

SWITZERLAND.

No communications from this Supreme Council have come into the hands of your Committee. It appears, however, from the address of Ill. Bro. PALMER, to the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction, U. S. A., at its last session, that the Supreme Council, whose Grand East was at Lausanne, had made a treaty with the body called the "Rectified Scotch Directory in Helvitia," whose headquarters are at Geneva, by which the autonomy and independence of each body is recognized. Each recognizes the members of the other, and the members of either body shall reciprocally benefit by the advantages which each affords to its own members whether in Switzerland or abroad. In all foreign matters the Supreme Council of Switzerland is the representative of the union, so far as what has taken place may be called union. The Northern Supreme Council was asked to recognize the arrangement and to admit into its subordinates the brethren from either of these organizations in Switzerland who come "provided with the diplomas of either obedience, and to assure to them the aid and protection of the most intimate fraternity." The Foreign Relations Committee of the Supreme Council, through its Chairman, Bro. DRUMMOND, asked time to look into the matter. The objection to it appears to be that it recognizes a body not known as a legal Masonic power by any of the Supreme Councils. But it may be desirable for the sake of harmony to trust to the Supreme Council to do what it considers to be for the best interests of the Rite in a purely local matter.

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