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We learn with much satisfaction that the Caernarvon Royal Arch Chapter has been within the last few days regularly organized. The officers, whose names are given below, were duly and formally installed on Monday evening last.

The Companions of this new Chapter are all good men and true, well versed in the lore of Masonry, and energetic in all their undertakings connected therewith. Such being the case, there can be no doubt but that under their management the Caernarvon Chapter will prosper and multiply exceedingly; indeed, we are informed that the start already made is most encouraging, from fifteen to twenty names of good men and true having been laid before the Chapter for ballot at its next meeting. Whilst we congratulate the officers on this evidence of future success, we would earnestly advise a watchful guard at their portals, taking care that none pass who are not duly qualified.

The initiation fee is twenty-five dollars. For this sum all the degrees, viz., Mark-master, Past-master, Most Excellent, and Royal Arch are given; it also includes the fees to the Grand Chapter for registry and certificate. The officers of the Caernarvon Chapter are:

- M. W. Bro. A. Bernard—First Principal Z.
- R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson—Second Principal H.
- V. W. Bro. L. Levey—Third Principal J.
- Bro. Benjamin—Scribe E.
- Bro. Schiles—Scribe N.
- V. W. Bro. Towner, Principal Sojourner.
- Bro. Compain, 1st Assistant Sojourner.
- Bro. S. Browning, 2nd do do.
- Bro. Wm. Hanna, Janitor.

MASONIC BALL AT GIBRALTAR.

The 8th January, 1861, will be long remembered in Gibraltar, not only by the brethren, but by many of the uninitiated, and especially by the youthful members of the fair sex.

Since the visit of the Prince of Wales, nothing has caused so much excitement in the place as the Masonic Ball given by Inhabitants' Lodge, No. 178, with the co-operation of many of the other Masons of the garrison.

Subscribers tickets were issued to nearly 120 of the fraternity, who were honored by the presence of 200 guests. The Theatre Royal had been retained for the occasion, and tastefully decorated with evergreens, flags, and banners. We especially remarked the banners of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Andalusia, the Encampment and private banners of the Knights Templar, those of the Royal Arch, of the Knights of the Red Cross, and of

the Craft Lodge, No. 325, G. R. I. The whole of the decorating was done under the personal superintendence of Bro. Wilkinson, J. W. No. 178.

At 9 p. m., the brethren joined in procession behind the curtain, which was drawn up, whereupon the procession marched round the dancing-room, which was formed by laying a floor over the pit on a level with the stage, the assembled company looking on from the boxes, which were literally crowded with beauty and fashion. At a short distance, in rear of the lodge, marched the Knights Templar of the Galpe Encampment, to the number of about twenty. The band of H. M's. 8th Regiment, under the leadership of Bro. Vieshon playing a Masonic march. The variety of Masonic clothing and jewels greatly excited the admiration of the ladies. On a given signal, the procession halted. The band indicated a set of quadrilles, and the brethren dispersed to the boxes in search of their partners, with whom they soon appeared on the floor, where dancing was kept up with great spirit until 5.30 a. m.

His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir William Codrington, Governor of Gibraltar, Mrs. Codrington, and Miss M. Codrington honoured the brethren with their company, as did also Colonel Lacy, Assistant-Adjutant-General, and Miss Lacy; Lieutenant-Colonel Freemantle, Coldstream Guards, Assistant Military Secretary; Colonel Shuttleworth, Commanding Royal Artillery, and Mrs. Shuttleworth; Colonel V. Wilson, Commanding Her Majesty's 8th Regiment; Lieutenant-Colonel Frazer, Commanding Her Majesty's 6th Regiment; Major Robertson, Commanding 25th K. O. B.; Captain Morgan, and Mrs. Morgan; Captain Sayer, Police Magistrate, and Mrs. Sayer; Captain Brome, Governor of Military Prison, Mrs. and Misses Brome; Mrs. General Franklin and Mrs. Bugh; Mrs. Colonel Stehelin and Misses Stehelin; Mrs. Colonel Somerset, and Miss Jones, and Miss Simpson; Major and Mrs. Cartnew; Mrs. Julius Williams and Misses Power; Mrs. Captain Schreiber, Mrs. Captain Slade, Mrs. Captain Coope, Mrs. Captain Dowson, Captain and Mrs. Byrne, Mr. Swain, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. George Stokes, Lieutenant and Mrs. Davidson; Le Chevalier Power, Mrs. Power, and Senorita La Pena; Don Francisco Sanchez de Pena, and Senoritas Sanchez de Pena; Don A. Galliano, and Senoritas Galliano; Don Pablo Larios and Senoritas de Larios; Dr. Wortmann, Mrs. and Misses Grant, Mrs. and Misses Cairnes, Mrs. W. Carver, Misses Patterson, Senora Onetti and Senoritas Onetti, Mrs. Irwin, Mrs. Jackman, Mrs. Martin, and many others.

