

ulous escape soon spread through the division, and I received many kind visits from Masons, who proved themselves to be brothers in word and deed. Many little comforts were contributed by these good fellows, with the view of making my captivity as pleasant as possible. I was of course *hors de combat* for the remainder of the campaign. I was taken into the interior as soon as I could be moved, but my story went with me, and I everywhere received the kindest treatment from the Russian officers. My captivity was not of very long duration, and I need not dwell upon the subsequent events of the war. The death of the Czar hastened the peace, and I was among the first of the prisoners who returned to England. I need scarcely add that I have ever since been a most zealous Mason, and shall cherish the principles of the Order as long as I live.—*London Freemason's Chronicle.*

AN ACCOMPLISHED INITIATE.

THE REV. DR. LOWE was initiated at the usual meeting of Temple Lodge, Liverpool, England. At a banquet given subsequently, he replied as follows to the toast of "The newly initiated!" Worshipful Master, officials, and Brethren,—Although I cannot aver that I am unaccustomed to public speaking, yet I experience considerable difficulty in giving expression to my thoughts and feelings on the present occasion. It behoves me, however, according to the best of my ability, to tender my most hearty thanks to the Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren for the extremely kind manner in which they have this evening initiated me into the primary mysteries of Freemasonry, and for the manifestly cordial welcome they have accorded me as a brother. I owe especial thanks to the brother whose rather troublesome duty it was to aid me in attaining the high honours of being a Mason. I beg also to tender my fervent thanks to Bro. Dr. Kellet Smith and Bro. Wood, who rendered me the kind office of being my proposer, and seconder. Allow me to say, Worshipful Master, that, after having gone through the laborious and instructive ceremony of being made a Mason, I feel exceedingly proud of the honours thus conferred on me. In addition to, or rather in expansion of, the reasons I have already been obliged to give for desiring to join the illustrious and ancient Order, I may say that I have an intense love for everything which is good and has been handed down to us from the remote past. Ever since my boyhood, my intellectual pursuits as well as my professional duties have caused me to live much amongst the ancients; and it would be strange if the ambition had not sprung up in my heart of being, even in a humble way, identified with a Craft which the ceremonies of this evening compel me to regard as one of the most precious legacies bequeathed to modern times by antiquity. I was, also, attracted to the Order by its well-known cultivation, and manifestation of the splendid principles of brotherly love and charity, and by the fact that its creed, though stern in its requirements, is at the same time so pure and simple as to present a ground on which all virtue-loving men may meet and clasp each other's hands in a world-wide fellowship. Besides, although I live a somewhat retired and monkish life, I sought, in desiring to be one of the brethren of this great Order and a member of the Temple Lodge, occasional opportunities of mingling in such a society as this, possessing, as it does, at once a social and intellectual character. I am glad to find myself surrounded by a body of men whose countenances bear the impress of high intellectuality. I love a warm grasp of the hand, a good laugh, and a good song, although, in this last regard, I cannot myself contribute to harmony. In fine, Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren, I thank you for the honour to which you have raised me. I feel that, in being made a Mason, I have achieved a most desirable and honourable distinction: and I shall strive with your generous aid to be a good Mason. I am always seeking opportunities of adding to my knowledge; and you will allow that, if Charles Knight had seen me this evening, he might have included me among those heroes of whom he has so ably written, and who distinguished themselves by the "pursuit of knowledge under difficulties." The scope of my knowledge has this evening been greatly increased; and I am especially rejoiced to know that he who is a good Mason must of necessity be a true man.

KENTUCKY GRAND LODGE.

THE seventy-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky met at Louisville, on the 19th October. The proceedings were opened with the following beautiful prayer by the Grand Chaplain:

"Almighty God—Supreme Architect of the Universe—we desire to reverently recognize Thy righteous authority over us and all men. Thy throne is forever and ever, and the sceptre of Thy Kingdom is a right sceptre. We are the creatures of Thy hand and the sheep of Thy pasture; by Thy bountiful Providence we have been sup-