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INTERESTING ITEMS

First let us say that this summer we can sympathize with those in the East. We are having an unusually warm spell and it makes us recall the heat of the East in the summer time. We were just making up our minds that a great many of our Eastern Lodges would close for the summer months when we received some letters indicating that no such thing was contemplated because of the interest in the work. This is encouraging news of course.

Speaking of the interest in our work we have received more letters of praise and enthusiasm regarding the work and teachings from members in the 9th degree in various Lodges than we have received from any other degree heretofore—in one city only does it appear that there are some two or three members who think that the ninth degree work is of little interest in their present progress and we find that these members have not gone far into the ninth degree and are basing their opinion upon some hearsay evidence purporting to come from some members in an eastern city. The ninth degree is moving very slowly because of eliminations that seem to be inevitable, even in this high degree, and we fear that those who listen to the discouraging reports from those whose purpose it is to discourage others will eliminate themselves by the attitude they take. As one member who is highly advanced in academic and scientific subjects wrote: "The ninth degree contains matter and help and revelations that are far beyond anything that could be anticipated by even the most hopeful member of our order," and this member added: "In several months I have learned more on the subject of anthropology than I learned in a three-year college course." Two words are given all ninth degree members as guides to their conduct. We think that a third word should be added—patience.

We have several important news items to report this month and we will begin with the interesting news of a wedding ceremony conducted in the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts on Wednesday evening, June 1st. On this occasion Sister Mary Francis Daniell and Brother Frederick C. Prussman solemnized their unity according to the Rosicrucian rites and during the ceremony of the uniting of their two souls, hearts, and minds in the bonds of marriage,

the Grand Master performed the symbolical acts of celebrating the marriage in the spiritual sense and this was followed by the formal legal ceremony performed by the Chaplain of the Lodge who is a Unitarian clergyman. The Temple was beautifully decorated, and with flower girls and ring bearers, and the officers in their oriental costumes, the ceremony was impressive and inspiring. We feel sure that all our members will send to our Brother and Sister in Massachusetts in our own way those thoughts of love and joy which will assure them of the happiness they anticipate and which should be theirs.

On June 9th a similar ceremony was performed in the Rosicrucian Temple at San Francisco. On this occasion Sister Neva Breeding, a member of the California Grand Lodge, and Brother Walter C. Priddy, a member of the National Lodge, were united in marriage according to our rites. In this case the Imperator conducted, first the symbolical ceremony whereby the uniting of the two souls was symbolized and then with relatives of the couple assembled in the center of the Temple the Imperator, as a Priest of the Pristine Church of the Rose Cross performed the formal legal ceremony according to the rites of that Church. The Temple was appropriately decorated and two little girls and a boy dropped flowers in the path of the couple and some of the Supreme Officers assisted in conducting the ceremony. There were many visitors from the East who were relatives of the couple and they were greatly impressed with the profusion and beauty of the California natural flowers used in decorating the Temple. The ceremony was performed late in the evening at the hour and minute determined by Astrology as being the most propitious for the bride and groom, assuring the unity of harmony and happiness, and our Brothers and Sisters everywhere will send to them also the very best thoughts for success in their new life. The wedding invitations and announcements for this ceremony were very beautiful and they were printed on two wooden boards, rolled on two wooden rollers, and were signed by the Imperator announcing the wedding ceremony.

We think it is necessary to add this interesting and sad incident to our

with the wedding ceremony conducted in the Massachusetts Grand Lodge on the first of June. A few minutes prior to the wedding the Grand Master, Sister Marie Clemens, in waiting upon the bride-to-be, fell in the hall of the Temple, through the carelessness of someone who was cleaning the hall, and she severely injured her arm and shoulder. The officers of the Lodge waited upon her and insisted upon someone else conducting the ceremony, but since no arrangements had been made beforehand for such a contingency, and since it is such an honor and pleasure to conduct such a ceremony, the Grand Master explained that she would demonstrate the principles of our teachings and master the conditions. Accordingly she entered the Temple again and went through the long and tedious ceremony without once indicating to the members assembled there that anything had pained her or perturbed her inwardly or physically, and she displayed supreme mastership throughout her work. Immediately after the ceremony, however, she was placed in the care of a physician and later taken to the hospital, where it was found she had fractured several bones and would have to be in a hospital for many weeks or months, and she is at present confined in the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. Our Grand Master displayed wonderful power and her conduct and masterful manner on this occasion should teach us a great lesson while thinking of the lesson let us feel the vibrations of strength, peace and joy.

