

that we have ever attempted to force our degrees upon any one, or to extract money as fees by false and fraudulent representations. Freemasons who have become members of our various Rites and Orders have done so voluntarily, and of their own motion, without any solicitation on our part, and never until full explanations have been given them of the standing of our Rites, and of the light in which they are regarded by others, especially by the A. & A. S. Rite. Our fees are in all cases as moderate as they possibly can be, and so far from our so-called "trafficking" having put money in our pockets, it has had a contrary effect, and that chiefly owing to the liberal and unselfish manner with which we have dealt with the numerous and varied Masonic Rites and Orders in our possession. To this fact many Freemasons might, if we saw fit to call upon them, testify, and none perhaps with more truth than some members of that very Supreme Council, a portion of which has assailed us so bitterly. The charge of "perjury" brought against the Maitland brethren appears to be based upon the fact that some who are members of the A. & A. S. Rite have also become members of the A. & P. Rite and the Rites of Mizraim and Memphis, and that by so doing obligations have been broken and perjury committed. To answer this charge we need only refer to the published decision of Bro. Albert Pike, 33°, the highest authority in the A. & A. S. Rite, who says: "We concede to the fullest extent the right of all Masons to practice any Masonic Rite, ancient or modern, without hindrance from any one, and we hold that each, our own included, ought to stand or fall, succeed or fail, upon its own merits." This declaration settles the question; and we trust that in the future, with the progress of intelligence, vague and ridiculous accusations of perjury will cease to be known except as a thing of the past. Finally, permit us to quote one sen-

tence from the address of a high official of the Supreme Council, and to say "that *nothing*, we apprehend, could more surely tend to prostitute and lower Freemasonry" than the practice of publicly bringing charges, as unfounded as they are insulting, against brethren who are guiltless of any offence.

MAITLAND.

30th July, 1879.

P. S.—We enclose for your examination copies of the only two Masonic Registers issued by the Maitland brethren, the one in 1876 the other in 1878, and would also beg to refer you to the article on the A. & P. Rite in your magazine for May, 1878. We are sure that a careful examination of these documents will confirm our statements, and show clearly the injustice and indignity with which we have been treated. M.

Official.

Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY, )  
CHARLOTTETOWN, June 26, A. L. 5879. ]

BE IT KNOWN that at the Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Prince Edward Island, held in the City of Charlottetown, on the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth days of June, A. L. 5879, the following Grand Officers were duly elected, and installed as such, for the ensuing Masonic year :

- M. W., John Yoe, Port Hill, Grand Master.
- R. W. Neil McKelvie, Summerside, Deputy Grand Master.
- R. W. W. Henry Aitken, Charlottetown, Senior Grand Warden.
- R. W. Simon W. Crabbe, Charlottetown, Junior Grand Warden.
- R. W. David Small, Charlottetown, Grand Treasurer.
- R. W. George W. Wakeford, Charlottetown, Grand Secretary.
- R. W. Adam Murray, Charlottetown, Grand Lecturer.