

out of England by the *real* York Masons, composing the Grand Lodge of all England, held at York. So the American '*York Rite*,' is quite as much a misnomer and an error as it is contrary to fact and absurd to deny the existence of the Grand Lodge of all England, held at York, quite independent of either '*Moderns*' or '*Ancients*.'

"Of the *York* manuscripts, six manuscripts of the old Constitutions bearing this title are thus dated: No. 1, 1600; 2, 1704; 3, 1630; 4, 1693; 5, 1670; 6, 1680. No. 3 is now missing, although mentioned in the inventory made at York in 1779. Nos. 2, 4, and 5, are now in possession of the York Lodge. Recently Bro. Hughan discovered Nos. 2 and 6 in the archives of the Grand Lodge of England, at London. The dates do not correspond with the numbers. Of these manuscripts, No. 1 was published by Bro. Hughan, in his '*Old Charges of British Freemasons*.' And Nos. 2 and 4 by him in his '*History of Freemasonry in York*.' The other manuscripts are as yet unpublished.

"The manuscript of 1680 is curious from its ending, which is unique:—*'Doe unto all as you would be done unto, and I beseech you at every meeting and assembly, you pray heartily for all Christians—farewell.'*"

"Thus, as Hughan sums up, 'we have, as far as we know, one manuscript of the fourteenth, one manuscript of the fifteenth, one manuscript of the sixteenth, fourteen manuscripts of the seventeenth, and three manuscripts of the eighteenth centuries, all being original versions of the Constitutions of the Freemasons prior to the existence of Grand Lodges, and all agreeing in matters of importance.'

"Hughan says the first Grand Lodge was formed in London. Before then, no such body existed, with a Grand Master, anywhere in the world, although, of course, for centuries the Annual Assembly had been held, but no Grand Master or Grand Wardens were ever appointed. In or about 1756, the Grand Lodge of the Antients was formed partly (and expressly, in fact), to work the Royal Arch."

Grand Master and Grand Secretary both re-elected.

444 Lodges with a membership of 29,278.

PENNSYLVANIA—1874.

From the abstract of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the year 1874, we gather the following:

Quarterly Communication held at Philadelphia, June 3rd, 1874, at which the following resolutions were adopted among others:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge learns of the death of its late Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL H. PERKINS, with sincere regret and profound sorrow, allayed by the fact that he has gone to his grave 'full of years and full of honors.' He is a loss not only to this Order, of which he was for so many years an honorable, useful, and efficient member, but to the community at large, in which his sphere of usefulness was widely extended, and generally and profitably felt.

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