

to the truth of this assertion. I have just received a letter from Ill. Bro. C. N. BELL, the Representative alluded to, who says: "I have not yet had any letter from the Supreme Council of Mexico, though it is now a month since I wrote the Secretary-General." As this innovation is a most gross violation of one of the fundamental laws of all Masonry, I think it becomes a serious question, should the report be confirmed by the Council's acknowledgment, whether we should continue to maintain relations with this body.

SUPREME COUNCIL OF PORTUGAL.

We have received a kind letter from this Council in reply to our circulars of the deaths of Bros. PETERS and MENET expressing their sympathy with us and informing us that they had placed the bodies of their obedience in mourning for three sessions.

It is most gratifying to receive so many sympathetic letters from foreign Councils. It shows us that there exists that spirit of true fraternity throughout the whole of this great cosmopolitan Rite, which as a thread of gold unites us all and makes us one great family of brethren.

REPRESENTATIVES.

There have been no more responses to our endeavor to fill the few remaining blanks in this office, although our Grand Chancellor Spry has used every effort to complete the list.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

I received a communication in July last from a Consistory in the United States requesting permission to confer the Consistory degrees on one of our 18th members who was casually visiting in that city. This brother had been rejected by one of our Consistories, therefore, had I been willing, as an act of courtesy to the American Body, to consent to the request, I could not allow a waiver of the ballot, and therefore was compelled to refuse the request. The correspondence on this matter is appended hereto.

On the death of Ill. Bro. PETERS, our Deputy for New Brunswick, I appointed Ill. Bro. the HON. ROBERT MARSHALL, of St. John, in his stead, and on the death of Ill. Bro. MENET, Deputy for Ontario, I appointed Ill. Bro. J. J. MASON, of Hamilton, in his place, both to fill their respective offices until this session of the Council.

FRATERNAL VISITATION.

The various re-unions held on both sides of the line, i. e., in the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of the United States, and our own afford the opportunity for the exchange of courtesies and ideas and are a most effective means of education in the manners and methods of conducting this Rite. They create a healthy rivalry and thereby stimulate all to greater effort.