

CANTONES.	VALLE-TRONCOS. Gran Logia Alpi- na, R. E. A. y A. R. E. R.		RIT. SUPREMO.			Ritos secretos recono- cidos é independientes		
	Hnos.	Hnas.	Hnos. del ter. gr. pa- ladio.	H. 1º 2º y 3º gr.	Perfs. iniciados Hnas. 2º gr.	Odd. Fellows. Hnos.	Logias israeli- tas.	
Argovia.....	135	30	16	54	7	"	184	
Appenzell.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Bale.....	97	12	10	32	8	145	15	
Berna.....	337	56	29	126	33	89	13	27
Friburgo.....	31	2 (is.)	"	"	"	85	8	"
Saint-Gall.....	123	32	"	194	42	168	41	23
Ginebra.....	878	232	45	"	"	"	"	"
Glaron.....	"	6 (év.)	5	13	1	172	29	21
Lucerna.....	40	65	19	62	17	"	"	"
Neuchâtel.....	371	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Schaffhouse.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Schwytz.....	"	35	15	50	9	"	"	"
Soleure.....	104	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Tessin.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Turgovia.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Unterwalden.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Uri.....	"	7	23	110	24	79	18	24
Vaud.....	372	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Valais.....	"	103	26	121	29	70	7	"
Zoug.....	239	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Zurich.....	2,927	641	188	762	170	808	126	279



NOTAS Y DOCUMENTOS

RELATIVOS AL

DEBATE DE LA ELECCION DE LEMMI

Y Á ALGUNOS ACTOS DEL PRIMER AÑO

de su Supremo Maestrazgo.



LA historia de Lemmi, cuya vida se inició con una pena como ladrón, para llegar á ser el supremo gran maestro de la masonería, es conveniente añadir algunas notas referentes á los principales acontecimientos que sobrevinieron durante el primer año de su pontificado satánico.

En 29 de Septiembre de 1893, da Adriano la palabra de paso anual de los Triángulos. En esa palabra glorifica con todo su cinismo á un gran ladrón muy famoso, para demostrar hasta qué punto se burla de las acusaciones que se le hacen.

Dicha palabra es ésta:—Pregunta el tejero: *Ben-Chorim?* (que el jefe supremo interpreta así: ¿Quién es el hijo de los hombres libres?)—El interpelado tiene que contestarle: *Barrabás*.

—En 5 de Octubre reúnen en Londres algunos altos masones americanos de los que protestaron, y resuelven organizar la resistencia.

—En 8 de Octubre, dan los periódicos ingleses y americanos la noticia de la muerte del H. Walder.—M. De la Rive publica en su obra, en estos términos, un cablegrama recibido en América:

«*Ecos de Londres* (por telégrafo).

Londres, Octubre 8.—Se anuncia la muerte de M. Phileas Walder, el muy conocido espiritista que había pasado á Londres á la edad de sesenta años despues de un viaje á Italia. Gozaba de reputación en Europa y en América como representante del espiritismo, y era tambien muy conocido como amigo de Jhon Taylor, el sucesor de Brigham Young. Como discípulo de este último fue como hizo tanto por la propagacion del mormonismo. Tampoco debe olvidarse que era ocultista de la escuela de Eliphas Lévi.»

—En 15 de Octubre, Ettore Ferrari pronuncia su sentencia como árbitro en el asunto de Diana Vaughan, declarando que no había ninguna prueba formal para fundar la queja que se había presentado contra ella. El mismo día, en Nueva York, el Triángulo *Phébela-Rose* desecha la dimision

de miss Vaughan, quien por su parte la había retirado mediante una carta que recibió despues.

—En 10 de Noviembre, Paolo Figlia, diputado al Parlamento, y un grupo importante de masones italianos se separan de Lemmi, negándose á reconocer su autoridad suprema, y fundan la *Confederacion Masónica Italiana* (antilemmista) con tre Supremos Consejos del Rito Escocés Antiguo Aceptado, situados en Palermo, en Nápoles y en Liorna.

