

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE, 1,055.—An emergency meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday week, at the Knights of St. John, Queen's Terrace, St. John's Wood. Bro. J. D. Caulcher, W.M.; Bros. Hardey and Frazer, as S.W. and J.W., and the whole of the officers were in attendance. Bros. Key, Hardey, G. J. Wood, and J. Drummond were passed to the second degree; Mr D. J. Allen, M.R.C.S., of Wellington House, and Mr F. Spice, of Lambeth Walk, were initiated. The ceremonies were performed in the W.M.'s usual excellent style, and he was most ably assisted by his officers. After the business was concluded, the W.M. informed the brethren that he had received from H.R.H. Prince Frederick William of Prussia, an answer to the letter the lodge did themselves the honour of forwarding to H.R.H. He would not add one word of his own in praise of its truly masonic spirit, but call upon their secretary to read it. It ran as follows:—

“Berlin, October 20th, 1898.

“Worshipful Sir and Brother,—I have had the gratification of receiving your letter, and am highly pleased to learn, from your fraternal communication, that the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, has constituted and appointed in London a new, regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the title and designation of the Prince Frederick William Lodge. I appreciate the full value of the honour which has thus been bestowed upon me, and it affords me peculiar pleasure to express to you and the lodge over which you preside my warmest thanks, for the exceedingly kind manner in which you have offered me a membership of the new lodge. I congratulate the brethren with all my heart, that they have laid the foundation stone of this new lodge, with their best endeavours to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Freemasonry. I sincerely hope, that, upon that foundation, a superstructure may be raised perfect in all its parts, and honourable to the craft. May the blessing of Heaven be showered upon the new lodge, and upon her members. May brotherly love prevail in her bosom always. May prosperity attend her, and the practice of every moral duty and social virtue cement her permanency, and perpetuate her usefulness.—Saluting you by the sacred numbers. I am yours, fraternally,

“FREDERICK WILLIAM, Prince of Prussia.

“To John Denis Caulcher, Esq.,

“W.M. Prince Frederick William Lodge.”

Bro. Watson, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Hardey, S.W., seconded, that the letter received from H.R.H. Prince Frederick William of Prussia, be entered in the minute-book, which proposition was carried by acclamation. The W.M., after the usual masonic toasts, proposed, “Long life, health, and happiness to his royal highness and his princess,” which was most cordially drunk. The W.M. then proposed “The Officers of the Lodge,” for which Bro. Miles Stapylton, the I.G., returned thanks; Bro. Watson, for the P.M.'s; and Bro. Cottrell, J.W., of No. 219, for the visitors. The W.M., officers, and brethren expressed their great satisfaction with the very excellent accommodation, attendance, and catering of their host (Bro. Stiles), who, in a few sentences, returned thanks, and said he would do his best to merit a continuance of their approbation. The evening was enlivened by the singing of Bros. W. Banks (organist), J. Drummond, J. Cottrell, W. Platt, J. D. Caulcher, and J. J. Hardey. After spending a most happy evening, the members separated, highly delighted with everything they had witnessed. The lodge will not meet again until March.