

make the visit a pleasant one. They were eminently successful. And to place upon record their good feeling towards this Supreme Council, they added to their Honorary Roll of Members from Sister Jurisdictions the names of the immediate Past Grand Commander, of the Grand Commander, of the Lieutenant Grand Commander, of Canada. The pleasure of attending the session was increased by the fact that, besides meeting the eminent Masons who compose the Council of the Northern Jurisdiction, we had also the pleasure of greeting our Supreme representative at the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, the Secretary-General of that Council, Bro. FRED. WEBBER, and one of its active members, Ill. Bro. DAWKINS, of Florida. There were thus present representative members of three Supreme Councils, whose territorial bounds include almost all North America, and within whose jurisdiction are the vast majority of the people speaking the English tongue on this Northern Continent.

The Northern Supreme Council, as you are all aware, is presided over by Ill. Bro. HENRY L. PALMER, a ruler of tact and judgment. Almost all the business transacted related to the internal affairs of the Rite in the Northern Jurisdiction. All that was done was done harmoniously, the most important work generally going to committees, whose conclusions are usually accepted with practical unanimity. The business-like address of the Grand Commander and the official returns all showed that the Rite in that Jurisdiction is in a very prosperous condition—a fact which it is well to note, inasmuch as there has been in the last few years a very great effort on the part of some active and unscrupulous persons to undermine the authority of the Supreme Council and to extend illegitimate bodies—bodies which are unrecognized abroad, and whose members are everywhere under the ban of all the regular Supreme Councils.

On the list of the dead during the year are the names of a number of Brethren quite well known to us and honored in the fraternity. The Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States lost Ill. Bro. JOHN SIMONS and JOHN LIVEY LEWIS, AARON KING, and other active and honorary members. The Supreme Council of England and Wales lost Ill. Bro. GENERAL JOHN STUDHOLM BROWNRIGG and Ill. Bro. GENERAL ADAIR, both within a few weeks of each other. Both were earnest Masons. Bro. ADAIR's name is attached to the English patent issued in 1874 to our late illustrious Brother HARINGTON, empowering him to establish a Supreme Council for Canada. It is signed directly under that of Ill. Bro. ROBERT HAMILTON, who took such a deep interest in the creation of this Supreme Council, and whose death very early in our history deprived us of a warm friend. The Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States lost, among others, Ill. Bro. MICHEL ELOI GIRARD, whose memory is embalmed in effective eulogy by Ill. Bro. PIKE. To our sister Supreme Councils in their bereavement we extend our kindest sympathy.

As regards the Rite in our own jurisdiction, it will, I think, appear by the reports which will be submitted to you to be in good condition. Probably we are never fully satisfied, and, in a young country like ours, the almost feverish