

binds together the members of Our Order wherever they meet in all parts of the world.

A list of members of this lodge, the dates of their initiation, passing and raising, would be of interest to those whose friends were then members.

In 1784 Rev. Thomas Shrieve, Hugh Kinkham, merchant, and Thomas Austin, merchant. I already mentioned in 1793, Richard John Uniacke, Attorney-General; Honorable James M. Bulkley, M. C. L.; John Creighton, Barrister; 1790 M. Richardson, merchant; 1810, Honorable Charles R. Prescott, Hon. Enos Collins, merchant; Crofton Uniack, Barrister; in 1814, William Q. Sawyers, Judge of Supreme court; in 1820, Charles Twining, barrister; in 1821, Rev. John Thomas Twining, Garrison Chaplain; in 1826, Charles D. Archibald, William Liddell, merchant; 1829, Richard Howe, merchant; Hon. James Stewart, of the 85th regiment; John V. N. Bazalgette, William J. Almon, M. D.; John Leander Starr, merchant; in 1841, Hon. James B. Uniacke and A. M. Uniacke, barristers; Stephen Binney, Mayor; and hundreds of other men of the highest eminence, learning and attainment, who considered it the highest honor and privilege to uphold the standard of Freemasonry, while those of our highest social circles today would feel deeply humiliated in their own minds if they belonged to the craft forgetting that at this day the men who stand highest in order in England Ireland and Scotland. are the Dukes, Marquises, Earls, Lords, Generals, Admirals, in short, the church and the state are fully represented. Yet compare that with the standing of Freemasonry in our city today.

Turning aside from St. John's Lodge in which there is sufficient for any one evening paper, and where the Masonic student will find much to interest him, and coming to Virgin Lodge, No. 3, R. N. S., it will be impossible to say much about my own lodge, whose records of members and all acts to be recorded are complete from 1782 to the present time. Honorable Alexander Keith was for six years W. M. of this lodge, and treasurer for eighteen years; Arthur Woodgate, of whom many of us have very pleasant recollections, treasurer for five years.

At the formation of the Grand Lodge, Sept. 24th, 1784, a commission was sent to R. W. Thomas Alexander, then residing in Shelburne, by the authority of the M. W., Brother William Randall McDonnell, Earl of Amtrim with several other titles, who is described as Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in that part of Great Britain called England, to come to Halifax to instal the officers of Grand Lodge. This formidable document is recorded in full in the Grand Lodge minutes. This authority is very full and particular in all matters to be there performed, "for doing all of which this shall be your sufficient authority, given under our