

the O. B. is duly given and taken, should strive to find out the general knowledge of the visitor. Set phrases are not a test. We think the penalty of each obligation should be invariably demanded as well as the signs, words and grips, and we do not oppose the principle of those lodges that demand the repetition of each O. B. before acknowledging the brother. Many lodges in the neighboring Republic insist upon the candidate committing to memory the O. B. of every degree before he is permitted to advance, and we view the system as a good one. However, get from the applicant all the knowledge he possesses of each degree. Never ask a catch question,—it is ungentelemanly and undignified. As soon as the committee are satisfied, they should congratulate the brother upon the same, and accord him a hearty welcome. Never prolong an examination more than is necessary. Once satisfied and there is the end of it. This completes Part II. in the "Welcome to the stranger."

The next feature is the reception, and this we view as a very important point. In some jurisdictions, the committee go in and report, and the stranger is allowed to wander in alone and receive that hearty (?) greeting of the Worshipful Master—"Glad to meet you, Bro. —, be seated with the brethren. Next business, Bro. Secretary?" all in a breath, and never even looking at the visitor. Such a reception is simply outrageous and indecent. Yet it is to be seen every day, and Bro. — manages to squeeze into some dark corner, as the best seats are occupied by the members, not one of whom thinks of ris-

ing and offering his. Oh! it is such a nice, cordial welcome. We recollect several of them, where we were, by the grace of an ignorant examining committee and loutish Master, permitted to witness the work, and when it was finished the Masonic (?) brethren (?) suffered us to find our way to a strange hotel alone, as they didn't want to overwhelm us with courtesies. Oh! such receptions are cheerful and pleasant. They warm one up and make one love Masonry! Bah! it fairly sickens one to think of such men daring to call themselves Hiramites. They are no more suited for the Royal Art than a hutful of Hottentots or a band of Esquimaux.

The brother having proved himself a Mason, should be escorted into the lodge-room by the committee, and invariably introduced, giving his rank, title, number of lodge and Grand Lodge. The Worshipful Master should (if he is entitled to it) call up the lodge, or invite him to a seat in the East, as the case may be. If merely a Master Mason, a few kindly words of greeting, and the committee should then privately introduce him to the brethren in whose immediate neighborhood he may be placed. As soon as the lodge is called off, the Worshipful Master, examining committee and Stewards should make a point of introducing the visitor to the principal members of the lodge, and they should "take him round" and interest him in the doings, etc., of the Craft in the neighborhood. If there are refreshments, so much the better, and always see that the visitor is accorded a place of honor near the Master, and not allowed to wander in alone and get half a chair or a seat