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My dear Sir & Brethren

I am favored, this morning
by Prince Rodocanakis, with
an Extract from your letter to him.

I have embodied the various
Extracts I mentioned to Mr. H.
in an article, which will doubtless
appear in next week's Magazine.

and in a second paper (almost finished)
I refer to the order of the Holy
Sepulchre. Along with the other like
degrees of Christian Masonry.

There is little doubt in my mind

but that the Order of Constantine, as
practised in the Early part of the
present Century, was fairly looked
upon in the same light, as the
"Knight of St Paul", "Knight of
St Lawrence" or a hundred other
degrees of a kindred nature, which
were merely invented for begging
purposes.

The Holy Sepulchre as given at
present by the Red & faction
is an excellent copy of the
American degree of the same
name, (whose ritual I possess)
but the degree given in Scotland
& England in 1800-20, was called
The Holy Grave and referred
to Matthew XXVII & XXVIII

altho' there was no Ceremony the
Lecture detailed Certain Miraculous
Events which took place at the
Resurrection of N. S. C.

The old Ritual of the Red X, at
present in my possession, and
about 20 years old, gives the
whole of the Ceremony as then
practised which only consisted
of one point, and was very
short and unimportant, and
~~was~~ only given to Masons N. S.
as a Side Degree. The name &
functions of Cisebins are appar-
ently unknown, as the Officers are
called Grand Commander, P. & J
Aides des Camp, & a Tyler.

If I can give you any
further information at any time,
pray Command me. The address
above, will always find me.

I write this from Edinburgh
which I very often visit.
If you should like to

be admitted to the Royal Order
of Scotland I shall be happy
to bring you some forward

Although not having the
pleasure of your personal acquaintance
I have a great respect
for your Masonic Contributions
of which I beg to assure
you.

With many expressions
of fraternal regard
Believe me

My dear Sir Brother

Yours faithfully

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To
Bro. Richard. Woolf 30.
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