The officers of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge have nobly rallied to the aid of the incapacitated Grand Master and are conducting the work of that Lodge in a manner pleasing to the Grand Master and the Supreme Officers, and we greatly appreciate the loyalty, love and sympathy thus shown.

In Flint, Michigan, the Grand Master of our Lodge there, Sister Ehrke, was invited by the large Buick factory to address the men on Tuesday, May 31st, at their special noon-day session. Reports state that about 1600 men were present and the topic requested by the committee was the nature of our order's work. Reports of the meeting state that the men were very enthusiastic, indicating their deep interest in the subject, and incidentally exhausted the entire supply of all forms of literature and reading matter that the Lodge in Flint had accumulated for this purpose. This is excellent work indeed and from many sources we learn that the activity of our Grand Master in Flint is becoming more widespread and of great general interest. The members of the Lodge there are arranged to give their vacation of four weeks, and this arrangement made it possible as a gift from the Lodge. The full activities in Flint are greatly increased and one of the principal projects will be the establishment of

a branch of the Pristine Church of the Rose Cross.

We are pleased at this time to announce that the Supreme Colombe of the Order is travelling entourage with her two Sisters as companions, visiting all the Lodges having high degrees within a circle that can be conveniently reached by the arrangements covering the various connections of the railroads during the vacation period. The three young women are officers of the California Grand Lodge and in the high degrees of our work. They left San Francisco on Wednesday, June 15th, and will make stops at such cities as Chicago, Niagara, Buffalo, New York, Waterbury, Conn., Patterson, N. J., Philadelphia, Lancaster, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburgh, and adjoining towns, Indianapolis, St. Louis, El Paso, San Diego and Los Angeles. They will return about the first of August and will have gathered much important matter for the Imperator in connection with the work of the members of the Supreme Lodge who are located in these various cities. In practically each city they will be the guests of the officers of the Lodges and in some cities Lodges nearby will visit the Grand Lodge to meet these official representatives, as, for instance, in Waterbury, Connecticut, the Grand Master there has visited the subordinate Lodge in Hartford and arranged for the officers of the Lodge in Hartford to visit Waterbury, Connecticut, on Sunday evening, June 26th, for the purpose.

We learn with considerable interest that the mummy of Queen Ti, the mother of our beloved Amenhotp IV, has been brought to America and is now in a museum in a southern city. With it was brought an ancient tablet which is of great interest to our order and this tablet has not been translated because of its many secret passages. A carload of priceless records were also brought with this mummy by the scientist who is interested in having them translated, in order to reveal much light concerning the childhood of the great leader of men and to determine how much of Amenhotp's teachings came through teachings of his mother and her religious beliefs. The coming of this mummy to America, where is also one of the tombs brought here from Egypt and an obelisk and many other important works of the days of old, including that priceless jewel of sacred history, a mummy of the Vestal Virgin of the Temple of Amen Ra, indicates the predicted gradual transition of the heart and soul of Egyptian mystery to "The land where the Eagle spreads its wings."

The Pennsylvania Grand Lodge reports that they will continue their work through the summer and are preparing for a first degree initiation of new members during the warm weather, and we learn from the Grand Lodge of Cleveland that the officers there are accompanying applicants for membership on a visit to Penn-

sylvania Grand Lodge in Pittsburgh for the purpose of being initiated in that Lodge by courtesy, and for the purpose of visiting. This is an excellent method of acquainting members of one Lodge with those of another. Pennsylvania Grand Lodge is also inducting a new Colombe for the coming term of office.

