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**Freemasons to Honor Prince of Wales.**

**TO BE INSTALLED SENIOR GRAND WARDEN OF ENGLAND.**

Coming largely on the programme of festivities organized to celebrate the return of the Prince of Wales from India and Japan, writes Frederick Cunliffe-Owen in the New York Times, is a great Masonic function in the Royal Albert Hall, where the presence of many thousands of masons and brethren of the craft, their apparel is to be solemnly inducted with the office of Senior Grand Warden by his uncle, the Duke of Edinburgh, who is the Grandmaster of the English Freemasons. The announcement thereof has led to an anonymous intimation in print on the sides of the Atlantic that the time is about to join the Order for the first time, whereas he was initiated years ago, in May 1919, as a member of the so-called Household Knights Lodge, which as its name implies, is confined to the officers of the regiments of Foot Guards, that is, the Scots, the Grenadiers, Coldstreams, the Welsh and Irish regiments, and to the three regiments of Household Cavalry, namely, the Horse Life and the First and Second Life Guards.

**ROYAL EXCEPTIONS.**

With the exception of the late Duke of Edinburgh, and Sir George, and King George, every other English prince of the blood has been a mason since Frederick, Prince of Wales, son of George II, and father of George III, first joined the craft, in the fulfilment of an annoying parent, with whom he was then at odds, and who, like so many Continental rulers—for he was King of Hanover—looked upon the mason as a revolutionary organization. The present King, like his grand-uncle, is stated to have pleaded that he was so constantly at sea in his youth, that he was unable to join the craft, while his accession to the throne, while other obstacles have been necessary to enumerate, and it will be sufficient to point out, that although Edward was a very enthusiastic mason, the retirement of the late Marquis of Cornwallis from the office, yet he felt himself impelled to resign the chairmanship of the Order to his younger son, Arthur, Duke of Connaught, on his accession to the throne. He has that his retention of the chairmanship might place him in an embarrassing position.

While he was still Prince of Wales, he was on several occasions visited by Masons, in Turkey, in India, and in various foreign parts, to use his influence, as

Grand Master, to bring about the liberation of the ex-Sultan Murad from the lifelong captivity extending over a period of over thirty years, to which he had been consigned by his younger brother, Abdul-Hamid, and to take steps for the recovery of his throne from which he had been ousted by Abdul-Hamid, under the false plea of incurable insanity. Edward VII. was likewise appealed to by that very brilliant and clever Prince Halim of Egypt, and by the latter's son (who, after becoming Grand Visier of the Sublime Porte, was murdered at Rome, a couple of years ago), to assist them in securing the recognition by the Khedivate of their rights as Princes of the Blood, to a share in the Khedivate property, and the restoration of their private estates in the land of the Nile, which had been confiscated by wicked old Khedive Ismail.

In fact so many demands were made upon Edward VII. while he was still Prince of Wales, by Masons at home and abroad, to use his power and influence as Grand Master, in behalf of foreign causes, often of a political or dynastic character, that he felt the impossibility of retaining his Grand Mastership after his accession to the throne.

Another difficulty with which King Edward was confronted, in connection with his Masonic activities, while still his parent, was the position which he was called upon to take up with regard to France. In England the Masons pride themselves on the fact that their lodges are purely philanthropic and non-political, and that their doctrines include reverent recognition of the Almighty, as the Grand Architect of the Universe. Now, in France, as in most of the Latin countries of the Continent, Masonry is essentially political, on the most advanced lines, and frankly atheistical, having banned all mention of the Grand Architect of the Universe from its ritual. When this policy of atheism was adopted by the Grand Orient of France, it created so profound a sensation among the members of the craft in England that it was unanimously decided to break off all intercourse with French Masonry, and brethren of the English craft were not only prohibited from taking part in any French Masonic functions, but even from admitting any French brethren to their lodges.

It fell to the lot of the then Prince of Wales, in his capacity as Grand Master, to communicate this break in all relations between the Masons of England and of France to the Grand Orient of the latter country. This was embarrassing enough for the heir apparent. But some time after his accession to the throne, the necessity arose of renewing the edict and of rejecting advances made by the Grand Orient of France, with a view to restoration of the former relations. Now most of the leading statesmen and politicians of the republic, from the President downward, are more or less prominently connected with the

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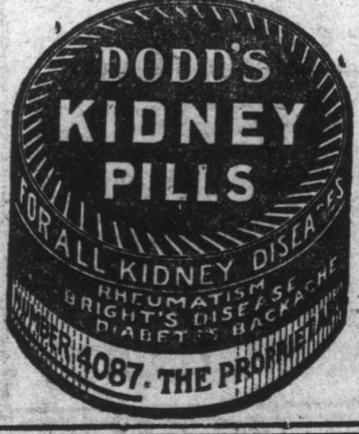
the trawl is placed well forward at the bows. There is, in addition, a room for the examination and weighing of fish brought up, by the trawl, while special conduits for sea water for use where specimens have to be kept alive have been fitted. The vessel will sail the North Sea primarily in the interests of science, but with a view, also, to practical results following a better knowledge of the fishing grounds. A writer in "The Scotsman" points out that the work of the research vessel may be classified broadly as that of providing data of the temperature and the salinity of the North Sea, and of collecting data relative to the microscopic animal and vegetable life of the sea, and its size and maturity of the fish captured in different areas. In this way, a mass of information will be built up, from which something definite in the way of knowledge of the migration and life history of the fish may emerge. Discoveries relating to the propagation of various kinds of fish have also an important relation to commercial fishing. The Explorer during its trial trip passed over one of the areas where one of the important modern discoveries was made—that the herring spawn lies in masses at the bottom of the sea in the form of a glutinous substance which adheres to the stones and rocks. A similar discovery made in Norway was that all other fish in the North Sea lay eggs which float on the surface, these being in the form of innumerable little transparent jelly-like units. One of these discoveries enabled the scientists to say to what extent the objections to trawling on the ground of disturbing the spawn of the fish were well founded.

**Balfour and His Waiter.**

(From Everybody's Magazine.)  
Sir Arthur Balfour, at a dinner in Washington, praised the American coloured people.  
"Often I judge Americans by this criterion," he said—"if they like coloured people, then I know they are likeable themselves—and vice versa."  
"Once I visited Washington, a good many years ago. All the hotel waiters were coloured then, and I confess I preferred the quaint colored service to the present sophisticated and elaborate service of the whites."  
"The day of my arrival, when my waiter, an old coloured man with snowy wool, brought me the menu, I put a coin in his hand and said:

**Just bring me a good dinner, uncle.**

"He brought me an exquisite dinner, and during my fortnight's stay we followed out this program daily."  
"The day of my departure, as I took leave of him, he said: "Good-bye, sir, and good luck, and when you or any of your friends what can't read the bill of fare comes to Washington, just ask for old Calhoun Clay."



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Panel 1: A man says, "WELL, WELL, WELL, WHO'S BEEN PICKIN' ON MY GOOD FRIEND JIMMIE!"  
Panel 2: A man says, "I SPILT A BOTTLE OF INK ON OUR NEW CARPET BOO HOO!"  
Panel 3: A man says, "THERE'S NO USE CRYIN' OVER SPILT MILK, M'BOY!"  
Panel 4: A man says, "IF IT WAS ONEY MILK THE CAT WOULD LICK IT UP—BUT WHEN IT'S INK MOMLL DO THE LICKIN' BOO HOO!"