

Canada, you heartily endorsed the plan. Every brother who joined the Holy Land League was to be entitled to (honoray) life membership in the lodge at Jerusalem, without fee. It was upon this basis that the lodge was established. It was explicitly understood by all who have been informed by my personations on this subject, that they were to have this honor. The Masons in Jerusalem agreed to it as a fundamental law of their organization.

The lodge, in common with all lodges remote from its fountain-head, is doing but little good at present. You will remember that we proposed in 1873, to establish three lodges in the Holy Land, and then form a Grand Lodge as they did in Egypt. Could we have done this, a better state of things would now be manifest at Jerusalem. Do you ask why it has not been done? I answer, because I have had no funds to do it with. The establishment of one lodge there cost me two thousand dollars, which, were it returned to me now, would give me a quiet two years at home, and a rest from exhaustive labor which I greatly need.

Royal Solomon Lodge has done much good in the time it has been at work, and one of the "modest" aims of the new movement to which you alluded is to connect other lodges with it, and form a Grand Lodge at Jerusalem as soon as practicable. This, I am sure, will meet your approbation. The lodge is not dead. Were there only one well-informed Mason in Jerusalem familiar with the usage and workings of the Craft as practised in Canada, it would thrive. But the recent Turco-Russian war took away our best men. The American Consul (De Hoff), from whom we expected so much in the management of the lodge, was Masonically a *noir faincant*. Brother Floyd, who for several years carried the lodge on his shoulders, has got into business troubles which for the present affects his Masonic usefulness.

To establish a new organization, in which men of wealth and influence are combined, was, you will say, a wise step. All the old members of the Holy Land League, yourself and a thousand others in Canada, are members of it without fee, and will be consulted in its management. The eight "practical aims" named on your page 266, are the very same ones that made up my lecture at Port Hope in December, 1872.

Accept, my old and tried friend, the fraternal *Saloom* of

ROBT. MORRIS.

LaGrange, Kentucky, Oct. 14; '82.

THE Craft of Hamilton will entertain the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, at a Conversation, on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist (27th inst.) We have to express our thanks for an invitation, and hope to be able to be present. The occasion will, no doubt, be a most pleasant one, as the Hamilton brethren so well know how to make it.

Following are the officers of Beniah Rose Croix Chapter, No. 1010, Peterboro':—

- V. Ill. Chas. D. Macdonald, 35°, 95°, P. D. D. G. M., P. G. Z., P. P. Sub-Prior, England and Wales—(he has also been Chief Officer of Royal and Select Masters and Rome and Constantine.) K. C. T.
- Rt. Ill. E. H. D. Hall, 33°, 95°, D. D. G. M., P. Z., E. P., P. M. and Prov. Grand Master.
- V. Ill. R. P. Boncher, M. D., 32°, 95°; P. M., S. W.
- Ill. John Hull, 32°, 95°; P. M., Gr. Steward.
- Z. Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, J. W.
- Ill. Robt. Stewart Davidson, 32°, 90°; W. M. Peterboro' Lodge, No. 135, Orator.
- Ill. Sparham Sheldrake, 32°, 90°; Prelate.
- Ill. H. C. Winch, 32°, 98°; P. M., P. Z., P. G. D. of C., Conductor.
- Ill. R. E. Wood, 32°, 90°; S. W., Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, Treasurer.
- Ill. R. A. Monow, 33°, 90°, P. M., S. E. of Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Capt. of G.
- Ill. Bro. Mackenzie Stewart, 33°, 90°; Gd. of Tower.
- Ill. E. J. Toker, 32°, 90°; Organist.
- Ill. Jos. Newhold, 32°, 90°; Sentinel,
- Ill. A. H. Gilbert, 32°, 90°; A. P. M., Archivist.