The Grand Lodge of Florida reports that they are making progress under the new operative plans and they have sent to Supreme Headquarters a petition for a branch of the Pristine Church of the Rose Cross in their city.

The Grand Lodge of Mexico has issued its first copy of the magazine published by them in behalf of the Order called "Hermes" and the magazine has been very favorably received by those of the Spanish tongue. Reports indicate that the work in Mexico is growing with interest and branch Lodges are being established.

We learn that the Grand Master of our Grand Lodge in Puerto Rico has been raised by President Harding to the rank of Major of the Medical Reserve Corps for his country. This is the second appointment that President Harding has made in this regard for this island.

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WHAT ONE THINKS OF US

Have you ever read anywhere in the Bible something about not judging others or passing judgment upon other persons? If you have you will be interested in a few sentences written by one who occupies a position as an editor of a popular occult magazine, where he can write with seeming authority on matters that pertain to occultism, as though unbiased, but behind the veil of seeming tolerance looms the significant and illuminating fact that the man is an officer of a very secret, if not strange and secluded organization, claiming to be a Cabalistic-Rosicrucian Order of isolated existence and independent operation, various representatives of which have from time to time visited our Lodges soliciting members for their organization, the while refusing to give the full name of the secret organization back of the representatives or even to admit who its head may be or where he is located; and this mysterious movement has never left any stone unturned in attacking our organization or similar organizations which revel in the bright sunlight of open propaganda and fair publicity.

In a communication which will remain in our official files for valuable reference in the near future we find our organization and our work referred to in such manner as this:

"Can it be that you take seriously the clap-trap, hodge-podge, which our good friend has had the sense to cast aside? It is a law of mental action that attention fixed in one place distracts it from another. Surely my friend, this has not happened to you? And yet I see

you write of "Rosaeucruicism," and the spelling shows plainly that you must at some time or other have been influenced by that accomplished falsifier whose "Pristine Church" presents every Sunday the beautiful spectacle of a group of genuinely earnest men and women blindly following a blind guide."

This man contends in the letter that not only are our teachings clap-trap and hodge-podge but that our teachers or masters are not sufficiently educated in academic studies to be able to give to seekers the light on the path which they come to our doors asking for. In this connection he says:

"I maintain that there is a certain standard, a certain intellectual equipment, a certain training of the mind that must precede any attempt to enter the occult path . . . The intellect plays a great part in real practical occultism, and unless a man has had his intellect trained he is not ready for occult study. . . I have known a few—a very few—people who deserve the title of occultist, but I never knew one of them who murdered his mother-tongue, or who was deficient in intellectual training."

This man further contends that teachings such as we are giving to seekers cannot be of practical value to the masses and that mysticism cannot be put upon a practical basis and that the great truths of nature, the great secret wisdom, and the light that millions are crying for, should be held the exclusive property and personal estate of a very limited few. Note what he says in this regard:

"I emphatically do not believe that any very large number of persons in any generation are prepared to undertake occult investigations, or enter upon the arduous path of occult training. . . . From the very nature of the secrets of the hidden sciences and from the very subtlety and power of the forces at the command of the practical occultist—to say nothing of other considerations—what I mean by occultism is necessarily exclusive. . . . The real secret sciences will be exclusive and reserved for the few until the end of time. . . . You will never find, my dear friend, any really occult teachings that can be taught to the generality of mankind."

Referring to members of our order whom he has met at different public meetings and who he admits were once seekers and genuinely interested, he says: "To teach occultism to such minds is like . . . to teach Conic Sections to a kindergarten."

