

committee, from which we quote the following—for arrogance and effrontery it could scarcely be equalled.

"Our Committee * * * in reference to the introduction of the Rites of Memphis, Misraim, and the Ancient and Primitive Rite, within the jurisdiction of this Supreme Council, beg respectfully to report:—

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

"That this act committed or attempted to be committed by members of our obedience is a *palpable violation* of their fealty of allegiance to this Supreme Grand Council, as their 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 a direct violation of particular obligations solemnly entered into by members of the A. & A. 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 * * * deserves at the hands of this Council the most decided action and the penalty for such cases provided."

The resolutions get stronger and stronger against Maitland and its Masonic calendar, and abuse is heaped upon the head of a gentleman there, Ill. Bro. Geo. C. Longley, 38°, as superior to the Chairman of this Committee as light to darkness. But what *ignorance* this Supreme Council displayed in adopting such bombastic, hifalutin resolutions. Because I belong to the A. & A. S. Rite, am I to be dictated to, as if I were in leading strings, by a parcel of men who, because they can write 38° after their names, think they are the autocrats of Masonry? Every intelligent Mason has the *right* to take whatever degrees he can legitimately ob-

tain and no Rite has the power or authority to say him "Nay"—the lamented Bro. Geo. Frank Gouley taught the A. & A. Rite that, and the late Bro. Corson, of New Jersey, has told the same body so more than once.

If the A. & A. Rite is to dictate terms to the Sovereign Sanctuary of Canada, it will soon deem it essential to enact laws for the government of the Grand Lodges in this Dominion; and that, by-the-by, leads me to speak of another rather *fishy* transaction of this same so-called, but really illegitimate, Supreme Grand Council of Canada.

On page 17, we find the Committee of Foreign Correspondence report that in Mexico, the Supreme Grand Council of that country "has *expelled* some members of its obedience who are connected with the new movement," namely the establishment of "independent symbolic Lodges," and the separation of symbolic Masonry from A. & A. Ritism. The Committee mildly, and in a milk-and-water way, eventually says, "We do not read with any satisfaction notices of the excommunication of Masons, because they have sought to establish a 'Masonry of three degrees,' the crime for which some Masons appear to have been expelled in Mexico." Now this is generous, and noble, and liberal of the Supreme Grand Council of Canada! Think of it; they "don't" *read with pleasure* the expulsion of Masons because they desire to have independent symbolic Lodges!! Really they are liberal, and the Grand Lodges of Canada, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, British Columbia, and Manitoba, must tender the Inspectors General of the Holy Empire their thanks for this magnanimous act of condescension. Yet with all this expulsion of Blue Lodge Masons, who desire to maintain their rights, we find at end of report, on page 23, that the following resolution was adopted: Read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the *liberalism* of the Supreme Grand Council of Canada!!!