying bomb on August 1st, 1944. Recently our house has been rebuilt, and it has been a great trial to us to try and refurnish it.

With help such as you have given us, and the kindness of the W.V.S. we are rapidly getting a cosy home of our own which means such a lot to us.

Once again I will say thank you on behalf of my husband, three children and I, for your lovely present that has given us great happiness.

Mrs. A. W."



Reading from left to right: Mme Alfred Renou; E. Steiner, Esq.; Mr. Charlton (Ministry of Health); Mr. Aneurau Bevan; Lady Nathan (Chairman L.C.C.); M. de Cintra; Mr. Haywood (Deputy Leader L.C.C.); Dr. Escher; The Swiss Minister.

Address in London, S.W.

... How can I thank your people enough for the furniture, I was fortunate to receive as a gift. The joy and happiness it has brought to my house is almost unbelievable.

When my wife and I first received the news, we were speechless with joy, we just looked at each other. Need I be ashamed to tell you that, we both of us, had tears in our eyes, to think that such people so grand, were about.


If only you could realise the extra comfort it has brought to my home, the happiness of the children to have their own bed on which to sleep instead of together. I would be grateful if you would convey to the Swiss people the heartfelt thanks of my wife and I.

To express in words this gratitude felt in our hearts, would be useless. We can only say God bless your people for the kindness shown, and the comfort they have given us. I can't say anymore, I and my wife are just too full of joy and happiness.

Please thank your people for me."

J. D.

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SWISS SCIENTIST HONOURED.

As briefly reported in the last issue, Dr. Hans Flück, Professor of Pharmacognosy at the Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, was presented with the Hanbury Gold Medal on the occasion of the meeting of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, which took place on the 13th of last month, at the Society's Headquarters, 17, Bloomsbury Square, W.C.2.

Welcoming Professor Flück, the President of the Society (Mrs. J. K. Irvine) dealt shortly with the foundation of the memorial medal, reminding the meeting that it commemorated Daniel Hanbury, who died in 1875, and who was famous as an investigator of crude drugs.

Addressing Professor Flück, who is the thirty-first recipient of the medal, the President said: "I have much pleasure in handing you now the Hanbury Medal in recognition of your outstanding research work on crude drugs. I wish you many years of happy and successful work in the further study of this subject to which you have already contributed so much."

In accepting the medal, Professor Flück said that the award of the Hanbury Medal was a high honour for Switzerland and the Federal Institute of Technology. He continued by saying: "Your mighty country and our little Switzerland have been good friends for many years. There are three factors, common to both countries, which are responsible for this friendship: a deep love of freedom, a respect of individual dignity, and the common sense of the individual."

He concluded his address with the following words: "The award of the Hanbury Medal, besides bringing honour and pleasure, entails certain duties, the highest of which is to continue and to improve research in pharmacognosy. So let me here promise that in the future and to the best of my ability I shall do my utmost to serve both pure science and practical pharmacy."

Professor Flück then delivered his address on "The Chemical and Biological Aspects of the Conservation of Vegetable Drugs" which was much applauded by the entire meeting.

During the meeting the President handed to Professor Flück a large box of red and white carnations which had been sent by his students at Zurich, accompanied by a greeting card depicting in their natural colours the various plants on which they were working.

We, on our part, extend heartiest congratulations to our distinguished compatriot, who, by his scientific work and achievements has added to the good reputation Swiss scientists enjoy everywhere.

Editor.

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