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Arthur Keil's letter

June 19th 1867

Dear Brother Varnum -
Thank you for your note. You did
not hear from me because I had a head attack and
incapacitated for a few months. I am in a better
condition now but still not entirely well although
I have much to do.

I was lucky to find an old timer who
knew Dr. Hollis and thus traced him to the town of
Brewster, N.Y. I ascertained a few minutes ago
from the Town Clerk of that little town that he died
there on September 23rd 1947 and was cremated
the next day at the Ferncliffe Crematory in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.
Where his remains are I do not know and while he had
a daughter in Brewster with whom he lived I do
not know her name. (Clara)

The name was familiar to me. The
monument you mentioned the fact that he was active.

in politics. I recall a club the "Kultur Club" of which he was president during the critical times under Nazi persecution. The club was even attacked as a Communist nest.

He became a mason in 1904 but never affiliated here in the U.S. and, of course he is not known as a mason. Confidentially, the Communist stigma (whether false or true) does not help in the situation and a suggestion of a memorial would unfortunately be against the idea honoring him.

There must be a reason to honor him in Szeged and I hope it is the fact that he lived a masonic life true to our ideals toward humanity.

I am going to Hungary toward the end of August. Any suggestions? Or can I be of some service or assistance to you?

My very best to you

Antony

P.S. For identification purposes: born in 1876. •