

to bear up against beyond the allotted term of man's existence, and 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.

And Supreme Grand Master in Canada.

Prescott, Ontario, Canada, }
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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 536 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