

communism. If these charges had been confined in the letter to certain European bodies claiming to be masonic, we could understand the foundation upon which they were made, and they would not be mentioned by me, as they would not immediately concern us. But, I believe, there is no limit as to place or time mentioned in the letter, and all Freemasons everywhere are brought under the one sweeping condemnation. It is impossible not to entertain a feeling of regret that the head of a church which includes a large portion of the civilized people of the world, should commit himself to statements which, so far as the Freemasons of America are concerned, are absurdly untrue. In our country such charges require no answer. Our record is made. Our society is recognized, even by those who are not members of it, as based upon a belief in and reverence for God, an acceptance of his revealed word as our light and guide, and a faithful adherence to and teaching of all the moral and social virtues, and of obedience to the civil authorities. It is enjoined upon the brother by the ancient charges that "whoever would be a true Mason is further to know that by the rules of his art his obligations as a subject and a citizen will not be relaxed, but enforced. He is to be a lover of quiet, peaceable and obedient to the civil powers which yield him protection, and are set over him where he resides or works. These are the principles which have been taught within the lodge on the subject of our relations to government and the civil magistrate for hundreds of years. We are in no danger from this source."

The Grand Treasurer announces that a deceased brother "gave, devised and bequeathed unto the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging," all his masonic books, masonic clothing and jewels to be deposited in the Grand Lodge Library, and we mention the fact in the sincere hope that so good an example will not be without avail here and elsewhere.

The report on Correspondence is by M. : W. : Bro. Richard Vaux, than whom no more competent person to produce such a work, could be found ; it is worthy the talent of the writer.

M. : W. : Bro. E. Coppée Mitchell, Philadelphia, is Grand Master.

R. : " " Michael Nisbet is Grand Secretary.

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The tenth annual communication held on 24th June, 1885, at Charlottetown, Grand Master John Yeo, presiding. His address shews that nothing of particular note in Masonry has transpired during the past year in the Province, and that a feeling of harmony prevails. The Grand Representative of Quebec R. : W. : Bro. Neil McKelvie, not present.

Our island brethren seem to have "fallen into line" with respect to the habit of attending Divine Service during the session of Grand Lodge ; we much rejoiced thereat ; whatever may be the opinions and practice elsewhere, we trust

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