

## LONDON COLLEGE OF ADEPTS

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THE Metropolitan College approved of a proposal to form a Daughter College, as provided by the Ordinances ; to be called The London College of Adepts, the members of which must be members of the Metropolitan College and of one of the Adept or Higher Grades. Thus no Frater under Grade V° can be a member.

As the object of the new College is to enable Fratres to obtain Office and rank more quickly than is the case in the Metropolitan College, there is a provision that no Frater who holds, or has held office in any other College can take office in the new College, although he is eligible for membership of it.

The new College will be worked in conjunction with the Metropolitan College, meeting on the same days, and at the same place and working the Grades of the First Order (other than that of Zelator) and the Installation Ceremony. There will thus be a Grade worked in full on each evening instead of as now, singly, or in groups, at irregular intervals and often only in an abbreviated form.

The Joining fee is 10/6 and the Annual Subscription is 2/6. The year runs from October.

The consecration of the College took place at Mark Masons Hall on 30th November, 1922, the following being the Consecrating officers :—

The Right Worthy Frater William John Songhurst, IX° (*Senior Substitute Magus*).

R.W. Frater David Flather, IX° (*Junior Substitute Magus*), as Grand Celebrant.

R.W. Frater Hugh C. Knowles, VIII°, 9° (*Recorder-General*), as Grand Exponent.

R.W. Frater Stanley W. Rodgers, VIII°, 9° (*Secretary-General*), as Grand Secretary.

R.W. Frater The Rev. G. Freeman Irwin, VIII° (*Chaplain-General*), as Grand Chaplain.

R.W. Frater Walter Lawrance, VIII° (*Director-General of Ceremonies*), as Grand Director of Ceremonies.

R.W. Frater Dr. Charles Curd, VIII°, 9° (*Robert Fludd College*), as 1st Grand Ancient.

R.W. Frater J. S. Pritchett, VIII° (*Birmingham and Midland College*), as 2nd Grand Ancient.

R.W. Frater George E. Osborne, VIII° (*Lancashire College*), as 3rd Grand Ancient.

R.W. Frater Major R. Lawrence Thornton, VIII° (*William Wynn Westcott College*), as 4th Grand Ancient.

R.W. Frater Colonel R. J. Blackham, VIII° (*Chief Adept, North-West India*), as Grand Guardian.

W. Frater E. J. Nesbitt, IV°, as Acolyte.

The first officers of the College (nominated by the M.W. Supreme Magus) are :—

R.W. Frater The Rev. G. F. Irwin, M.A., B.D., VIII°, Celebrant.

R.W. Frater Colonel F. M. Rickard, 8°, as I.P.C.

R.W. Frater Lieut.-Colonel Cecil Powney, 8°, Exponent.

V.W. Frater Gordon P.G. Hills, VII° Treasurer.

R.W. Frater J. Walter Hobbs, VIII°, 9°, Secretary.

V.W. Frater Lieut.-Col. H. Hamilton-Wedderburn, VII°, 1st Ancient.

V.W. Frater G. A. King, VII°, 2nd Ancient.

V.W. Frater Dr. C. H. Perram, VII°, 3rd Ancient.

V.W. Frater B. Marr Johnson, VII°, 4th Ancient.

V.W. Frater J. Russell McLaren, VI°, Conductor of Novices.

V.W. Frater Lieut.-Colonel A. P. Ford Moore, VI°, Torch Bearer.

V.W. Frater F. J. Asbury, V°, Director of Ceremonies.

V.W. Frater Dr. F. J. Allan, V°, Herald.

V.W. Frater W. N. Bacon, VI°, Guardian.

After the ceremony the R.W. Secretary General read the following message from the Most Worthy Supreme Magus, who is at present in South Africa.

