



FRANK WOOD MEDAL. Obverse and Reverse.

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## PRESENTATION OF THE FRANK WOOD MEDAL.

At the meeting of the Society held in Sheffield on November 15th, the Frank Wood Medal which had been subscribed for by members of the Society in 1919 to commemorate the services of Mr. Wood to the industry, was presented to two students who in 1921 and 1922 respectively had gained it.

The PRESIDENT, in introducing the matter, said that the ceremony about to take place was one of great interest both to the Society and to the University of Sheffield. In one way, the ceremony was a University function, since the award of the Medal was put into the hands of the University, and he was very glad to say that the Registrar of the University, Mr. W. M. Gibbons, was present that afternoon. He would like to express the Society's cordial welcome to Mr. Gibbons. He (the President) rather thought it was the first meeting at which they had had the pleasure of Mr. Gibbons's presence. If for that reason, therefore, he was not very well known to some members, he would like to say that Mr. Gibbons in his capacity as Secretary of the Glass Research Delegacy had done great things in advancing the cause of glass technology. Some of the members of the Society had some knowledge of that work, and would bear him out in the statement as to how exceedingly hard Mr. Gibbons had laboured to carry forward the cause of glass technology.

The PRESIDENT then asked Mr. Gibbons to take charge of the presentation ceremony.

MR. GIBBONS said he was very much obliged to the President and to the Society for the very cordial welcome given to him. They at the University liked to think that the Society of Glass Technology was born in the University, and they regarded it as a daughter. He need scarcely say that whenever the Society wanted to meet within the University walls it would always receive a very hearty welcome. As Prof. Turner and most members of the Society knew, the University had a very warm regard for the study of Glass Technology. During the war, inspired by the initiative and the devotion of Prof. Turner, they had set up a department which had grown from small beginnings until it had

become necessary to transfer it to the works at Darnall. They were quite satisfied that, with the assistance of members of the Society and of the industry at large, their courage and hope (and the removal to Darnall required both) would be fully justified.

He would now come to the main object of his presence there. He understood that in 1919 the Society determined to recognise the services of Mr. Frank Wood, services which he rendered in connection with the foundation of the Society. The Society, in order to commemorate those services, handed over to the University a cheque for a hundred guineas with the condition that the income therefrom should be utilised for some reward to students in the Glass Technology Department. It was decided that the reward should take the form of a medal, to be associated with the name of Mr. Frank Wood, in whose honour it was established. The University now held that money as trustee ready for the purpose, and they might take it that every year there would be a medal available.

It seemed only fitting that the first award, or rather the delivery of the first medal, should be made on some occasion when the Society, which founded the medal, could take part.

It also seemed appropriate that the person to hand over the medals to the successful candidates on behalf of the University, should be their friend Mr. Frank Wood. They, at the University, had learned to have great regard and affection for Mr. Wood since his association with the Glass Technology Department. He was modest and always ready to help.

The medal had taken some little time to prepare. They had asked the assistance of Prof. Rothenstein, the Principal of the Royal College of Art, South Kensington, who had a very high reputation. He entrusted the work to one of his students, Mr. Percy Metcalfe, and those who had seen the medals] would, he felt sure, be satisfied that they had a very artistic production. He had seen many academic medals in his time, but never anything to excel the present medal. It was very rich and very dignified. He would call on Mr. Frank Wood, on behalf of the University, to present these medals to the successful students, and in so doing, he would like to say to Mr. Wood that the medal would be a permanent memorial of the appreciation by the University of his work for Glass Technology, and of the esteem in which he was held by his colleagues.

MR. FRANK WOOD said he really felt that he was being shown a very great honour indeed, and it made him feel rather embarrassed. Very kind words had been said by Mr. Gibbons, but they all knew that when the Society was started in 1916 they very soon got a

band of workers together, and the real enthusiast, of course, was Prof. Turner. Prof. Turner, they all knew, had been the backbone of the institution. At the same time, he felt most touched when he heard a sum of money had been subscribed by the members in acknowledgment of the work he had done, and for the beautiful rose-bowl which was also given to him at the same time. Whenever he felt a bit downhearted—and at times things in the glass industry had been difficult—he was greatly cheered and encouraged as he looked at that rose-bowl and remembered that it stood for a backing of real friendship from so many people. The founding of the medal was also a great honour to him. He must cordially congratulate Mr. Metcalfe on the beautiful design. He thought it an excellent medal and rather wished he was going to have one himself.

He would like to congratulate the two young men who had won it. He hoped they would have many happy years to keep it, and remind them of days gone by when they worked very hard to win it.

There was one little word of advice he might give to the two young men. He had not the pleasure of knowing them intimately, but would like to say that when they went out into the works they would find they would get on much better when conducting any investigations or trying any experiments if they would take the workmen absolutely into their confidence. He thought that was the best advice he could give to them.

The medals were then presented to Mr. G. G. Middleton, B.Sc.Tech., the winner in 1921, and Mr. H. W. Howes, B.Sc.Tech., the winner of the medal in 1922.

MR. GIBBONS then added that, after the wish expressed by Mr. Wood, the University would see that he got a medal.