

culties and misunderstandings which appear to have arisen between Col. Moffat and some of the Masonic bodies in London, and I shall continue to decline to acknowledge any class, grade or rite in connection with Grand Lodge beyond those pertaining to Blue Lodge Masonry. If "A. G. L. Rep." doubts the correctness of what I have here stated, he can have every fair and open opportunity of establishing the truth of what he has written—and I will cheerfully assist him in doing so—if he will place his complaint before any subordinate lodge, the D. D. G. M. of his district, or send his name and address to me; and should he succeed in establishing any one of the charges which he has made against myself personally I promise that, much as I value Freemasonry, I shall forever sever my connection with the Craft, and step down and out of the position which I occupy, if he will consent to accept the same brand of dishonor should he fail to establish his malicious charges.

I shall expect that in any further correspondence the name of the writer shall be appended to any attack that may be made, otherwise I must decline to reply.

It cannot be denied that canvassing degrades Freemasonry, but I think there is not a Freemason in this jurisdiction who will not concede that "A. G. L. Rep." has done more, perhaps unintentionally, by the publication of his letter, than any other man in Canada has ever done, to bring Masonry into disrepute and to degrade it in the eyes of those who consider that the holding of office is not the only object which the fraternity is supposed to have in view.

Your, &c,

DANIEL SPRY.

Barrie, August 9.

### OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE GRAND MASTER.

At the last regular communication of Kerr Lodge, held at Barrie on the 24th July, M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, paid (by invitation) his first official visit to any lodge since his installation in office.

The Most Worshipful Brother was received by the Worshipful Master, Bro. C. W. Brown, and the assembled brethren, with the usual honors. R. W. Bro. Carlo Forbes acted as Director of Ceremonies, and V. W. Bro. C.

Sanders and W. Bro. Gordon as Stewards.

The Grand Master, after an interesting address to the Lodge, witnessed the work of initiating and passing, and afterwards partook of refreshments with the brethren, retiring about midnight, having won golden opinions from all present.

MASONRY is progressing in Manitoba. M. W. Bro. John H. Bell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, laid the corner-stone of a new Masonic hall at Rat Portage recently. The attendance was large, and much interest was taken in the proceedings. M. W. Bro. Bell delivered an able and eloquent address, of which the brethren who were present speak in the highest terms.

WYOMING TERRITORY.—Our friend, R. W. Bro. Thos. M. Reed, Gr. Sec. G. L. of Wyoming Territory, has our thanks for the *Walla Walla Union*, containing proceedings of twenty-fifth annual communication of that Grand Lodge. The report of the Grand Secretary is particularly interesting. From it we learn that "the constitution provides that honorary members, elected as such at the will of the lodge, and also those whose impecunious circumstances require their support at the expense of the lodge, shall pay no dues to lodge or Grand Lodge; and while a lodge may for a good cause shown, also remit the lodge dues of a member, it has no power under our laws to remit the Grand Lodge dues." Bro. Jos. A. Kuhn was unanimously elected G. M., and Bro. Reed, of course, re-elected Grand Secretary. Masonry in Wyoming is in a highly prosperous condition.