

PRESENTATIONS TO MR. WOOD AND DR. TURNER.

THE early stages of the December meeting were marked by a ceremony of exceptional interest, when the PRESIDENT, on behalf of the Council and Members of the Society, made presentations to W. F. J. Wood, Esq., C.B.E., B.Sc., first President of the Society, and to W. E. S. Turner, Esq., O.B.E., D.Sc., M.Sc., Honorary Secretary of the Society and Editor of the JOURNAL.

The PRESIDENT said that members felt they would like to place on record their appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Wood and Dr. Turner in connection with the founding and consolidation of the Society.

Mr. CONNOLLY, Chairman of the Presentation Committee,* said that he had never had a task so easy as that of arranging for the presentation. He stated that, in the case of Mr. Wood, a sum of money was to be placed at the disposal of the University of Sheffield, the interest on which was to be devoted to providing an annual prize. This prize would be of the value of about £5, would be awarded in the Department of Glass Technology, and would be known as the "Wood Medal and Prize in Glass Technology."

The PRESIDENT then formally presented to Mr. Wood a handsome silver bowl, inscribed: "Presented to W. F. J. Wood, Esq., C.B.E., by the Society of Glass Technology to mark his services as First President of the Society, 1917—1919."

Mr. Wood, in acknowledging the gift, said that he was quite overwhelmed and was experiencing one of the most embarrassing moments of his life, yet one of the proudest. He referred to the early days of the Society, the first meeting being held on November 9th, 1916, when fifty-one persons were present. The success of the Society was, he thought, due to the JOURNAL, which in his opinion was the finest journal in the world. He very much appreciated the kindness of the members in giving him so handsome a souvenir, the more especially as many of them were his trade competitors. He was sure his wife would admire the bowl.

* The Committee consisted of Messrs. J. Connolly, W. J. Rees, and F. Sweeting.

The presentation to Dr. Turner followed, and took the form of a four-piece silver tea service, the inscription being: "Presented to Dr. W. E. S. Turner, O.B.E., by the Society of Glass Technology, December, 1919."

Dr. TURNER, in the course of his reply, spoke feelingly of the kind references that had been made regarding himself and the work he had been able to do. He went on to say that, two days before he sailed for America in August, 1919, he had been the happy recipient of a cheque for £185 from the Presentation Committee, accompanied by a letter from the PRESIDENT and one from Mr. Connolly. [Copies of these letters are appended.] Speaking of the early days of the Society, he remarked that he was told, prior to the inception of the Society, that they would not get 200 members in two years. In point of fact, that number was easily exceeded in the first year. Dr. Turner went on to pay a tribute to his wife, to the officers of the Society, and to his colleagues and assistants in the Department of Glass Technology, without whose co-operation what had been accomplished would not have been possible.

Mrs. Turner also expressed her thanks to the Society for the handsome present which had been so kindly made.

The total amount received by the Presentation Committee for the Testimonial Fund was £391 13s. 9d.

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NORTH BRITISH STATION HOTEL,
EDINBURGH.

Aug. 10th, 1919.

DEAR TURNER,

It is a great pleasure to me to write you and ask you to accept the enclosed from the members of the Society of Glass Technology. Please accept it as a token of our goodwill, as a small compensation and recognition of all the work that you have done for the Society and for the trade.

I can assure you that we are glad to be able to hand this sum over to you before your holiday, and thus help to make your holiday a real one. Our members, the glass trade, and the country owe you a debt that we can never repay, but our Testimonial will show you that we recognise the debt.

With every good wish for a cheerful holiday.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) STANLEY JENKINSON.

COPY.

August 11th, 1919.

THE LALLIES,
1 MOORFIELD RD.,
PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.

DEAR DR. TURNER,

Our esteemed President, Stanley Jenkinson, Esq., M.B.E., has requested me to hand you the enclosed cheque, value £185, on behalf of the members of the Society of Glass Technology, as a slight token of their esteem and high regard and sincere appreciation of your painstaking, devoted services as Secretary and one of the founders of the Society.

What you have done for the glass industry can never be forgotten by those who have the interest of the industry at heart, and feel that posterity will hold you, as our members do, in loving remembrance for your fidelity.

Your services have indeed been great, and the more one thinks of them the more one realises his indebtedness to you.

We have no doubt that when your cherished desire to visit our American and Canadian Members has been gratified, you will bring to the Society such a harvest as will increase rather than diminish the indebtedness we owe you for your magnificent services so cheerfully given.

The tokens of affection and sincere appreciation accompanying the subscriptions sent to me for your Testimonial Fund are so spontaneous and generous that they will, I am sure, stimulate and encourage you on your holiday and future work.

We sincerely pray that you may realise your fondest expectations and gather that needed strength and vigour, and return home with an added store of vitality that will more than compensate for the time spent.

I sincerely support our President's fondest wishes, and tender you on behalf of the subscribers their loving regards and esteem with best wishes for a most successful trip and safe return to your native land, where loving hearts eagerly await you.

We hope on your return to offer you a further tangible expression of our appreciation—one that shall adorn your home and in which your dear wife may share.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) JOSEPH CONNOLLY.