

In the words of Dr. Mackay, "viewed in this light, as a modern invention, and as forming no part of ancient Freemasonry, we cannot fail to admire it, as an ingenious and beautiful adaptation of a universal system to a more contracted principle, and as a pardonable, if not indeed a praiseworthy, attempt to apply the sublime principles of our all-tolerant order to the illustration of that last and most perfect dispensation under which we are now living."

A fervent desire to see these orders fully carried out, and perhaps an overweening anxiety that Masonry may still further exert her influence in effecting that due restraint upon our affections and passions which renders the body tame and governable, and frees the mind from the allurements of vice and temptation, has induced me thus to address you, and though I have already occupied too much of your valuable space, I now close with a hope that this may elicit the opinions of older and brighter masons than myself relative to these important, though much neglected degrees, which we all trust will aid us in reaching that Lodge above, not made with hands eternal in the Heavens.

Yours fraternally,

T. C. R. +

Montreal, June 1, 1860.

#### FUNERAL LODGE.

(From the Glasgow daily Herald, Feb. 16, 1860.)

Last night, a Funeral Lodge, in memoriam of the late Professor Nichol, was held in the Queen's Rooms. There were upwards of 600 brethren from various Lodges present, and the solemn proceedings were highly creditable to all concerned. The deceased brother was P.M. of the Glasgow Kilwinning No. 4, and the arrangements, which were business-like and successful, did the brethren of that Lodge the greatest honour. The splendid room of the excellent building was modestly and chastely decorated, and the different deputations were received and conducted to their places in fine order and precision. Brother Sir Archibald Alison presided; Brother R. A. Cooper was Senior Warden, and Br. Bexfield Junior Warden. On the platform, beside Br. Sir Archd. Alison, were—Br. Sheriff Strathern; Br. Councillor John Binnie, R. W.M., G.K.L., No. 4; D.M., Br. Gilmour; chaplain. Rev. Dr. Graham; Proxy Master, Br. Houstoun; Treasurer, Br. Sinclair; Br. Whinton, Mother Kilwinning; Br. Wilkie; Br. Peter McKenzie; Br. David Bell, G.K.L., No. 4; Br. John Gilmour; Br. James Tassie, secr.; Br. Hedderwick; Br. Drummond; Rev. Br. Henderson; Br. Bailie Dreghorn; Br. Dewar, S.M. of G.K.L.; Br. J. W. McGregor; Br. Donald Campbell; Br. Fleming; Br. Swan; Br. Neilson; Br. Deuchar, Edinburgh; Br. M'Adam; Br. Deacon Couvener M'Lellan; Br. Inglis; Br. Cruickshanks; Br. Cree; Br. M'Callum; and Br. Hutton.

The following Lodges were represented by deputations.—

Doric Kilwinning, No. 68; Mother Kilwinning; Ayr Royal Arch, No. 165; Aitchie, No. 384; New Monkland Montrose; Thistle and Rose, No. 73; St Mungo, No. 27; Glasgow St John's, No. 372; St. George's No. 333; Provincial Grand Lodge; Coltness St Mary's, No. 41; Shamrock and Thistle; Renfrew County Kilwinning; St Clair, No. 362; Galedonian Railway Lodge; St Muren's, Paisley, No. 129; Thistle, No. 87; St Mary's Patrick; Star, No. 219; St Mark's, No. 102; Old Monkland St James, No. 177; Ayr Kilwinning, No.

124; Union and Crown, No. 103; Leith Canonicate Kilwinning, No. 5; Lodge, No. 37; Edinburgh Journeyman Lodge, No. 8; Celtic Edinburgh; Irvine St Andrews, No. 149.

The Masters of all the above Lodges were present.

Brother Sinclair, Treasurer of the G.K.L., No. 4; read the following apologies:—

"Sheriff's Chambers, Glasgow, Feb. 15, 1860

"Sir and Brother.—It occasions me great disappointment and regret that I am prevented by a previous and unavoidable engagement from being present at the Funeral Lodge to be held this evening, in honour of the late John Pringle Nichol. He had no friend in Glasgow or anywhere else who lamented more truly than I did his premature death. He was one of those men whom it was impossible to know without loving. His extensive scholarship and great literary attainments, far from checking or circumventing the general sympathies of his nature, seemed only to intensify and widen them; he looked upon all humanity with a generous and manly interest. His opinions, though decided, were never bigoted, and his impulses all tended towards the moral and intellectual freedom and elevation of mankind. I have spent many delightful hours in his society, often agreeing with and admiring him, occasionally differing, but losing no jot of his friendship by honest independence of thought.

"I felt, as we all did, that his death created a void which will perhaps never be filled up. The respect which his masonic brethren are to-night paying to his memory was never more justly due, or, I believe, more sincerely offered.—I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

"HENRY GLASSFORD BELL

"To Brother H. M Sinclair, Treasurer  
G.K.L., No. 4."

"3 Clarendon Terrace, Camberwell  
New Road, London, Feb. 10.

