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Dear Poole,

Many thanks for yours of 9th enclosing cheque , I was very glad to be of assistance . If you ever get stuck in a similiar state of trial let me know and I will try to perform the conjuring trick again.

I return your copiss of the catechisms herewith . I am immensely indebted to you for th loan of them . It is very difficult to compare a number of documents when they are in different books . Of course several not in print or in our Library.,It has been a labour typing them out but I feel it well worth it . . I am not an expert typist and when I had finishexd them , I felt I knew exactly ho easily the various copyists of these old documents had been lead into the small but cumulative errors to be found in their wroks.

The first fruits of your kindness and my labours is the enclosed paper on the Common Judge . You will see that I suggest it is the V.S.L. symbolised by the due guard . The idea occurred to me some years ago when I noticed that the Common Judge is associated tith the Square and Compass in each case. Are there any other references to it than those I have quoted . I wish I could find some better connection for the answer to the question What makes a Lodge just?. There must be M.S.Lectures somewhere pre-union. Whatever effort was made to teach the ritual viva voce it is impossible to concieve of the Lectures being so done if they were anything like ours of today . Tell me what you think of the theory, if you think it worth while I will re-write it . In some cases I seem to have given the evidence without stating the inference I draw and there are other errors no doubt. Am I too daring in suggesting that the Ed. Reg. M.S. presents a working common to both countries . I have made a detailed list of the differences between the forms and the C.C. with two or three suggestive points. I have also a theory on the Eastern Passage which has not yet reached paper , the evidence is so scanty.

Now for some wild speculations on the Graham and the Whole Institutions. They must needs bewild , the puzzles are so bewildering. In the first place the shape of the Graham. In your Paper you say that the document consists of two sheets folded . Are they still folded . To judge by the reproduction they are separate sheets. If folded is the writing on the inner two of the four pages thus formed . i.e. pages 2 and 3. What I want to get at is the exact position of the wandering line, Every so all this contened dark and obscure etc., which you so brilliantly explained with an inductive force worthy of Sherlock Holmes himself. If folded does it come at the top of page 3 on the second sheet. if so what made him begin on this page when page two was the natural one. It is true he had only sufficient matter to fill one more page but he could not have been certain of this when he started on the page. I however , as I rather suspect from your mention of the front side of the pages , they are written on pages 1 and four , why did he leave the evidence of his mistake, if it was a separate sheet he might have torn it off or at least put his pen through it as he did when he mis-spelt Alboin . Then I wondered if he had left it intentionally as a puzzle to be solved by any of our fraternity that intends to learn by this which are his last words before this. Remembering that the Whole Institutions ends with a somewhat similiar conundrum . Tapus Majester and for proof read the first of ST John, sent me to my V.S.L. where I find the reference dark and obscure. Isiah Chap 29 v.18. And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness. and Isiah Chap.58 v. 10 And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul then shall the light rise in obscurity and thy darkness be as the noon day.



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Either of them I think you will agree would have been a very suitable reference in a treatise on masonry as full of dark points and mysteries as the hardest of all the difficult M.S. It may be, nay it almost certainly is, a pure coincidence, in view of your unshakeable identification of the source of the words in the wandering line but I would like to keep just the thought, Did he? I wonder.

Now for those 13 missing words. The Daily Telegraph Crossword puzzles are a good training for missing clues.

Graham writes Then was the secrets of free Masonry ordered a right ..... for such as do rightly understand it. in three parts in reference to the blessed trinity .... yet in 13 branches ..... which is as follows a word for a divine six for the chargee and six for the fellow craft.

