

Sir Edward
Elgar

The Clerk reported the death on 23rd February 1934 of Sir Edward Elgar Bt. O.M., G.C.V.O., Mus.D., F.R.C.M., Master of the King's Music and Honorary Freeman of the Company and Colliard Life Fellow. The Master expressed the regret of the Court the Members upstanding.

The Clerk read a letter of sympathy which the Master had written to Mrs Blake, Sir Edward's daughter, and her reply. P. Mr. Tasse Wyndham moved that the letters be recorded in the Minutes. This was agreed to.

Letter from the Master, R. Kemmerley Rufford Esqre to Mrs Blake on the occasion of the death of Sir Edward Elgar.

27th February 1934

Dear Madam

The news of the death of your distinguished Father will have been received with the greatest of regret by the whole Livery of this Company of which I have the honour to be Master. I hasten to write to express on behalf of myself, the Wardens Assistants and Members of the Livery their most sincere sympathy.

Sir Edward was as you may be aware, an Honorary Freeman of the Company and so recently as two and a half years ago he accepted to the great gratification of the Company the first Colliard Life Fellowship of the Company which Fellowship was founded in 1931. On the occasion of his acceptance of the Fellowship he attended the Company's Livery Dinner and charmed all in a happy after dinner speech.

It is fitting that this Company which has for its object the furtherance of music in all its branches should have had in honour one whose