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NEWS FROM THE COLONY.



L. W. Krucker.

In our issue of February 24th, we published a short announcement that Mr. L. W. Krucker has been elected an Honorary Member of the Swiss Mercantile Society, London, on the occasion of the Annual General Meeting of this Society, and we have much pleasure in introducing our friend to our readers.

It is often said that work undertaken in any Society is an unthankful job, earning but little gratification.

Whoever taking an office, and expecting "glory" from it, will, sooner or later, meet with some disappointment. But surely there are other, and more weighty reasons why one gives ones service and time to a cause, than to covet gratitude.

The main point is, that one is convinced that the cause one is supporting is a good deserving one, well worth working and fighting for. Once this is established, any office holder will get its own satisfaction, which needs no other acknowledgement.

Many of our compatriots of both sexes have in the past rendered conspicuous service to their respective Societies and Institutions, and to the Colony at large. By their labour they have helped to bring our country — its existence, its endeavours and achievements — to the knowledge of our English friends, thus playing an important part in fostering the good relations which have always existed between the two countries.

Mr. Krucker arrived in this country in 1919, and was elected a member of the S.M.S. in the same year.

Before long he took an active part in the doings

of the Society holding the office of Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, in this capacity he was in charge of some of the dances, and Fancy Dress dances held at the Midland Hotel, which became very popular.

In 1930, he was elected Vice-President, and Chairman of the House Committee, serving from then onwards without interruption on the Council until February 15th of this year.

The most difficult time for our friend, was when Swiss House was bombed during the last war, and consequently had to be partly rebuilt and redecorated, and later on, when an additional building was taken over, putting it in fit conditions for accommodating the ever increasing number of students.

Thus Mr. Krucker has done a big job, well and efficiently in a quiet way, and by honouring him with Honorary Membership, the Swiss Mercantile Society has partly paid a debt which was fully due to him.



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