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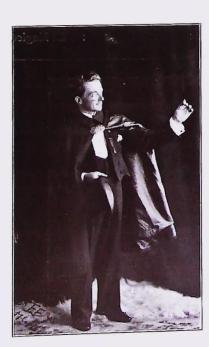
To me, it has been one long pleasure in assisting to arrange this Convention. I have received great support from Mrs. Bofeys, the Convention Committee, our Ring President, Mr. Oswald Rae, and many other members. Space will not permit all to be mentioned. The gentlemen who have so generously donated prizes, has enabled us to organise very interesting competitions, and the response to advert. 'space' has been most gratifying.

Our Poster subscribers have indeed done some excellent posters for us. In fact, members of Ring 25 have responded magnificently, and the Ring can now take a foremost place in the magical world.

In conclusion, I just want to THANK YOU ALL, and may this Convention be the first of many, and so help to strengthen the Friendship of Magic.

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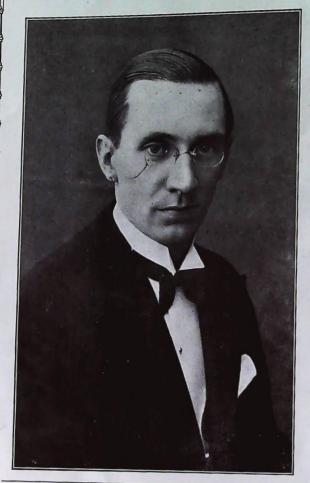
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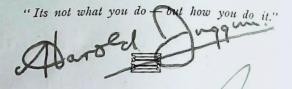
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The Foundation of the Brotherhood, and of the British Ring

For many years, many conjurers had been in the habit of corresponding with each other, in England, the Colonies, and the United States particularly.

This habit eventually grew so that a number of magicians in different parts of the world almost felt as if they all knew each other, although many of them had never met. From this germ of International friendship eventually grew the International Brotherhood of Magicians as we know it now.

A keen Canadian first conceived the idea of cementing the bond that already existed amongst the International magicians, and putting it on an organized basis. He was Mr. Len Vintus, and to him belongs the

honour of first forming the Brotherhood, in 1922.

It grew more rapidly than Mr. Vintus had ever dreamed, and the duplicated monthly magazine soon rose to the dignity of a printed publication, entitled the Linking Ring. As the brotherhood grew to such gigantic proportions, it soon became impossible for it to be controlled by one man. Later, Mr. W. W. Durbin of Kenton, Ohio, U.S.A. was elected President, and later still he also took over the editorship of the Linking Ring. Committees were formed, and the first Convention was held in 1926, at Kenton. The order grew, and now is 4,000 strong, with members in all parts of the world. Conventions have been held in

In 1928 Mr Oswald Rae conceived the idea of forming a British Ring of the Brotherhood. Several cities in America and Canada had already formed local Rings, and Mr. Rae had a paragraph in the Linking Ring, requesting British members to communicate with him with view to forming a British Ring. Only six replied, and although the constitution of the Brotherhood states that at least ten members are required to form a Ring, these seven members got together and formed a sort of unofficial Ring.

They soon found other I.B.M. members who just needed 'roping in,' and the required ten members having been obtained, a Charter was granted to Mr. Rae, by headquarters, and the British Ring No. 25

came into being.

At first the members just wrote a sort of general letter, which was sent around to each member, but again the keenness of the 'faithful few' resulted in the rapid growth of the Ring. An annual dinner was organized by Mr. Rae, and this also helped things, until finally it grew to its present strength of 50 members,

Mr. Rae was elected President, Prof. Bofeys, Vice-President, 'Dleisfen,' Secretary, and Messrs. W. Kemp, Laurance Glen, and Nelson Denys with the Officers, formed the committee. The Ring now boasts its own duplicated monthly budget, the dinner is an annual event, and in 1930 the first London show was

held.

