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WELCOME TO KING CARNIVAL.

WE should like very much to dwell on the origin of this pagan festival which has become magnified and distorted into the pagan festival of modern times.

But the story has been reiterated time and again and most if not all our readers would be bored to have it repeated here once more.

It is a festival of revelry to which the people of Roseau and indeed the whole population of Dominica always look forward, with the greatest enthusiasm and delight.

It could be put to greater uses than have been hitherto imagined, but this island has always tended to be conservative in matters of this kind. Sudden improvement has been avoided because there is fear of criticism encircling the community's lack of means to make the Carnival Season a real pageant that can benefit each and every section of the community. We can only hope that the Carnival Committee will be successful in its efforts to make the Season pass by as happily and as decently as possible.

We must commend the people of Roseau very highly for having done their best in the past to avoid indecent songs which do not help either youth or adult, and urge each and every one to make the best of the two Bank Holidays which by ancient custom we are entitled to, for the innocent purpose of revelling into a little fun and frolic.

King Carnival is in the air, and although at the moment of writing the Queen has not been enthroned, we take this opportunity to accord them a hearty welcome.

We hope that every individual concerned will do his or her best to make this Carnival a greater success than it has ever been before, and that the improved tone of this community will reflect itself, in view of the fact that it is really the Lenten Season which is opening before us.

A REVIEW

IT can not be denied that Mr. A. L. Polak in his new book: "Puffs, Bulloons and Smokeballs" has shown a great deal of erudition and proved that he is a master of the pen. The book contains short essays on various topics, mostly of the detective type; and this is not to be wondered at since the author is a Solicitor of the Supreme Court. They are replete with wit and humour and inoffensive sarcastic remarks on men, women and things.

The only blemish in the otherwise faultless book is a quotation, offensive to ears polite, from a French novelist, one of the most impious, obscene and smutty of French writers, who does not deserve to be quoted in a book that respects itself. Mr. Polak has written several books which, one and all, have received an excellent welcome from the public. The illustrations in the new book are fanciful, but always to the point; the paper and printing are A 1.

The price of 10/6, package and postage included, for a book of 137 pages may at first sight seem rather high; but it is not exorbitant.

The book can be ordered from
Justice of the Peace, Ltd.
One Little London,
Chichester, Sussex,
England.

Correspondence.

30th. January, 1953.

To the Editor

Dear Mr Editor,—Permit me space in your columns to publish the following in connection with the Poor Children's X'mas Tree. First let me thank you for placing your columns and doing all our printing free of charge; His Lordship for free use of the Park Grounds; His Honour the Administrator for his support; the Agricultural Dept, the Public Works Dept, the Electrical Dept, the Music Lovers Band, the Local Charities Committee, and the various subscribers to our list who through their generosity in cash and kind made the X'mas Tree the success that it was. Last, but not least the C.N S Co. for their generous Gift of that beautiful tree.

Again thanking you.

Yours truly,

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To other disbursements	53.14
	$ 414.14
By balance 1951- -	$ 123 00
" contributions 1952	206.00
" " Local Charities Committee	60.00
"R. T. Council	24.00
" Balance	1.44
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Poor Children's X'mas Tree Fund
(Signed) C. G. PHILLIP
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