—Diciembre 15. *Bóveda de Protesta* de los altos masones americanos. Texto original del H. Palacios. Hé aquí sus términos:

«DEI OPTIMI MAXIMI AD GLORIAM.

"To the most Illustrious, Most Paissant and Most Lightened Brothers in Our Divine Master Excelsus Excelsior, composing, by right of Ancient and members for life, the Most Serene Grand College of Emerlited Masons;

"To all the Noble Lords Grand-Masters, presiding over the Perfect Triangles of the Elect Magi;

"To all the True Elect and Perfect Initiated, to wick belongs the reserved knowledge of the mysteaious numbers 77 and 666, Elect Magi and Sovereing Templar Mistresses, Hierarchs and Templar Mistresses of the Worthy Revelation,

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as well as to the *Knights Kadosch of the Palladium*, and to the *Knights-Sisters Palladic Elect*, dispersed over the surface of the earth;

"A greeting on all the points of the triangle!

"Health! Stability! Power!"

PROTESTING VAULT.

«Against the facts performed in the valley of Rome, at the 20th day of the 7th month, on the year 000893 of the True Light.

«The facts, the redressing of which is claimed by the present vault, are now known to all the True Elect, as those have been notified to the Perfect Triangles, Grand Triangles and Triangles by the new Supreme Dogmatical Directory of the Palladium, in its encyclical letter of the 29th of the 7th month, on the year 000893 of the True Light, sealed in the Valley of Rome and delivered hierarchically, in a copy conformable to the original, by the messengers of the Central Directories; but the whole truth remains untold.

«The protesters, numbered six and twenty, including twenty five sovereign delegates present at the deed, and one sovereign delegate, who could not stand by, but the substitute of which wisely and prudently abstained from the vote at the first turn, and threw a blank ticket at the second, expound the acts and situation thence disastrously resulting for our holy cause.

«The present protesting vault aims at the two ballots, and request to be proceeded urgently to their annulment. Therefore the twenty six protesters have constituted a Standing Committee in the Valley of London, in order to receive the assents to their opposition, and they declare themselves assuming the responsibility of each and all together.

FIRST BALLOT: THE TRANSFER.

«ATHOÏN—*It was of no use to transfer the Supreme Dogmatical Directory.*

«The Charleston's Brothers, the president as well as the members of the supreme power, holding their office before the incriminated ballot, have not acted in such a manner as to forfeit the whole masonry's esteem; they had been and are still wholly trusted by the Directories and Triangles. The direction has always conducted itself blamelessly, and has not discontinued to prove foresight, concord, wisdom and perfect discretion.

«Not one act of the second Sovereign Pontificate was complained of, nor so little claimed at; and the lasting preceding administration, as long as persevered, had been unanimously admired, by all, even by the Brothers not completely initiated, to whom prudence commands to keep hidden the motive powers of the Order.

«Nobody would have dared to accuse Charleston's Brothers therefore reasons of country, instead of persons, have been put forth, to solicit

the preparatory vote of the Triangles, by which the sitting of the Sovereign Convent was allowed. Thus it was prevailed upon the Triangles to give a preparatory vote, and the same pretended reasons of country have been only brought forth to obtain the suffrages of the sovereign delegates for the beheading of Charleston.

«Yet the management of the Charleston's administration had always been excellent; it did not any harm to the Order, that the Supreme Dogmatical Directory settled in such a place. Therefore, as for the city of the Palladium, there was no inconvenience to remain the seat of the highest and most worshipful direction.

BEINTHIN.—*It was unjust to transfer in Europe the Supreme Dogmatical Directory.*

«The American Masonry of the United-States is the most important on the the surface of the earth, according to the number of the adepts, as well as to prosperity of the Bodies. Its contributions make up the greatest part of the wealth of the seven Directories, and give life to the action of sovereignty in the Order, and to the high propagandism, now very powerful.

