

expression that the satisfactory condition of the Rite financially is due largely to the efficiency of the Ill.^o. Treasurer-General and Ill.^o. Secretary-General; and they are glad to know that the Bodies of the Rite generally are in good condition, and that no complaints have been made the present year requiring adjudication.

With regard to all that has been done in Manitoba and in British Columbia your Committee feel that it is not necessary to say anything more than that they believe it will meet with the approval of the Supreme Council. We owe to Bro.^o. PIKE, to Bro.^o. LAWSON, and to Bro.^o. MURTON our warmest gratitude for the labor that has been performed, for the time they have given, for the admirable manner in which they have done their work, and from which the best results for the future of the Rite are anticipated. They recommend that the Supreme Council approve of the financial arrangements made to cover the expense of both missions by the Sovereign Grand Commander.

The remarks of the Sovereign Grand Commander as to an increase of membership in the Supreme Council and an addition to our honorary members, deserve and should receive the most careful consideration from the members. The matter is one of much importance to the future of the Rite in this Dominion, and should be approached with caution.

Our Foreign Relations, the Supreme Council are glad to learn, continue to be of the most satisfactory character. The Committee congratulate the Sovereign Grand Commander on his election as an honorary member of the Supreme Council of Peru, and they recommend that the Supreme Council publish with its proceedings the complimentary and courteous letter of the Grand Secretary of Peru to the Sovereign Grand Commander announcing the fact of the election.

The Committee are glad to learn that the Supreme Council for England has taken a firm stand in reference to the unmistakable recognition of the name of GOD in the works of the Rite, and with the Grand Commander they express the hope that this action may close for all time the doors of Freemasonry against the admission of atheism and infidelity.

The matter of issuing dispensations is in the hands of the Sovereign Grand Commander, and the Committee note with pleasure that few have been issued, and these only in cases where urgent necessity demanded them. The other reported official and pro forma acts of the Sovereign Grand Commander are all quite satisfactory and must be so regarded by the Supreme Council.

The Committee recommend that the case of Bro.^o. LEBLANC, who seeks to be restored to his membership in the Rite, be referred to the Deputy for Quebec. The matter affects to some extent the Montreal Bodies, and action should not be taken by the Supreme Council without at least some reference to them.

There are various matters in the Sovereign Grand Commander's address such as the establishment of a library, the procuring of banners and other paraphernalia, the establishment of Councils of Deliberation, and the creation of a fund for the sick, which deserve attention and which might be considered at this