I suggest we begin with a word for the Divine and take it from the Whole Institutions which T.G. had in front of him God in six Terminations, of which more anon, to wit I and Johova is the answer. will it do?. We have now 12 words to find and I suggest we take what T.G. and the W.J. both call the 12 lights. Six of them for the fellow craft as the easier first, Square rule plum Lyne Mell and chisell what could be more appropriate to the fellow craft, yes, I think we have got that right, but the next six for the Chargee are not so easy. First is the word Chargee as in your type script or chargee as in Q.C., if its chargee its a bad h, if its chargee its not quite so bad an h. By the way have the two dots over the y any significance. If its the former take the dictionary meaning, charge. In charge of, office commission trust, . Very well, the chargee is he who is in the office of Master or in charge. but the six words we have left do not seem so fitting to his office. we must take the three parts in reference to the blessed trinity as he tells us Father, Son, and Holy Ghost leaving Sun Moon and Master Mason. ? a fanciful reference to the Master Mason being only separated from the Blessed Trinity by the Sun and the Moon figuring the heavens off the sky above. If you will have it chargee the first five are appropriate enough though why the master mason should be included I cant suggest. I am all against chargee, they are out of place here though many of them do add grace to our proceedings, we want someone to balance the fellow craft and the chargee does it best. Here are your 13 words and I think my guess may be as good as the next one especially as I dont seem to have heard of anyone being so daring as to attempt it in spite of your expressed wish or challenge.

Having plunged in to this guessing competition lets make another wild suggestion Thomas Graham chanceing Master, .E.D. again gives chanceing. a happening. and quotes Chaucer chaunsyne into the company of. Well he has happened to be master of Lodges, outhere, I offer author or other, without any conviction, . Enquam Ebo. No Latin scholar can offer any suggestion, coz why, well it isnt Latin, no such words in the dictionary, its only near latin or dog latin of which there was plenty in and about 1725. My shot is that the found that Nunquam stood for at no time never, and ibi, in that place, there. and thought that Enquam was the opposite to Nunquam and desired to inform us that Thomas Graham had ahhpenel to be Master of Lodges at some time or other in that place. I have known as wild attempts to construe unseen Latin in the 4th Form at School.

Before we leave Graham supposing you have a try at this, " and still some reference to Scripture, first observe that all our signes is taken from the square ..... this is proved by the 9 vers of the 6 chapter of first book of kings. " I cant make anything of this, there is no reference to the square there or incidentally anywhere else in the Bible according to my concordance. The Whole Institutions has practically the

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*refers to the notes  
being ready prepared*

same thing except that it is the 7th verse and not the 9th but it still does not provide an answer. The Whole Inst. gives the same answer as T.G. How many lights belongs to a Lodge . 12 . but if my copy is correct and there is a comma between Master and Mason you get 13 . Heres another bakers dozen , you pays your money and you takes your choice .

Still the Whole Inst. Yet for all this I want the Primitive Word . (Primitive I take to be Prime or original ) I answer it was God in six Terminations. (Determinations or definitions) to wit. (1.) Iam that Iam .(2.) The Alpha and the Omega. (3.) The begining and the ending. (4.) The first and the last. (5.) Which was and is and is to come. (6.) The Almighty. And ~~Am~~ Johova is the answer to it . Is is possible we have one source of the R.A. here.

Tapus Majester I want to suggest is dog latin again , for the Taper or Light of the Lord . For proof see the first of St. John as as he says . ST. John. Chap I. ver. 5. and the Light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not. Ver. 9. That was the true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Here I cease from speculation and return to our losses. I am glad you enjoyed some of the Stratford Festival . They are of course handicapped for youthful parts and I cannot imagine George Hayes as Hamlet though I never heard a bad Hamlet providing that he can speak his lines so that I can hear them. I love the Merchant and I think Gratiano was my favourite part. Peg and I hope to get over one Saturday afternoon and if you are going back there I should love to meet you . Still I hope that Christ's Hospital have been able to fix you up . You would be a better fit there .

Rickard has asked me to take up the local secretaryship I dont want to do it if I can help it , I haveto do so much , begging for our own show but I will if I cannot find another better qualified.

Has publication of A.Q.C. ceased for the War time. What with the paper difficulty and the geographical situation of Margate it will not surprise anyone.

Fraternal regards,

Yours ever,

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