

IRELAND.

A list of the members of this Supreme Council for 1891-92 shows nine active members; over whom preside, the Venerable and Illustrious HON. JOHN FITZHENRY TOWNSEND, LL. D. : with our representative, RT. HON. HEDGES EYRE CHATTERTON, Lieutenant Grand Commander; and E. W. MAUNSELL, Grand Secretary-General and Treasurer. This Supreme Council is in amity with fourteen Supreme Councils, viz., England, Scotland, Southern Jurisdiction U.S.A., Northern Jurisdiction U.S.A., Canada, Greece, Belgium, Egypt, Tunis, Peru, Mexico, Central America, St. Domingo, Spain.

SOUTHERN JURISDICTION. U. S. A.

Nothing could be more gratifying to BRO. ALBERT PIKE, were he living, or able to take note of them, than the references made to his earnestness, capacity and ability, to his many noble qualities of mind and heart, in all the fraternal references to him in the circulars of the Supreme Councils throughout the world announcing his death. "Probably the most accomplished and distinguished member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the world," is the terse and correct language of the Illustrious Secretary-General for Ireland in referring to him, and Masons of the Rite everywhere will readily admit the correctness of the declaration. Since the death of ILL. BRO. PIKE, and until the next Session of the Supreme Council, in October, 1892, the ILL. BRO. J. C. BATCHELOR, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander, becomes the head of the Southern Council. There are many able men in the Southern Council and while BRO. PIKE's place may not be filled by anybody just as he filled it, there is no doubt whatever that the Rite in the Southern Jurisdiction will flourish. The Proceedings of the Session held in October, 1890, shows that there were present eighteen active members, one emeritus member and twenty-two honorary members of the Supreme Council. The revenue for the same period was \$45,750, including a balance of \$3,984, and the expenditure was \$41,529. The honorary rank was conferred upon sixteen members, and upon one brother at the request of the Supreme Council for Central America. There were returns from, or mention made of, four Grand Consistories (including one at Yokohama), fourteen particular Consistories, nineteen Preceptories of Knights Kadosh, thirty-four Chapters of Rose Croix, and fifty-one Lodges of Perfection. Warrants were ordered for two particular Consistories, five Preceptories, three Chapters and three Lodges of Perfection. A paragraph from the report of the Committee on the Doings of Inspectors-General may be read with interest :

"The members of the Supreme Council are as a rule busy men, men upon whom others depend, not merely in the close sense of family relation, but in the wide and public acceptance of the term. Among our members are men holding high public office, positions of trust and responsibility in great corporations, ministers of religion, physicians, lawyers, merchants, and we are all, in one sphere or another, active workers in the great hive of human industry. It is not the least among the many glories of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry that it is able, amid the hum and whirl of the world's affairs, to command and receive the service of the men who compose the Supreme Council."