"Dear Sir,—I have just received your note, which has been forwarded to me here. Will you be kind enough to convey to the members of your Lodge my expression of thanks for the tribute they design to pay to the memory of my father, and my sense of the honour they propose to confer upon myself? If it had been possible for me to be in Glasgow on the 15th I should have gratefully accepted their kind invitation. Unfortunately, I am detained here by the sudden death of a near relative, and obliged to absent myself from your meeting.

"I hope to avail myself of an early opportunity of enrolling myself among the members of your Lodge.—Yours, very truly, "JOHN NICHOL."

The following programme was strictly observed: During the assembling of the brethren, Handel's "Dead March in Saul" was performed on the grand organ by Brother Henry A. Lambeth.

#### OPENING OF LODGE.

##### SERVICE.

Hymn, "St. Mary's," all the Brethren joining.

"Fair as a beautiful tender flower  
Amid the desert grows;  
So blessed by a rebel race,  
The Heavenly Saviour Rose.

"Rejected and despised of men,  
Behold a man of woe;  
Grief was His close companion still;  
Through all His life below.

Yet all the griefs He felt were ours  
Ours were the woes He bore;  
Pangs not His own—His spotless soul  
With bitter anguish tore."

Pmyer, by Brother the Rev. Dr. John Graham, Chaplain.

##### GRAND HONOURS.

Aria, "The people that walked in darkness" Handel.  
Brother John Fulcher.

##### SERVICE WITH RESPONSES.

Chaplain—"What man is he that liveth and shall not see death?" Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of death?"

Brethren—"Man walketh in a vain shadow; he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them."

Chaplain—"When he dieth he shall carry nothing away. His glory shall not descend after him."  
Brethren—"Naked he came into the world, and naked he must return. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

##### GRAND HONOUR.

##### FUNERAL ANTHEM,

Composed expressly for the Occasion, by Brother John Fulcher.

To be Sung by Brothers Ray, Keays, Tomlin, Fulcher, and an Amateur.

Quintette—"We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Alto Solo. Brother Keays.  
"Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days, that I may be certified how long I have to live?"

Quintette—"Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days, that I may be certified how long I have to live?"

Tenor Solo. Brother Stenbridge Ray.  
"Oh! teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom."

Quartette—"Oh! teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom."

Baritone Solo. Brother Wm. Tomlin.

"Turn Thine again, O Lord, at the last, and be gracious unto thy servants. Show thy servants thy work, and their children thy glory."

Quintette—"The dead praise not Thee, O Lord, neither all they that go down in silence."

Female—"But we will praise the Lord for evermore!"

##### SERVICE WITH RESPONSES.

Chaplain—"Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

Brethren—"God is our God for ever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death."

##### GRAND HONOURS.

Recitative. "Behold I tell you a mystery." Handel.  
Aria. "The Trumpet shall sound."  
By Brother Wm. Tomlin.

##### FUNERAL ORATION.

By Sir Arch. Alison, Bart.

Recitative and Aria, by Brother Stenbridge Ray.  
"Comfort ye my people."

"Every valley shall be exalted."—Handel.

Funeral March. Instrumental. Beethoven.

By Brother Henry A. Lambeth.  
Chorale. "Since Jehovah is my Shepherd."—Rosenmuller.  
By Brothers Keays, Ray, Tomlin, and Fulcher.

##### SERVICE WITH RESPONSES.

Chaplain—"May we be true and faithful: and we may live and die in love."

Brethren—"So mote it be."

Chaplain—"May we always profess what is good; and may we always act agreeably to our profession."

Brethren—"So mote it be."

Chaplain—"May the Lord bless us, and prosper us; and may all our good intentions be crowned with success."

Brethren—"So mote it be."

Chaplain—"Glory be to God on high! on earth peace, and good will towards men."

Brethren—"So mote it be; now, from henceforth, and for evermore. Amen."

##### GRAND HONOURS.

Aria. Brother Keays.

##### PRAYER.

By Brother Rev. W. D. Henderson.

Anthem—"Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake."—Farrant.

By Brothers Keays, Ray, Tomlin, Fulcher, and Chour.

##### GRAND HONOURS.

National Anthem—To be sung by the whole Brethren in chorus.

##### CLOSING OF LODGE.

"Dead March in Saul, Instrumental, Handel.  
By Brother Lambeth.

Brother SIR ARCHD. ALISON, in alluding to their deceased brother, in honour of whose memory the Lodge had been called, spoke of the loss which not the brotherhood only, but the country and the world, had sustained. Early devoted to the study of those brilliant gems which had been matter of investigation from the days of the spherics of Chaldee till the time of Lablache and the philosophers, he showed himself a man of great genius and worth. For a long time it had been largely believed that the systems so well seen for the past few evenings, would dash themselves together, and so work their own destruction. It had, however, lately been discovered that these grand creations were kept in their place by what was called the centrifugal and centrifugal forces—forces which guided the pebble from the hand of David to the skull of Goliath, and the apple which Newton saw fall from the branch of the tree to the ground. The deceased brother contributed largely to the