«Europe, if it had not the seat of the Dogmatical Supremacy, possessed the two Sovereignities, both Executive and Administrative.

«To transfer in Europe the seat of the Dogmatical Directory is an iniquitous dispossessing: for, according to the vote incriminated by the pro-

testers, the three highest powers of the Order will be reunited in Europe, among which two Sovereignities into an only country, into an only city, and almost in the hands of one man. But that is contrary to the venerated tradition, and foolishness is joined to injustice, if the vote of the transfer is not soon repealed. And schism should be unluckily created; for, the numerous, prosperous and powerful American Masonry will not suffer itself to be dispossessed, and to become a stupid milkcow, at the best of its usurper.

«GOMOR.—*It is dangerous to transfer in Italy the Supreme Dogmatical Directory.*

«Especially, to have chosen Italy as the new seat of the Supremacy is bad, above all because the political existence of this country for the future is intirely undecided.

«The seat of the Executive Sovereignty was sufficient for the Orient of Rome, as this seat does not allow more than the instalment of a Supreme Council of middle importance. The chief employment of the Executive power is concentrated in vigilance; it is not operating as an high police court, depending upon none but itself, ordering and moving every thing with effective forces of considerable amount, subjected directly to its authority; but it works out, watching over the enemy, in order to advise quickly and clearly the supreme chief of the most seasonable decisions

for the opportunity. It is together and advance-guard of the Order, and the future executer of the supreme decrees; therefore, in such an employment it wants no numerous staff, neither ministerial records.

«On the contrary, if the Palladium is translated at the Orient of Rome and the same becomes definitively the Supreme Dogmatical Directory, hence the central archives and the holiest things are in danger of a sudden enterprise amidst an unexpected conflagration.

«The transfer to Rome of the Supremacy of the Order and of its complicated machinery could not be effectuated without danger, but in case that the various Estates of whole Europe would be republican, and united by the bonds of a general peace, rooted firmly in the minds of men. Before this political evolution is accomplished, which indeed will be the basis of the decisive action of the Masonry, is a very real danger to transfer the Supremacy in Europe, above all in Italy. If, by prevailing reasons, it should be necessary the seat of the most high and worshipful direction to be removed from the United-States of America, that is to say, if the necessity should befall to bring it nearer to the central seat of the enemy, it must be settled at least in a country no catholic, either in Prussia, or rather in England. But, as it is demonstrated in the precedent Athoim, the necessity, even the utility of the transfer whatsoever, is wanting.

«As for the danger of the instalment of the

Supremacy at the orient of Rome, in the clearest manner it appears: for the european dominions have never expressly acknowledged as lawful the occupation of the roman territory by the king of Italy; that forbearance of the dominions, although it is to be lamented, our grief does not hinder to be. Therefore, it is wise to foresee the blow of any sudden and great european war, that should be as swift in results as dreadful in fights; thus we must look upon that mournful prospect, at which all the progressionists would be immensely grieved, that is, the possibility of a restoration, by some vanquishers, of the temporal kingdom of the Supremacy's Pope.

«Truly then, in the space of one night, all the things, holiest to us, should suddenly fall in power of an hateful and merciless enemy, who would destroy the holy things, and, seizing upon our archives, would lay hold of the whole our humanitarian machinery.

SECOND BALLOT: THE ELECTION.

DINAIN.—*The Election is infected with original treachery.*

«The two ballots may seem distinct from each other to any, who would disregard them or does not know the perfidious plot of the Elect. Yet, in behalf, of the whole truth, it must be declared, they were bound, but they were presented to the Triangles as distinct, and by no means depending upon one another.

