

*To the Officers and Members of the W. Grand Lodge of Orange Young Brylons, in
Grand Lodge assembled:*

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have just received official information that my name appears among the list of members expelled from S. S. Stratton Lodge, No. 41, O. Y. B., for non-payment of dues and contempt of summons. I trust you will be kind enough to bring the matter before the Grand Lodge, and have me reinstated, if possible. I might mention that I had no knowledge of the action of the Lodge until this morning, when I received a note from the Secretary. At this time the name had been sent in to the Grand Lodge, and, for aught I know, reported upon. It certainly does seem strange that such extreme measures should be resorted to without the erring member being first made acquainted with the preferred action, and allowed the privilege, which he is entitled to, of appealing to the Grand Lodge, if he so desires. As you well know, sir, my connection with the Press prevents the possibility of my attending meetings of the Lodge, and you are also aware that I refused to accept office for that very reason, knowing full well that I could not devote that time and attention to the advancement of the Order which it demanded. Under these circumstances, I claim that the Lodge was too hasty in the action taken, and ask you to report the matter to the Grand Lodge for final settlement.

Yours, fraternally,

W. J. CUZNER,

Ottawa, 13th Feb., 1878.