

were have spoken against him. These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts, and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage."*

This is the prediction of the patriarch Enoch, before the flood, which the apostle Jude applies to the latter times. It appears, then, that letters were in use in Enoch's time; from which it may be inferred, that your association must have existed before his day. It is equally evident, since hieroglyphick language was retained by your order after it had long ceased to be used by the rest of mankind, that you have had some sacred and inviolable system to preserve it from oblivion. To make this more plain to those who do not understand the language of signs and hieroglyphicks, which is the first language of nature, and easiest to be understood by the unlettered and unlearned, permit me here to mention some of those figures or emblems, used publicly in your society.

The *Pot of Incense*, in your language, represents a pure heart, which is always an acceptable offering to the Deity. The *Bee Hive* is, to you, an emblem of Industry; and teaches that we should not sit down contented, whilst any of our brethren are in want, if it be in our power to relieve them by our industry—as the bee toils for all the members of its fraternity, as well as for itself. The *Eye* is a fit symbol of Omniscience, signifying that His Eye sees into the most hidden recesses of the heart—that though our thoughts, words and actions may be hidden from men, yet they cannot be hid from the ALL-SEEING Eye of God. The *Sword* pointing to a *naked Heart*, demonstrates that Justice

* Jude, 14, 15, 16 verses.