

and an offer was made to confer their Degrees at a certain cost—such cost to be, however, less in amount if the entire List or Roll was conferred at once. Nothing, I apprehend, could more surely tend to prostitute and lower Freemasonry than this act, and serve to render it ridiculous in the estimation of the public at large.

"The article in the *CRAFTSMAN* (which I append,) purported to give a correct list of all the Degrees appertaining to the before named three Rites, with explanations of their several meanings, etc.; but the article did more, it told the members of the A. & A. Scottish Rite that they would be willingly welcomed, because they possessed already certain secrets which would be shown to be the same as those to be made known as belonging to the before named three Rites—Rites looked upon in general as spurious, and not to be recognized.

"There is, in my mind, no doubt but the offer to receive our members was an attempt to cause them to violate Obligations, because they could not if received as proposed, appear without divulging what they had solemnly promised not to reveal, except to brethren lawfully entitled to exchange the same with them. The author of both documents perpetrated a decided breach of his own Obligation and his vow of allegiance as a member of the A. & A. Scottish Rite, and I fear adopted the course he did as an act of defiance. I hope I am mistaken.

"I am very sure that brethren who have ceased to be affiliated with our Bodies are just as subject to the laws of the A. & A. S. Rite, and to be disciplined, suspended, or expelled, if proved to merit punishment, as though they were subscribing members. I hope the Supreme Council will not separate without recording a clear verdict in relation to the mischievous Rites, to which I have already alluded, and prohibiting its several Bodies and Members from acknowledging what are simply attempted to be introduced into Canada for the purpose of interfering with the existing harmony and prosperity of our Body. In conclusion, allow me to finish according to Masonic usage by praying that our labors thus begun in order, may be conducted in peace, and closed in harmony." So mote it be!

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Sov. Gr. Com. &c.

Montreal, 9th Oct., 1878.

The Report of the Committee to whom was referred the Sov. Grand Commander's address, or that part which referred to the introduction of the Rites of "Memphis," "Mizraim," &c., is as follows:—

"Your Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Sov. Gr. Commander's

address which had reference to the introduction of the Rites of Memphis, Mizraim, and the Ancient and Primitive Rite within the Jurisdiction of this Sup. Council, beg respectfully to report.

"That they consider the establishment of these so-called systems of Masonry as a direct menace to the A. & A. S. Rite.

"That this act committed by, or attempted to be committed by, members of our obedience is a palpable violation of their fealty of allegiance to this Supreme Council, as these systems pretend to confer many of the degrees of this Rite, and consequently are rival in their nature.

"That the taking of the degrees of these systems, which are said to be identical with some of the degrees of this Rite, is in direct violation of particular obligations solemnly entered into by members of the A. & A. S. Rite, and consequently deserves the most severe censure; and a persistent attachment to these other Rites, and more particularly an earnest endeavor to propagate and spread them by members of our obedience (after being made aware of their error in so doing), demands at the hands of this Council the most decided action, and the penalty for such cases provided.

"That the articles which have appeared in the *CRAFTSMAN* and in other public papers supposed to have been inserted by members of this Rite (who are acting in direct violation of their most solemn obligations) are calculated to have a pernicious effect by enticing brethren, who are uninformed as to the nature of the various systems and who may seek admission, in the belief that they are receiving some of the beautiful degrees of this Rite, and the authors of which should, if discovered, be punished by deprivation of the rights and privileges of the A. & A. S. Rite.

"That the issuing of the advertising sheet or list of degrees in the village of Maitland, referred to in the address of the Sov. Gr. Com., is an act which should stamp the author as a trafficker in degrees, and if a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite should subject him to suspension or expulsion; and your Committee strongly recommend that the Deputy for Ontario be instructed to investigate into the authorship of the Maitland circular, the article in the *CRAFTSMAN* and other articles in the public newspapers to which the M. P. Sov. Gr. Commander has referred, and to cause the party or parties, if members of our obedience, to be brought to trial for a violation of their obligations, and if found guilty be punished as the same deserves.

"WM. H. HUTTON, 33°,  
"Chairman."

It should be understood that the articles referred to as appearing in the