

Bro. D. McGregor submits the Report on Correspondence, containing a brief, well-compiled *résumé* of the Proceedings of Sister Grand Bodies ; an interesting chapter on landmarks, which we should like to be able to quote entire, and which gives Bros. Mackey's, Bro. Simons' and Bro. Rob. Morris' classification thereof ; and a notice of the Masonic labours of the late Bro. Morris.

He makes very kindly reference to Quebec and to our last Report on Foreign Correspondence. Noting our references to the attacks made upon Freemasonry in this Province, Bro. McGregor says :—

These remarks give us the opportunity to introduce the following extract, which greatly amused us when we found it. It is from an address on "The Mission of Masonry," by Bro. I. F. Stidham, delivered at an Emergent Communication, held in New Britain, Connecticut, for the purpose of dedicating a Masonic Hall. He says :—

The present Pope of Rome published a bull against us not long ago. He calls us "the city of Satan." He says : "The plan of secret societies is no longer a mystery. It is a struggle against the Church, and the various Popes have properly excommunicated Freemasons." He (the Pope) says : "The dangerous doctrines are, that men have all the same rights, and are perfectly equal in condition ; that no one has a right to command others ; that it is tyranny to keep men subject to any other authority than that which emanates from themselves ; that the origin of all rights is in the people or in the State, which is ruled according to the new principles of liberty ; that there is no reason why one religion ought to be preferred to another—that all are to be held in the same esteem." To all of which the genial Bob Burdette says : "Well, now, that may be very dangerous over in Europe, but it sounds all right over here. We believe that this United States Government is founded on these very Masonic principles. If that is all the Pope has to say against the 'Free and Accepted Masons,' then we, an impartial outsider, neither a Pope or Mason, shout, 'Long live the goat!' and back him against the bull, to win every time. Back him head first, too, as that's the way the goat bucks most effectively. And, by the way, in Ireland, which we believe is a Catholic country, and outside of Ireland certain Irishmen, whom we believe to be Catholics, are bravely fighting, with their mouths, and laying down their lives, in their minds, for these very same principles of liberty, equality and the reign of the common people. 'The horns of the goat seem to be exalted.'"

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