«The circumstances, that have promoted the preparatory vote, are present now to memory of all. They have only urged seemingly plausible reasons, that, as they said, were making in behalf of the transfer to Rome of the most high and worshipful direction, and the contrivers of the motion (we understand now they followed a watch-word) forcibly affirmed that the Italian petition in demand of the transfer concealed no intrigue of personal ambition; for they declared that the grand-master of the Sovereign Executive Directory would not present himself as candidate to the Pontificate of the universal Masonry.

«Now, we question the conscience of the Perfect Initiated, Here was not some unworthy craft, and the most treacherous cheat? . . . When in the first ballot (about the transfer) the votes were summed up and the result proclaimed, one only candidature was held out, that of the grand-master of the Sovereign Executive Directory.

«ENI— *The Election is infected with bribery.*

«The grand-master of the Sovereign Executive Directory had scattered everywhere a report, that he would not be a candidate to the supreme grand-mastership; but when once the transfer to the Orient of Rome was obtained, he declared himself a candidate, and that not only was made cynically, but no other Italian Brother or resident in Italy declared himself a candidate. Thence it plainly appears, that either the Italian Brothers went

together previously, or was a general forbearance of the competitors, enjoined to them by an unlawful pressure from the grand-master of the Sovereign Executive Directory; or a craft a long while since prepared, and the result of which was purchased with money.

«In each other of these three cases, the vote itself is vitiated.

«Those three aspects of the question were carefully examined by a swift inquest; by that inquiry of the causes it has been discovered that the forbearance of the competitors of the Elect had been resolved upon by a bargain between him and them. Even we know with what money the grand-master of the Sovereign Executive Directory has paid the retiring of the Brothers, whose candidatureship has been announced in the time of the preparatory vote in the Triangles. It is the coffer of the Roman Bank that has been put under forced contribution, so studiously the Italian government supported in his designs the worthless wretch, who was deceiving all the honest Brothers, to glut his ambition. Now the Italian government operated in such manner, because it is personally interested in having at Rome, instead of Charleston, the supreme direction of the universal Masonry; and that intermeddling of a political authority, nay friendly and no profane, in the strictly secret action reserved to the perfectly initiated adepts of the Palladium, is one argument more to add to

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the precedent Gomor, to demonstrate that the ballot of the transfer to Rome has not been a work of general interest.

«As to the fact of the purchasing, of the competitors, payed for abstaining after allowing to publish their candidature in the Triangles, we know undoubtedly that an amount of the millions lire has been spent at this effect, and extorted from the Roman Bank: the principal competitor has received, for his share alone, above for millions.

«Is it not a clear case of bribery?

«UR.—*The Elect is not orthodox.*

«The Elect does not keep his heresy in secrecy; but he has many times proclaimed it grievously.

«By the venerated tradition, frequently and learnedly explained by the most lamented first supreme chief, sublime legislator of the Palladic New and Reformed Rite, and creator of our universal organization, it is required that the word «Satan» should not be used, as being not the name of the Good-God, but on the contrary the word used by the priest of the superstition, in the blasphemous imprecations that they for ever belch out slanderously.

«Yet the italian grand-master is using the proscribed and exploded word, and allows to be used, as it is plain by official statements of banquets, nay of agapæ. Besides, in a late triangu-

lary holy-supper, he has substituted for the *God-daël-Mirar*, yet obligatory without an exception, the hymn where the Excelsior is termed with the name repugnant to orthodoxy.

«By such deeds, the italian grand-master has classed himself among the heretics.

«Now it is not to be admitted that the supreme Dogmatic Pulpit should not be orthodox; thence the whole venerated tradition should be overthrown, that was preserved unadulterated by the first and the second Pontificates; or at least, the divine protection should be withdrawn, as long as the dogmatizing heresy shall live.

ZAIN.—*The Elect is disqualified, with respect to the common integrity.*

«The undersigned protesters have summoned vainly the italian grand-master, become fraudulently supreme chief, to exculpate himself from the grievous charges brought against his probity. The summons have been made by word and by vout in a regular message before and after the ballot of the election. The proofs of this bassenes, such as brought for by the accuser, in form of authentic documents photographed, have been put before the culprit; the same will be found annexed at the present vout, with the papers testifying the veracity of the protesters about the others points started or denounced in this strife.

