

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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dear Friends from East ANGLIA,

it gives me great pleasure to welcome you again here at Bad Salzufflen  
Some of you have known this place from former visits, and I was  
glad to hear, that you thought it worth while to come again-  
although I hope it is not yet RHEUMATISM which brings you here!

Salzufflen is a healing centre and all the institutions you saw or ~~st~~  
still will see here, serve a great purpose and aim: to restore  
peoples health, cure their diseases and renew their spirits and  
nervous system. The mineral springs, containing a lot of salt  
apart from other ingredients, have been used here since about  
a hundred years and nowadays about *65000 people* come here every year  
for 3- 4 weeks to take the mineral baths. The place -as you will  
have noticed- is not a fashionable resort for idle people with  
a lot of money - its popularity results from the obvious success  
the Salzufflen treatment has on the sick and invalid people.

There are thousands of Miners here every year to get rid of  
the dust and other inflictments from the work in the mines of the  
Ruhr-district. There are several big buildings recently erected  
for insurance -patients.

During the post-war decade this place served as Headquarters for  
Occupational Forces and Missions but thanks to the understanding  
and generous advance of General BISHOP, the former Land Commissioner,  
the spa -institutions were gradually given back to our administration  
and since the bath- houses and other amenities were restored to  
their proper purpose, Salzufflen has made tremendous progress- as  
you may imagine from the present state of the place. The Park,  
however, at the moment, has partly been changed into a building-  
site and therefor we must renounce the Philharmony Concert today-  
as a new concert-hall is just going to be built. So you will be  
welcome there at your next visit.

Nature has gifted this Lippe district with several spas and health-  
resorts- that is why it is called " Heilgarten Deutschlands"-  
but Salzufflen crowns it, I think, and therefore I am specially  
glad that you came here to meet us as old and new friends.

Kurdirektor Diekmann, the director of the spa, joins me in good  
wishes for your short stay here and hopes for a "come-back"- per-  
haps even as patients- who knows! and now, once again:  
a cordial WELCOME! Herzlich WILLKOMMEN!