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Dear Sir & Bro:

In case I may not see you when I call with the accomp^d parcel: the contents are as under: viz:

A few of the current V^{ols} of the Magazine in which you will find full particulars as to the Masonic Archaeological Institute. You will notice that though in the early announcements Bro. Hyde Clarke is the moving spirit to whom all communications were addressed. Bro. Hyde Pullen now discharges the Secretarial duties. There is doubtless still in the Magazine too much of Dr. H: and many brethren complain that one give doses of C. Barton Cooper "ad nauseam"; you will notice however

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that Mr Smith, the Proprietor of the Magazine is endeavouring to get up a limited liability company, to take it up. - I say endeavouring because, altho' the Magazine is nominally published by a Company, it is as yet surely an attempt, the success of which is not yet being forthcoming. - I think there

can be little doubt, that were the Magazine brought out under the supervision of a combination of active and accomplished Masons, we might anticipate to approach nearer than it does at present to the standard of excellence both in a Masonic and literary sense. - Though, as Limited liability Comps. frequently turn out such sorry affairs, it is just a question whether the Compy. scheme as regards our Magazine is the best means of arriving at the wished for end

I believe if a combined effort is made, that the present is a favorable opportunity for something substantial being done towards

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The Magazine on a more creditable footing as the only
Organ of the Craft in Great Britain; for I think
the tendency of the various Precausal Institute will
doubtless be to associate together men of science
and letters who have hitherto mingled but little with
the brethren at our own gatherings. Simply because of
their rarely meeting with kind spirits there; and it is
to be hoped that they will consider it to be a necessity
that the representative power of the Order should be
such an one as will reflect credit upon it.

To Bro: Smith, the present Proprietor is certainly
due the credit of having, some six or ten years since,
stepped forward and saved the Magazine from
going to the wall; but I believe it nearly was his
intention to permanently retain it, and his own
professional occupations as Editor of an Engineering

Journal. This practice as a rule
were against his doing so: - and he has frequently advised
to respect Laithers his inability to do justice to it: - he has
however, as yet, been unable to find anyone to relieve
him of the very onerous burden.

The separate parcel of various scraps, are at your service, if you will accept them.

I think you will be interested to at perusal of the pamphlet I
enclose you; History of George Heriot's Hospital Edinburgh; the
building is unique as a specimen of architecture. -

Pro Bachan in writing me, seems to be of opinion that some of the
classms. who assisted at the building of Glasgow Cathedral, came from
Furness Abbey in England: he is wrong: therefore of ascertaining
if possible, at what time the present abbey was built and
what is the style of architecture: and to procure a photo: of
it if obtainable; should you not see some information
you might think it worth while to include: some information
ancient his query, if you can give it; or, if you prefer, I will be
happy to be the medium of conveying your remarks if you make
any to the point. - Yours faithfully & fraternally
James Stevenson