

All eyes were fixed on a little clump of mechanism fixed to the lintel of the Institute doorpost. As Sir George pushed the switch over the King was placed in direct communication with this mechanism, an electric light affixed to it was lighted, the mechanism clicked, a lever moved over, the doors of the Institute slowly opened wide, the whole of the interior was brilliantly lighted as if by magic, and from the flagstaff on the left there slowly fluttered into the snappy October air the silken folds of the Royal Standard.

The cheers of the assembly drowned the snapping of bayonets home and the presenting of arms for the Royal Salute by the Guard of Honor outside. But when the band broke into the familiar strains of the National Anthem, the full significance of the scene they had just witnessed forced itself home to all observers, and the cheers broke out afresh with an ardor that not even the inclemency of the weather could dampen or affect in any way.

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#### **A Splendid Success.**

His Majesty, in the library at West Dean Park, Chichester, in England, touched the switch which sent an electric current over the Atlantic cable, thence direct to Belmont Park, and, through the clever device of an instrumental contrivance here, opened the doors of the Royal Edward Institute. The event, a magnificent triumph of science, was worthy of an occasion which saw King and loyal subjects unite to do honor to a work which is set up to alleviate the sufferings of a common humanity.

The rain, which fell pitilessly, throughout the whole of yesterday afternoon's proceedings, robbed what was really a historic event of actual brilliance, but in every other sense, the opening ceremony of the Royal Edward Institute, was a splendid success, and all things passed off according as they were reported in descriptive detail in yesterday's "Witness."

The ceremonial speeches, while directing attention, as it was fitting they should to the terrible ravages of tuberculosis, did not dwell unduly on this phase of the subject. The burden of them was rather one of hope—hope to see present sufferers relieved, and eventually the disease eradicated. At the same time it was shown that such an institute as the one now opened through the munificence of Colonel Burland and his sisters, could not reach this desired end. There must be co-operation and provision, as Mr. Philip pointed out, of hospitals for the treatment of early cases and others for advanced and dying patients. Ald. Dagenais, chairman of the Health Committee, stated frankly that it was the duty of the city to provide a hospital for incurable consumptives.