

Masons everywhere frown upon any attempt to soil its fair name. Our Order is too old to 'take chances.' I regret that our brothers of Norfolk resorted to such a scheme. I fear they 'give away' too much 'currency.'

He recommends that each Lodge should secure a suitable piece of land on which to build, also that the Grand Lodge should be incorporated; and concludes as follows:—

"But let judgment and not prejudice control your action in this regard. We want 'good men and true.' Our position is peculiar and our surroundings anomalous. We must grapple with the situation as we find it, and 'let justice be done, though the heavens fall!'

"Some of our sister Grand Lodges seem at a loss to understand us. One smiles at our diminutive proportions, while another wonders why the head of the church is not at the head of the Masonic Fraternity in Utah. To such we say, in our Lodge room we know no creed either in politics or religion. The universality of Masonry is such that we cannot, even if we so desired. And yet we distinguish here, as Masons do elsewhere, between law-abiding and law-defying citizens; and we shut our Lodge doors against those persons who have—and I believe would again—prostitute Masonry for the building up of priestly rule and power. Neither do we want, nor do we intend, to have the history of Masonry in Nauvoo repeated in Utah. We must allow no discordant element to enter our Lodges. It would disturb the peace and harmony that prevails among the Craft.

"Brothers, let us, with zeal and fidelity, continue this good work, turning neither to the right nor the left, and I assure you that 'that Order of Brotherhood which teaches man to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly before his God,' will live and continue to increase in power. Its quiet and loving influence will penetrate the remotest parts of our Territory, and be felt in every hamlet of our beautiful valleys: and it will do much to correct the wrongs now existing, and to redeem our fair Territory from the curse of polygamy and its concomitant evils."

The Grand Secretary has been very industrious in securing the foundation of a Grand Lodge library, and has made a very good commencement.

He is also the author of the report on correspondence, of which the beginning only is printed.

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