

arrangement was effected with the Grand Orient of that country still remain upon its roll. The Bulletin contains some extracts from the proceedings of the Grand Orient of Belgium, and one matter referred to may be of interest. In January, 1893, there was a very active political agitation in Belgium upon the question of universal suffrage. The Grand Orient published a manifesto declaring its sympathy with the universal suffrage movement, but this was sharply criticised by many of the brethren, and even Grand Orient was divided among themselves upon it. Apparently the matter passed over without the creation of any rupture, but the prevalent feeling was that the craft ought not to interfere actively with questions which belong to the political arena.

NORTHERN JURISDICTION, U. S. A.

The Annual Session of this Supreme Council was held at Pittsburg, Pa., commencing on 15th September last. A cordial reception was extended to our Sovereign Grand Commander and to our Grand Treasurer-General, who were able to be present. Documents submitted by Ill. Bro. PALMER, Sovereign Grand Commander, showed that during the year the 14° had been conferred upon 1,850 brethren, and the 32° upon 1,643. On the 1st July, 1896, there were in existence thirty-two Consistories with a membership of 20,729; fifty-six Chapters of Rose Croix, 20,926 members; sixty Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, 21,477 members; and seventy-eight Lodges of Perfection, 24,094 members. The Invested Funds of the Supreme Council amount to \$155,793, yielding an income of \$7,393, and the total annual revenue of the Supreme Council was \$30,397. The address of the Sovereign Grand Commander dealt very largely with home matters. He said that harmony and brotherly love prevail throughout his jurisdiction. The working bodies of the Rite are, as a rule, in a healthy and satisfactory condition. The working members—the teachers if they may be so designated—are constantly increasing in numbers, and daily becoming more and more proficient in their work. The Rite itself is daily growing in favor with the true lover and student of freemasonry. Its benefits and its beauties are more highly appreciated the more the system is studied and the better it is understood. The experience and progress of the past justifies bright hopes for the still greater advancement and usefulness of the Rite in future.

In his address this year our Sovereign Grand Commander has referred to the death of several eminent members of the Northern Supreme Council. In one case at least, to the Chairman of this Committee, death causes a personal bereavement. Ill. Bro. GEORGE M. CARPENTER, of Providence, Rhode Island, was not only eminent as a scholar, a jurist, and man of high intellectual attainments, but he was also warm in his attachments, sincere, unaffected, "full of all graciousness." He was never appealed to to assist in the work of the Rite by this Committee without responding speedily and kindly.

SOUTHERN JURISDICTION U. S. A.

There has been no meeting of this Supreme Council since our last Annual Session, and no publications of importance have been issued. Friendly letters from Ill. Bro. WEBBER, Grand Secretary-General, show that the general good condition of the Rite is sustained.

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