«The Elect has been contented with denying in a passion, nor he would be explicit with giving

the authentic proofs, that were requested from him to clear up the proofs of his opposers.

"Among these accusations, one is relative to a profane sentence; another, consisting in a complaining of many Brothers, should have unquestionably caused a trial of the first Pontificate, if it had reached its supreme tribunal. The matter is to have lodged important funds, in the persona, name of the italian grand-master, when this sum belonged to the Masonry. In England and the United-States, the adepts of the perfect initiation have always wished for the prosperity of the italian Masonry; besides, the proverty of this Family is a well known fact in the Order; therefore, the english and american masons have delivered to the italian grand-master large subsidies, often reiterated, in order to multiply the lodges in a country where the Pope of the Superstition is proudly enthroned. Now, the accusers of the Elect maintain that he has kept for himself a large part of this received money, what would be a very robbery committed to the detriment of the Order. Besides, he has laid a tax upon the poor italian lodges, which are obliged to pay, on pain of erasing, after three premonitions. The accusers assert, with sustancial proofs, that on the year 1890 [vulgar era] the amount of those embezzlements of the english and american propagating funds, and of extortions from the poor italian masons came to four hundred thousand lire, that the culprit placed at his personal name. Finally, the accusers af-

firm that in this wrong and contemptible behaviour is found the only cause of many defections and sucessions in Italy, as many masons of that country bein very discontented, and in such a degree, that they have dared to say it, even among the profane world.

"The new supreme chief, fraudulently elected, by his posture proves that it is impossible to him to clear himself of the charge; but the sauciness of the man is very cynic one. Before the flood of accusations, he seems to take this motto: «We must put a bold face on the matter!» Above all, is absolutely shocking the annual-word, that he has imposed to the Triangles, as a sign of rejoicing for is elevation, and that the adopts of the perfect initiation will be obliged to say, to the 29th day of the 7th mont on the year 000894, under pain of seeing the Temple's doors shut before then. To choose such an anaaualword demonstrates that the Elect challenges the scorn of every honest mason. We should like to ask if the Brothers and Sisters, that honour probity as one of the first natural virtues, may accept long more such a heavy humiliation. Nor is any good reason to say that this secret-word was imagined in opposition to the traitor justly executed; nay, this current annual-word is nothing but an impudent glorification of an historic thief.

«HÉLÉTHA.—The Elect has suppressed at con-

trol of his operations, immediately from the day after his accession.

«The Sovereign Pontiff of the universal Masonry is the very supreme chief, it is to say, the highest in the hierarchy: to him no Brother has the power to command any act, and whatever he commands must be accomplished. But, if he has nothing that countervails himself for the solution of dogmatical questions, he is surrounded by most wise counsellors, having a long experience, whose the choice belongs to him, but that, selected always among the veteran masons, residing in the neighbourhood of his seat, make a kind control to him and a warrant to all the adepts, respecting the direction of material works. To fulfill that noble mission, the Most Serene Grand-College of Emerited Masons has been instituted, whose the existence by itself gives whole security to the mind of the adepts of the perfect initiation.

«The new supreme chief, fraudulently elected, was first bound to proceed to the nomination of the ten members of his Most Serene Grand-College, according to the Statutes whilst, he named his successor to the Sovereign Executive Directory. He has declared that the Most Illustrious, Most Puissant and Most Lightened Ancient Brothers, composing the precedent Most Serene Grand-College of Charleston, will keep their dignity with the title of honorary members *ad vitam*; for that, he is thoroughly blameless. But, to nominate the active members of his Most Serene Grand-

College, he used a palpable reach. Instead of choosing ten perfect initiated high-masons, resident in Italy, and accordingly very able to control his operations, he has scattered those ten nominations in so many countries, as if the most important dignity of such a function were any title merely honorific, nay, a diploma or medal, allowed to flatter vanity by this mark of the high esteem of the supreme chief.

