



PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SOCIETY OF GLASS TECHNOLOGY

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTY-FIRST MEETING.

HELD in St. Thomas's Hall, Stourbridge, on Wednesday, January 21st, 1920, at 3 p.m., Mr. S. N. JENKINSON, President, in the Chair.

The election of Mr. W. M. Clark, of Cleveland, Ohio, as American Treasurer was carried unanimously.

The Secretary was authorised to send greetings, in the name of the Society, to the newly formed Glass Division of the American Ceramic Society.

Reference was made to the visit of the Society to America about the third week in August. It was requested that the names of those who wished to join the party should be sent in to the Secretary as soon as possible.

On the motion of the PRESIDENT, a cordial vote of thanks was given to the local manufacturers of Stourbridge who had so kindly granted permission to members to visit their works during the forenoon, as well as to the local manufacturers who had not only generously invited to luncheon members outside the Midland area, but had also engaged St. Thomas's Hall for the use of the meeting. In proposing the vote of thanks, special reference was made to Messrs. J. S. and H. S. Williams-Thomas for the great trouble they had taken in making arrangements for the Society's visit.

Mr. J. S. WILLIAMS-THOMAS, J.P., O.B.E., in replying to the vote of thanks, hoped that the Society's visit to Stourbridge would be periodic. By comparing notes and working together, they would be enabled to overcome their difficulties.

Dr. TURNER then gave a paper on "The Factory Inspection of Glassware."

Before giving the paper, Dr. Turner directed the attention of members to a very kind promise made to him by Mr. Arthur Kimes, Editor of the *National Glass Budget* in America, that he would willingly give any information in his power to members of the Society concerning the American glass industry. Dr. Turner also said that members who made a point of obtaining all the possible scientific information on glass might like to know that they would be welcomed as members of the Glass Division of the American Ceramic Society. He had forms of application, which he would be pleased to issue to any member.

In the discussion on the paper, there took part:—The President, Lt. E. A. B. Willmer, Dr. Travers, and Messrs. W. Proctor, J. Northwood, and R. H. H. Wood.

Lt.-Col. C. W. THOMAS followed with a paper entitled, "Note on a Glasshouse Pot of Special Construction," copies of which were distributed among those present. A specimen pot was exhibited. The paper elicited a lively discussion, to which contributions were made by the President, Dr. Travers, and Messrs. J. S. Williams-Thomas, R. H. H. Wood, J. Northwood, W. J. Gardner, and N. Bache, Lt.-Col. Thomas replying.

The last paper on the agenda was "The Relative Durabilities of Potash and Soda Glass for Artistic and Table Ware," by F. W. Hodkin, B.Sc., A.I.C., and W. E. S. Turner, D.Sc. A discussion followed, in which there took part the President and Messrs. E. A. Coad-Pryor, J. Northwood, and W. Butler.

The PRESIDENT intimated that contributions of papers from members would be welcomed.

During the morning, through the kindness of the respective directors, members had an opportunity of visiting the following works:—Messrs. King Brothers (Stourbridge), Ltd., Fireclay Works; Messrs. Stevens and Williams, Ltd., Brierley Hill Glass Works; Messrs. Thos. Webb and Corbett, Ltd., Coalbournhill Glass Works; Messrs. Thos. Webb and Sons, Ltd., Dennis Glass Works.

A social gathering of members of the Society took place at the Talbot Hotel, Stourbridge, at 1 p.m., when a luncheon was kindly provided by the local manufacturers.

The following members were elected:—

Collective Members.

Glasfabriek "Leerdam," Messrs. Voorheen, Jeekel, Mijnsen and Co.,
Leerdam, Holland.

Ordinary Members.

Beaumont, Percy John	General Manager, Beaumont Glass Co., Morgantown, W.Va., U.S.A.
Bianchedi, Romulo	Consulting Engineer, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Brenner, Ralph Ferguson, B.S.	Chief Chemist and Glassmaker, Bartlett- Collins Glass Co., Sapulpa, Oklahoma, U.S.A.
Buck, George Grofflin.	Glass Bottle Manufacturer, Baltimore, Md., U.S.A.
Christmas, Edwin Bossward	A.M.I.Mech.E., Consulting and Mechani- cal Engineer, Prudential Buildings, Sheffield.
Svanlund, A. H.	Director of Glass Works, Askersund, Sweden.
McLellan, Wallace Albert	c/o Messrs. Thos. Webb and Corbett, Ltd., Stourbridge.