The above notwithstanding, from letters written to our Supreme Grand Master and while we can sympathize with the Supreme Grand Master in his mixed emotions, the sadness that must come to him at the heads of our work in such derogatory terms, we must also smile when we think of the man. He must be, knowing that with his own communica-

tions with the members and the Masters of our Lodges and the words of many hundreds presenting the benefits derived from our teachings, he makes comparisons between the statements of those who are on the inside and know and those who are on the outside and want to prevent others from knowing. Furthermore, can we not see in the attitude of mind really held and assumed by the writer of the foregoing extracts that subtle power, that insidious system of propaganda or information, and that serious barrier to progress, which is being promulgated in this country and in other countries to prevent those who are in darkness from finding the light? Could we expect a more flagrant and arbitrary assumption of the right to hold knowledge as "exclusive" exercised by even the highest power of the hierarchies of spiritual-political kingdoms on earth? Would it not seem that the phrases quoted above emanated from a distant, foreign, walled garden, across the peaceful, inspiring waters of the Mediterranean, across the watery grave of a once enlightened continent, past the torch and light of the symbolical figure of Liberty, right into the heart and soul of a nation that demands freedom,—freedom from the dictates, the limitations, the slavery, the shackles of a tyrant who says: "Thou shalt not know, for that which is good to know is exclusive and only for the few!"

Thus speaks one of those who from time to time would attack our organization. Can we not be happy in the criticism made, and is it not joyous to know what one thinks of us?

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THE PRISTINE CHURCH OF THE ROSE CROSS

We wish to announce to all our members that after several years of plans and preparation the Pristine Church of the Rose Cross was finally established in America by being duly incorporated and granted full ecclesiastical powers under State laws. The first services of this Church were held by a branch of the Church established in New York City several months ago but the Mother Church, as it might be called opened its first services in what is termed the Aquarian Temple at the Scottish Rite Temple Building in San Francisco. Here a large hall properly arranged for Church services is specially prepared each Sunday for the Pristine Church service. An elaborate altar setting in gold and various colors including the symbolical cross, candles, standing lamps, and cathedral thrones, with incense urn and reading lectern, are placed upon the altar platform, and in front of this our own orchestral organ which was secured for the purpose of aiding our choir of ten selected voices to lead the service from the platform.

The first service was held on Sunday evening, June 2nd, with a large attendance and each Sunday since then the attendance has increased to the capacity of the place,

approximately 600, has been reached and the enthusiasm and sincere interest on the part of those who have attended justify us in seeking a larger place for our meetings. On Sunday evening, June 26th, there will be held the first monthly sacred symbolical feast in the Church after the regular service at which time those desiring membership in the Church will be formally accepted. And the services are bringing to Headquarters applicants for regular membership to this Church from those who have been for years seeking in various Churches and elsewhere the help and knowledge that they have gained in a few Sundays at the Pristine Church; and to say that those who have been patiently waiting for the establishment of this Church are enthusiastic over its success is to make a very mild statement. From every source, expected and unexpected, and from all classes of minds and from those who are members of many other Churches we have heard this same statement: "This is a great work, a good work, a necessary work, and we want to help it." Membership in the Pristine Church does not affect membership in any other Church and we wish to lay especial emphasis upon this fact. Several cities have already written to Headquarters asking for the establishment of Branch Churches this fall and we advise our members everywhere, whether in large cities or small towns to try and arrange for a Branch Church of this Body. The ritual is beautiful, the fundamentals of the religious teachings are inspiring, based upon our own Rosicrucian teachings and the opportunity given to the public to come together in worship and study or illumination on Sunday will be greatly appreciated everywhere. Our Supreme Grand Master is the Spiritual Head of the Church and our Imperator is the executive head of the physical organization of the Church wherever it may exist. In seeking information regarding the Church or in asking for permission to establish a Branch of the Church address your communications to Mr. Royle Thurston, Secretary, 1255 Market Street, San Francisco, California.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Those of our members who are interested in the international language as published in Number A of our Cromaat, and who wish to improve themselves in the writing of that simple language should correspond with Brother Earl Wayne Sutton, P. O. Box 244, Elyria, Ohio, who is extremely interested in forming a club of those who wish to correspond by souvenir post cards or letters in this language. This is an excellent opportunity to form a club of members throughout the various states for the exchange of post cards and for correspondence in a language which will be of great help some day when visiting foreign lands or foreign lodges.