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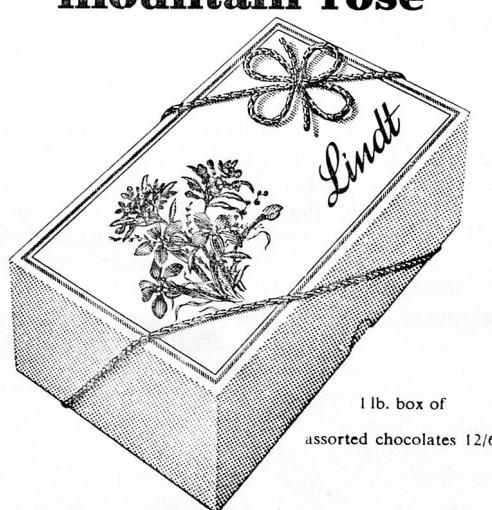
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Société Helvétique, in which circles he and his wife are often seen. Wherever our friend went he was *persona grata*, he was consistent in friendship, pains-taking in his work, and always willing to help his compatriots with advice; can one wonder that he became so popular?

Mr. Ernst will be greatly missed by his staff, to whom he was always a fatherly boss. He was fair and understanding, and he kept his manager's office door wide open to everyone who was seeking advice.

At a recent interview with the writer, who acquainted him with his intention to write a few words of appreciation, he expressed the wish that he should on this occasion mention the gratitude he owes to H.E. the Swiss Ambassador and Madame Daeniker for the constant interest they have shown him in his work, and the help they have always given him. "They could not have been kinder to me personally", he said "and I shall always remember this with feelings of deep gratitude."

He also asked the writer to let it be known how deeply grateful he is for the support and collaboration the members of the Colony have given him over so many years.

May we in return, and especially the writer, who has enjoyed and valued his friendship over a great number of years — during which he had become an occasional "unpaid" contributor to the "Swiss Observer" — thank him for so much he has given us, and for so much we owe to him.

On his retirement we wish him, and his wife, a happy and carefree eventide, blessed with good health, and as he intends to remain in this hospitable country, we can assure them that they will always be received wherever they go

WITH OPEN ARMS AND HEARTS.

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NEWS FROM THE SWISS EMBASSY.

Consul Ernst Hofstetter, Swiss Consular Agent in Balloch, is retiring at the end of this year after more than quarter century of faithful service. His successor will be Mr. Bruno Frick, Director of Dunfermline Silk Mills Ltd., Dunfermline, a citizen of Zurich, who will be given the personal title of Vice-Consul.

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The Swiss Ambassador and Madame Daeniker will leave for Switzerland at Christmas and Madame Daeniker will not return to London before the end of January.

COCKTAIL PARTIES.

The Swiss Military and Air Attaché, Colonel Th. Mosimann and Madame Mosimann, gave a cocktail party, on Wednesday, 9th December at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, W.1.

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The Commercial Counsellor of the Swiss Embassy, and Madame R. Faessler, gave a cocktail party, at 233, Cromwell Road, S.W.5, to bid farewell to Mr. W. Wyler and O. Ernst.