

NORTHERN JURISDICTION, U. S. A.

Reference has been made in the address of the Sovereign Grand Commander to the session of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction, U. S. A., held in the city of Boston, in September last. The official report of the proceedings of that session appears as these pages are going through the press. It makes a handsome volume of over four hundred pages, almost all of which are devoted to the home concerns of the Rite. One of its most interesting features is the space given to obituaries of members who died in the year; and there are ten finely engraved portraits of these members, so that artistically as well as from a literary, biographical and Masonic point of view, the work is of great value. In his address the Sovereign Grand Commander gave a summary statement of the number of initiates in the years ending July 1, 1890 and 1891, as follows:

	14°.	16°.	18°.	32°.
1890.....	1,512.	1,402	1,241.	1,283.
1891.....	1,632.	1,485.	1,489.	1,481.

The Supreme Council has a permanent fund which now amounts to \$103,000; its income for the year was \$21,843, and its ordinary expenditure \$13,655. Its financial position is therefore a most excellent one. The following shows the number of members of the 14° and of the 32° returned as from each State under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council:

	14°.	32°.
Maine.....	552	359
New Hampshire.....	513	386
Vermont.....	430	205
Massachusetts.....	2084	1528
Rhode Island.....	242	236
Connecticut.....	570	477
New York.....	3326	2900
New Jersey.....	539	387
Pennsylvania.....	2235	1819
Ohio.....	2274	2075
Michigan.....	919	968
Indiana.....	1321	1099
Illinois.....	1787	1753
Wisconsin.....	668	658
Total.....	17460	14850

There are upon the roll of the Supreme Council forty-nine Active Members (one of whom has died since the year began, Ill.° Bro.° WILLIAM PARKMAN, of Boston), two Emeriti and two Past Active Members. There is a large number Honorary Members, and the list steadily increases. The following is by States: