

man, Esq., W. M.; Luther Newcomb, S. W.; Refus Stewart, J. W.; Ebenezer Gould, Eliphalet Bangs, Elijah Strong, Nehemiah Wright, Timothy Rose, Levi Aldrich, Charles Kilbourne, and Libbens Chase. The Festival of St. John the Baptist was annually celebrated in a manner highly creditable to the Lodge, producing, in the minds of the people generally, a favorable opinion of the institution.

Notwithstanding the general harmony which prevailed among the Brethren, although residing under different governments, yet the Canadian members were occasionally subjected to some petty annoyances from the service of legal processes for old debts contracted previous to their coming into that country. A remedy for this difficulty was subsequently attempted. Their hall was destroyed by fire, by which the Lodge sustained a serious loss. From this destitute situation a superb and stately building (so esteemed at that time) was erected by Johial Borjman, Esq., situated directly on the boundary line, with a spacious hall, one half in Canada, and the other half in Vermont, with ingress and egress on each side of the Line. This arrangement rendered it safe and convenient for the Brethren on both sides of the Line to meet upon the Level and part upon the Square, unmolested by the impertinent interposition of public functionaries, imperiously demanding something of a mineral or metallic kind, to be laid up as a memorial that he had then and there cancelled some long-standing, old account. Under this happy and convenient arrangement, the business of the Lodge proceeded harmoniously, with a good degree of unanimity and fraternal feeling, subjects, however, to occasional interruptions arising from unsubdued passions, uncircumscribed desires, and unmasonic practices, of some imperfect craftsmen. This state of apparent tranquillity was once more disturbed by an unforeseen occurrence. The clashing interests of the United States and Great Britain involved their subjects in a ruinous war, declared at Washing-