

me: "That *what my hands find to do, I must do it with all my might;*" ever remembering: "That truth is a giant—she is divine—and all the armies arraigned against her will surely be brought to shame."

Another year may find my place vacant in your ranks, and it be no longer permitted me to address you; let me then implore you to guard well the "sacred landmarks" of the Order against all innovation, and all attempts to change or modify its doctrinal teaching.

I now wish to express to you the gratification and pleasure I have always felt at our reunions, and my warmest acknowledgments for the sympathy shown me in hours of affliction, and the many kindnesses I have received at the hands of my brother Templars. "It leaves a bright halo in the memory that is enduring." My life, like all the rest of the human family, has been full of changes and many vicissitudes, which I have been mercifully spared and strengthened to bear up against and beyond the allotted term of man's existence, have ever striven to follow the family motto I inherit:—

"FORTIS CADERE, CEDERE NON POTEST."

Fratres: I am, in the bonds of the Order, Faithfully and fraternally, your Frater in Christo,

V. D. † S. A.

FR. † WM. J. B. MACLEOD MOORE,
GREAT PRIOR, G. C. T.
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Prescott, Ontario, Canada,
July, 1885.

APPENDIX A.

To show the diversity of opinion as to the origin and intention of Freemasonry, I quote the following extract from a letter to me by a friend and brother, an admitted reliable antiquarian Masonic authority, which may be found interesting:—

"My idea is, that between 540 B. C. and 36 B. C., three great men met in Babylon. These three were: Daniel (the Prophet); Pythagoras, and Confucius. Daniel, you will find, was the great Chief of Babylon in 536 B. C., when the Jews in that year began to return, and the second Temple was finished, 519 B. C. Now Daniel died 534 B. C. If the Jews were returning in 536 B. C., and going to re build the Temple, of course there must have been a great commotion in consequence, and my idea is, that these three founded something to commemorate the building and glory of the first Temple, and this was carried back to Jerusalem, where 'Pythagoras' afterwards went, 'Confucius' going last, and Daniel dying. Of course, this is *vastly* different from our present system and was *one degree*. If this be not the origin, how learn we the building

of the Temple, &c.? and how is it we find everywhere a 'Jew and Freemasonry?' Was it that this degree was founded for the purpose of keeping proof of the Bible account?—same as the 'MOABITISH' Stone, which refuted 'COLENSO?' and since, we learn had formed the original Babylonish library, which confirms Daniel, and many other parts of Holy Writ. My idea being, the Almighty always sent three witnesses:—1. The Bible; 2. Jews; and 3. Freemasonry, and some other, such as the Moabitish Stone. Why so? Who dare, or can tell?"

Now, how Freemasonry got into Great Britain, who can tell? But my idea is, that it was known to the "Jesuits" and "Jacobites," and used by both. They founded the Royal Order (of Scotland). This was the first Parasite. I think they also invented the second (2nd) degree, taking it from the first. The third (3rd) and chair degrees, were certainly *added* since 1717. But who did so? I cannot tell. Of course, during the dark ages everything was Christianized, and hence the Virgin Mary, &c., &c., was introduced into the old charges.

The next parasite, was the A. & A. S. Rite, founded at Berlin, with twenty-five (25) degrees, enlarged in Paris to thirty-three (33). Since then, no end of parasites to make money, for the masses and please fools. Of course, I do not say their rituals may not be good and sound.

My idea is, that a Jew can join us to the Royal Arch, and there *ends* Freemasonry. Of course, I include in this the Mark Degree.

It is sad to see the quarreling and trouble these so-called High Degrees give us, and I know too much of them.

APPENDIX B.

COPY OF LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE EMINENT
COMMANDERS OF THE SCOTCH ENCAMP-
MENTS IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, }
Office of the Grand Chancellor, }
Barrie, 2nd Dec., 1885. }

To George F. Pinder, Esq., E. C. St.
Stephen's Encampment, N. B., Knight
Templar.

Dear Sir and Eminent Frater:—

I am directed to inform you that at the Annual Assembly of the Great Priory of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, in the city of Toronto, on the 8th July, 1884, it was unanimously *Resolved*.—That the National Great Priory declare itself to be the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, having and holding absolute and supreme jurisdiction over the whole Dominion, in all matters relating to the United Orders of the Temple and Malta and appendant Orders in the Dominion of Canada (see printed proceedings 1884, page 35), and H. R. H. the Prince of Wales having surrendered all control over the Templar