Therefore the adepts of the perfect initiation have known the names of the ten among them for which the fraudulently Elected entertains higher regard; but now they are destitute of all guarantee about the gestion of the most weighty interests of the Order.

«That situation is particularly intolerable, when such an authority without any control is exercised by a man so much suspected, and previously guilty of many malversations.

«THELA.—*The election is irregular, and that irregularity is aggravated by many exceptional circumstances, that give plausible grounds to the most rightful suspicions.*

«For the first Pontificate, there was no election; indeed the first supreme chief created the organisation; he ordained the whole, and his authority was acknowledged. As to the second Pontificate, the titular was appointed by the predecessor, and that appointment was confirmed by the unanimous suffrage of the Most Serene Grand-College; ac-

cording to the fundamental Constitution of the Palladium, it is in that manner that the election of the supreme chief of the universal Masonry must be performed. In case only that, past eleven days, the members of the Most Serene Grand-College would not agree to elect unanimously one among them, *or any perfect initiated of the highest degree, taken out of themselves*, then the directors of the seventy seven Triangulary Provinces convocate Perfect Triangles, Grand Triangles and Triangles to sit in order to choose delegates, whose the assembly will make the secret Sovereign Convent. There the candidate to the supreme grand-mastership must obtain, to be lawfully elected, a number of votes equivalent *at least to three fourths of the voters*. Such is the law.

"But this law was transgressed.

"To the regularity of the whole, it would be necessary to have held two sittings, instead of one, at the time of the Sovereign Convent. In the first, the ballot about the tranfer must have taken place; and, as the transfer of the supreme seat was granted, it should have been necessary, notwithstanding the unrighteousness of this vote, *that* the majority, which had given it and therefore believed it lawful, would have suspended the session of the Convent, and informed Charleston of the result, by the Immediacy-Way, and of the names of the candidates to the Sovereign Pontificate. In-

deed the Ancient, members of the Most Serene Grand-College, enjoyed the plenitude of their power, and were congregated at Charleston, one excepted, present at Rome; this, by the Immediacy-Way, might make known to his Most Illustrious, Most Puissant and Most Lightened colleagues to what candidate he had given his vote for the supreme grandmastership. After that, if the unanimous agreement might not have been made, the eleven days elapsed, the Sovereign Convent would have taken seat again, and proceeded to the second ballot, with regard to the three fourths of the voters, a number necessary for a lawful election.

In such a manner this important business ough happen, regularly and faithfully, as the fundamental Constitution of the Palladium has not provided against the transfer of the supreme seat out of Charleston. Since then the members of the Most Serene Grand-College might elect at the Dogmatic Pulpit a perfect initiated of the highest degree *taken out of themselves*, to them first it belonged to exercise the rights of Grand Electors, even after the transfer of the supreme seat to Rome was voted. To the Sovereign Convent those wise observations were presented, between the two ballots, by some of the protesting writers of the present vault; but the voice of reason was drowned.

«On the other hand, the requisite number of suffrages for a right election was not reached; therefore the proclamation, that declares elected

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the actual titular of the supreme grand-mastership, is worth nothing.

At the first ballot [about the transfer], one vote more than the half of the voters was enough; that had been agreed, at the time of the preparatory assembly of the Triangles. Four sovereign delegates from this ballot abstained. But not in any place, in any Triangle, it was said, at the time of the preparatory assembly, that it might be enough at the second ballot, to have a majority below the three fourths of the voters; for, if such a project had been proposed to the Triangles, it would have been disowned by all the sincere and honest high-masons, which defend and will always defend the Constitution, as an holy-arch. Then, at the second ballot, the seventy seven sovereign delegates voted, no one excepted. Therefore *fifty eight votes ad minimum* were necessary to be lawfully elected.

