

never receive, and over which death has no dominion. Who then will dare to affirm that Freemasonry is in any sense opposed to religion? The Mason with this hope will purify himself even as He is pure, and with unfaltering faith in the resurrection of the dead we may go on in humble confidence fulfilling our separate tasks until the Supreme Grand Junior Warden Death shall call us from labour to the refreshment of "the rest that remains for the people of God." Surely I might appeal to the better judgment of our opponents and ask them—Are these the teachings of an irreligious society, or a society making war on religion in any shape? If any one joins our order in the hope that he can use the craft for political or selfish purposes he will find himself doomed to grave disappointments; or if any one imagines that we are going to sanction public or private hostility to religion, or to any particular form of religion, he will do well to keep outside of our portals, or if he should accidentally happen to be within them, he will act the part of an honest man by getting out with all convenient speed. (Applause.) Let me conclude by slightly changing words which I find in the R. A. C. report for 1885. Brethren, we have been taught that as we advance in Masonry our duties and obligations to ourselves and to our brethren correspondingly increase, hence as Master Masons we should be particularly careful both

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to maintain before the outside world as well as before the brethren, a character above reproach. I do not say that perfection—never yet attained by mortals—should be looked for in a Master Mason, but I do say that we should abandon and eschew every vice, which can in the remotest degree bring our order into disrepute, and I repeat what is set forth so fully in our rituals and ceremonies, that the blasphemer, the drunkard, the dishonest, the immoral, and the unbeliever, are very much out of place in any Masonic Lodge. Brethren of this Grand Lodge, you are building a noble edifice, may you have power to cement your work at all times, with fraternal goodwill and forbearance, so that unitedly we can ever pray—"Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces." For my brethren and companions sake I will now say "PEACE BE WITHIN THEE."

R.: W.: Bro. H. L. Robinson moved, seconded by V.: W.: Bro. W. S. Evans,—

"That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to R.: W.: Bro. Rev. R. Kerr, Grand Chaplain, for the able and interesting discourse which he has now delivered, and the Grand Lodge now directs that the same be entered *in extenso* in the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and be printed with said proceedings."

The motion was carried.

The R.: W.: Grand Chaplain returned his thanks to the Grand Lodge for the compliment paid him by the motion, and expressed the pleasure he felt in fulfilling his duty in preparing the discourse."