

Report on Correspondence leaning to pessimism

Grand Secretary Gill son also announced his second Report on Correspondence as his last, and further that Comp. Vanderlieth would resume that burden also. He nevertheless prepared a capital review with a leaning to pessimism. From his conclusion we cull the following:

"Is it the fault of the Companions that they do not read our reports, or is it the fault of the Correspondents?"

"Conditions in the world have undergone wonderful changes in the past few years.

"Circuses, prize fights and like amusements are better patronized than the churches, no matter how eloquent the preacher.

"In the dim past the drama and heavy work were popular; to-day light work, such as vaudeville and picture shows, are all the go.

"From our public libraries more works of fiction are read than all other works combined.

"The best patronized newspapers of the day are filled with reading matter not found in the church papers.

"Cranks and grouchy people are entitled to their sphere of action, but as for me, give me the man with the bright cheer in his conversation and the genuine smile on his face.

"From cover to cover our proceedings hardly ever bring forth a smile, but are of a 'straight laced' and melancholy tinge.

"Laugh and the world laughs with you, Weep and you weep alone."

Sources:

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