Event it results from the official report of the Convent that the grand-master of the Sovereign Executive Directory has obtained upon the whole *forty six votes*. The falsely Elected falsifies ciphers audaciously: in his encyclical letter, where he announces his election, he pretends to have caught forty six votes among *fifty nine voters*; but there is a glaring untruth.

"Here is the truth: the *thirty one* sovereign delegates, who opposed against the supreme exaltation of that man, were disunited: to put a name

into the ballot-box, *thirteen* voted for a Brother who had withdrawn his candidaship, *eighteen*, having this not orthodox, as well as the only candidate and angry with all these tricks, protested significantly, with votin by blank votetickets. Now then, to transform eighteen blank vote-tickets into eighteen abstainings, that is a shameful cheating.

"At least, the protesters point out above all this passing strange fact: fourteen sovereign delegates fell sick, the instant they set out upon the journey; among which five might be replaced by a swift vote of the constituents; as to the nine others, the Perfect Triangles and Grand Triangles, there represented, were compelled, as unexpectedly surprised, to send their mandates to some Brothers living in Italy, that were not but insufficiently known to them. But the electors of the Perfect and Grand Triangles, who were replaced in that case of main force by italian substitutes, had pronounced against the transfer to Rome, and their true delegates would have a fortiori refused their votes to the intriguing-leader who imposed himself suddenly as only candidate. Only one of the nine italian substitutes abstained at the first ballot and voted at the second with a blank vote-ticket, thus correctly and wisely acting; the eight others voted for the transfer and supreme exaltation of the grand-master their countryman, and thus trampled under foot the feelings of their constituents.

"Accordingly, this election is fraudulent in its essence, in preparing, working, accomplishing, proclaiming and notifying it.

CONCLUSION.

"The first ballot was related to an useless changing; besides, its consequences are dangerous, even only according to the chosen city as the supreme sea translated. It must be repealed, because it is the result of an intrigue that only aimed at making the second ballot obligatory, therefore at satisfying a personal ambition, instead of serving the holy cause. Moreover, the first choices of sovereign delegates in the preparatory vote of the Triangles prove evidently that forty three Triangular Provinces were not pleased with the project of translating the supreme seat out of Charleston.

"The second ballot, issued from the first, is altogether calamitous for the holy cause. It is the result of untruth, venality and fraud; it gives up the Dogmatic Pulpit and the highest authority to an unworthy and turbulent personage, who condemns the orthodoxy; among the honest adepts of the perfect initiation, none will tolerate the central proselytizing fund to be at disposal of an inveterate depredator, whose the first operation was to suppress any control about him. Therefore, this second ballot is null and void by right.

"Speculatively, the votes proclaimed at Rome

at the 20th day of the 7 month on the year 000893 and notified to the Triangles, as not very lawful, do not at all bind the conscience of the True Elect and Perfect initiated Brothers and Sisters.

"Practically, until the illegal facts are redressed, the lawful supreme authority resides in the Most Serene Grand-College of Emerited Masons, only regular members of which are the Ancient and high-chiefs for life Brothers in Our Divine Master, actually nine, since the late decease of the tenth, living at Charleston. Whereas the last rightful supreme chief maintains his resignation and declares to confine himself in an impartial forbearance among those sad circumstances, the undersigned protesters invite the Perfect Triangles, Grand Triangles and Triangles to manifest highly and urgently their opinions about the situation, and to impart them, in a double vault, to the Most Serene Grand-College, at Charleston, and to the Standing Committee of Protestation, at London, that, with the speedy intervention of the majority of Triangular Provinces, the Ancient and high-chiefs for life Brothers in Our Divine Master proclaim the definitive annulment of the two incriminated ballots, complete their venerated College, and elect a new Sovereign Pontiff and grand-master of the Supreme Dogmatical Directory, according to the prescriptions of the fundamental Constitution of the Pailadium.

"Until full solution, the duty of the Perfect