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Wm Young
G. Jackson
Oct 49

Qing Oct 8th 1849

Rev & Dear Brother.

Yours of the 5th inst is at hand and I regret to learn by it, that you are affected, and trust that ere this you will have recovered from your illness.

I regret also very much that you cannot be here for a few days, before the Session of the Grand Division, so that we might look over together the Condition of the Order and prepare a report. — One from you will be expected, and it will be impossible for me to supply the Material as early as the 15th inst, as our reports are coming in slowly. — If you can state when you will be about the 25th inst, I will endeavor to furnish you some items for a report. — But I despair of doing much. — The Map of routes which is before me, is I fear greater than I can accomplish. — I will try however to do all. —

Both Divisions at Camden are to be reckoned among the things that have been, as I receive a day or two since its Charter &c. — Divisions are going wrong on all hands. New life — sustaining principles — must be infused into our Order or it will vanish. —

The Reports of your Deputies are coming in slowly to my care, as I so directed in view of the fact that you expected to be here in October. — Shall I send them

to you? —

The mistake which you refer to in the proceedings, escaped my notice until after they were published — I did not see the proof. — An errata was appended to obviate the difficulty.

I do not suggest that you commission some good Brother, to visit Canada, and try to get up a new Division on the ruins of the old ones. — Perhaps Bro. Marsh will undertake it.

You will perceive by reference to the proceedings, that it is your duty to invite Father Matthew to this State, and if practicable to be with us at Columbus at the Session of the Grand Division.

I have much more to say, but must desist. —

I am afflicted with Rheumatism & can hardly guide my pen.

Yours fraternally

Geo W Young, S. S.