#### AN ADDRESS BY THE M.W. SUPREME MAGUS READ AT THE CONSECRATION OF THE LONDON COLLEGE OF ADEPTS.

RIGHT WORTHY MAGI and MAGISTRI, VERY WORTHY ADEPTI and  
FRATRES, ALL :—

It is a matter of great regret to me that age and circumstances render me unable to be present at this most interesting and notable Convocation of Masonic Rosicrucians; I am however, happy to know that I have been able to leave the conduct of affairs in very capable hands, and I am sure that the ceremonial and ritual are being carried on, and will be completed with accuracy and dignity. The Substitute Magi who are with you are very well experienced officers of the Society and have acted with me on many occasions. I well remember the scene at the earliest consecration of a Temple and Foundation of a Province and College, which I performed,

it was at Newcastle in 1890. The principal officers on that occasion have all passed away; there were R.W. Frater Charles Fendelow, the Chief Adept of Northumbria, R.W. Frater T. B. Whytehead, Chief Adept of York, Robert Roy who became J.S.M. at a later date, and S. L. MacGregor Mathers. One only so far as I know survives, F. F. Schnitzer, a notable student of Rosicrucian medieval lore. Our dear friend, R.W. Frater Seymour Bell, late Chief Adept of Northumbria, came later. My last effort at Consecration was last summer, I mean 1921, at Liverpool, of the Mersey College, which is now in quite a flourishing state.

I have been your Supreme Magus since January, 1892, more than 29 years ago. My predecessor served only 13 years, Dr. Wm. Robert Woodman, he was a well known Freemason and a learned student of the Hebrew Kabala. Before him came Robert Wentworth Little, the founder of the Metropolitan College, who held the Office twelve years.

By the earnest efforts of a long series of Celebrants and Secretaries, the Society has grown wonderfully in numbers, and by the guidance of a series of High Councillors has developed a character of steady perseverance in literary capacity, and has secured a permanent home, and a really valuable Library of works pertaining to our special studies. A great impulse to deeper study of the Mysteries of Antiquity, and the discoveries of modern times has been the result of the formation of the Metropolitan Study Group. This new scheme in the ways of Spiritual and Scientific development is largely the work of my S.S.M. and his energetic friend, Frater Gilchrist. We are about to print and publish a new edition of the English version of the "Fama et Confessio," that old tract which first told the world of the Rosicrucian ideal, and in this regard we have to acknowledge the work of our Frater Norman Pryce.

I am getting to be an aged man, and it cannot be long before our Society will need a new head, but the Magi and Magistri with whom lies the choice and election of the next Supreme Magus, will have, I think, no difficulty in finding a successor to me, who will add fresh honour to the Name of "Rosicrucian" in England.

I congratulate the Founders of this first Daughter College upon the result of their exertions and, I hope, that a long period of happy progress may be in store for it and for them.

With a sincere apology for my absence from this notable event, I charge you all to follow in the Way and by the Means, which have hitherto led the Name of Rosicrucian to be honoured and respected.

*Valete Fratres,*

WM. WYNN WESTCOTT, S.M., IX°.

ROLL OF FOUNDERS OF THE LONDON COLLEGE OF  
ADEPTS.

IX° :—Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, S.M., P.C. ; W. John Songhurst, S.S.M., P.C. ; David Flather, J.S.M., P.C.

9° :—S. W. Rodgers, Sec.-Gen., P.C. ; H. C. Knowles, Rec.-Gen., P.C. ; Dr. W. Hammond, Lib.-Gen., P.C. ; J. Walter Hobbs, M.S.A.G., P.C. ; W. Wonnacott, P.C. ; Dr. William Briggs, P.C.

VIII° :—Rev. G. F. Irwin, Ch.-Gen. ; Walter Lawrance, D.G. of C., P.C.

8° :—Col. F. M. Rickard, P.C. ; Col. Cecil Powney, H. Y. Mayell, Cel. ; H. G. Burrows, P.C. ; Sir J. A. Cockburn, Gerald Maxwell, F. C. Van Duzer, H. C. de Lafontaine, H. Burgess, F. E. Hamel, P.C. ; John Morgan, P.C. ; A. F. Gilchrist.

VII° :—P. Plowman, S. F. Fitch, L. C. Bentley, Col. Hamilton-Wedderburn, G. A. King, Dr. C. H. Perram, B. Marr Johnson, Gordon P. G. Hills, R. Y. Mayell, H. Budd.

VI° :—J. G. Gould, G. C. P. Baxter, Col. A. P. Ford-Moore, J. R. McLaren, J. J. Bucher, H. E. Barren, W. N. Bacon, L. F. Newman, H. E. Langridge, G. Inglefield.

V° :—C. H. Nicholl, H. F. A. Gough-Calthorpe, Dr. E. F. Rose, Rev. D. Bryant, R. Blake, W. Dewes, A. Cairn Hodge, F. J. Asbury, Dr. F. J. Allan, Rev. F. E. Crate, R. W. White, Major T. G. L. Lumley-Smith.