Earlier in the year, Mr. Rae attended the American Convention, at Fort Wayne, Indiana, U.S.A., and about the same time Prof. Bofeys, the Vice-President of the Ring, started to organize the first British Convention. He has worked nobly in this cause, spending both time and money, putting in every spare minute, to ensure the success of the undertaking. Needless to say, all members were out to support him in his great task, and the result is the Convention, at which this programme is obtainable containing these notes. Mrs. Bofeys too, has been his unfailing and loyal ally. The British Ring owes its inception to Mr. Oswald Rae who carefully nursed it through its infancy, and later it owes much to Dleisfen, its indefatigable Secretary.

The seven foundation members, who must indeed be proud of the Ring to-day, are as follows:-

Oswald Rae, known as The Bewildering Humorist. President, British Ring; British Representative, I.B.M.; Member, Society of American Magicians. Professional magician, and author of several books on the magic art.

Prof. Bofeys, Vice-President, British Ring, I.B.M. Chief organizer of the first British Convention, and well known as a Magician in Cheltenham and its environments.

W. W. Kemp. Committeeman, I.B.M. Was responsible for the organizing of the first London Show. Well known for his Concert Party work in London, and also on the wireless.

Nelson Denys, Committeeman, I.B.M. Professional magician and magical dealer, from Luton, Beds. Joe Rendell, professional magician, who hails from Wellington, Somerset, and has appeared at all the leading halls in the country with his "Silk Act." C. Ducarel, of Leeds, one of Britain's oldest Magicians, who will soon be thinking 80 years of age is

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First Prize Second Prize Third Prize	 10. Best Original Card Trick. Box of Numbers Fako Deck	presented by Nelson Denys presented by Elmer Eckam, U.S.A. presented by S. W. Reilly, U.S.A.

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Saturday, June 27th, 1931

10.0 a.m. Morning Session. Magical informalities

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11.0 a.m. Finish of Competitions (if not completed on Friday)

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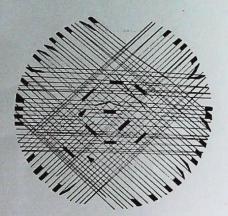


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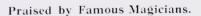
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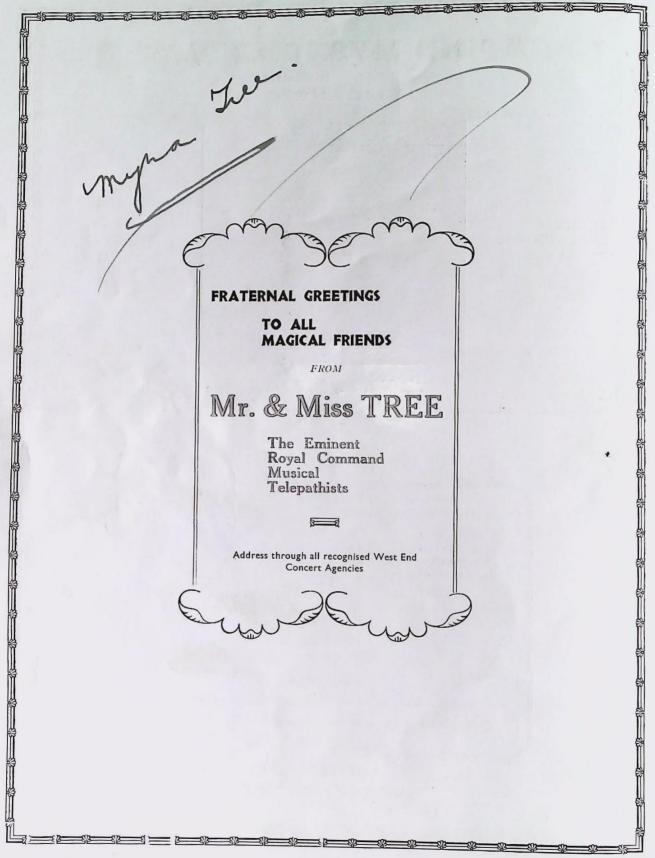
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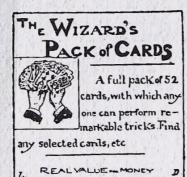
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