The brethren present were so numerous that an attempt to enumerate them would be futile; but we remarked some whose names may perhaps be mentioned as being well known to many readers of THE FREEMASON'S MAGAZINE Masonic circles at a distance; as, for instance, Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Poulet Somerset, C.B., N.P., Commanding H.M's. 2nd Battalion 7th Royal Fusiliers; B. Stehelin, Commanding Royal Engineers; Major A.R. Dunn, V.C. (100th P.W.R.C.); Major Hibbert (7th Royal Fusiliers); Major Middleton, A.D.C.; Captains Greville, O'Hara, Sill (Royal Artillery); Staines and Tewart (6th Regiment); Herbert, Dunbeny, Coope, Dowson, and Whigham (7th Royal Fusiliers); Dyer (8th); Pears (25th K.O.B.); Clery, Macartney, and Slade (100th P.W.R.C.); Julius Williams, Wortmann (Her Britannic Majesty's Consul); A. C. G. Swain, D. A.C.G. Wilkinson, D.A.C.G. Ingram, Patterson, Onetti, Jackman, Irwin, Martin, &c.

An excellent supper was laid out in the "salon," provided by Bro. Sales. The whole of the arrangements appear to have given general satisfaction, and both the brethren and their guests seemed to enjoy the fête greatly.

"Comparisons are odious," says an eminent English author, but we cannot help inserting the above, not as an article of news which in itself will be very interesting to our readers, though several of our subscribers are acquainted with many of the persons there mentioned, but solely with a view of showing

to the craft in this city the contrast between "Masonic assemblies" abroad and at home. In England, Ireland, Scotland, and all over the face of the world, (except in this good city of Montreal,) whenever a Masonic Ball is got up, every member of the order, from the highest to the lowest in the social scale, exerts himself to the utmost, that the affair shall come off with *eclat*; here, however, the reverse is the case. Out of eight lodges in this city, four hold warrants under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada; of the remainder, three retain warrants from England and one from Scotland. During a late festive occasion, and to which we alluded in our last number, (ostensibly got up under the patronage of the fraternity generally,) we were pained to see, a sort of desire, if we may so term it, on the part of the members of other lodges to render the latter's attempts in the production of a pleasant *re-union* abortive. Such a feeling on the part of the brethren cannot surely be masonic, or in any way productive of that truly fraternal characteristic, "who can best work, and who best agree." Had what we have already stated not been mentioned by several brethren in our presence, we should not feel called upon to make any reference to what has already passed, but from a careful examination of the present state of the craft in this city, we fear many Masonic Balls and like amusements will be hailed with as little delight, or attended with as few joyful hearts determined to please others and themselves, and in all probability productive of a little real benefit from a friendly interchange of fraternal feelings, as the one we have already referred to. On a more careful examination of the causes which have led to the present *status* between members of our order, we can find but few, and we imagine but one single motive actuating them all. The motive to which we have more direct reference is not confined by any means to the Fraternity, since the "green-eyed monster" plays a most active part in almost every undertaking, whether of a public or private nature. The harmony of the craft is disturbed by petty jealousies between different lodges, perhaps originated in the brain of some over-zealous brother, or the result of baser feelings, and sometimes even in faults which can be distinctly traced to the lodge itself. Cliques are formed, the right hand of fellowship is not extended fraternal feeling originating in the heart, and which should radiate outwards in every direction, is nipped in the bud and that *equality* which is one of the very foundations of our order is set aside by the ideas of a few, whose wealth and influence apparently entitle them to a higher position in the scale of good society. In England, where family heritage, entailed property, and a position held by the same family for generations, as is frequently the case, occurs, we are not so much surpris-