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## SUPREME COUNCIL.

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The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has set an admirable example to her sister Grand Bodies, in having resolved to discipline any of its members who may connect themselves with these bogus bodies—an example which I devoutly hope may be followed by the Craft Grand Lodges of this Dominion.

I believe that the returns will show that the Rite has gained considerably in numbers during the past year, but I regret to say that with the exception of a Lodge of Perfection in Kingston no new bodies have been created, and I would take the opportunity of requesting the most earnest attention of the Special Deputies to this subject as being of the most vital importance to the welfare of the Rite.

If all suitable points are speedily provided with Lodges of Perfection, and, in course of time with Chapters of Rose Croix and other necessary bodies, the knowledge of the Rite will thereby be so disseminated and the opportunities of joining it in a legal manner so multiplied that the traffickers in degrees already alluded to will find little or no grist coming to their mill.

### FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Our foreign relations continue to be of the most amicable nature, and no doubt the report of the Chairman of Committee on foreign correspondence will enter fully into detail and prove as ably interesting and instructive as his former reports have always been.

### GENERAL.

During the past year I have issued dispensations as follows :—

To Hamilton Chapter Rose Croix, to waive the statutory time in conferring the degrees upon six Brethren at the Annual Re-union, which, by the bye, I greatly regret I was unable to attend, the Montreal bodies, however, being represented by Ill. Bro. J. V. Morgan 32° and H. D. Whitney 32°, who returned highly delighted with the work they had witnessed and the hospitality with which they had been received, a hospitality which has become proverbial.

A dispensation to Hochelaga Grand Lodge of Perfection, to hold its Annual Election of Officers on other than the stated day.

A dispensation to Harington Chapter Rose Croix, St. John, N. B., to waive statutory time between 14° and 18° on Bro. JOHN YOUNG McDERMOTT, he being about to leave the country.

A dispensation to Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton, to waive statutory time between 30° 31° and 32° in favor of Bro. JOHN McKECHNIE of Winnipeg.

I also ratified the promise given by London Chapter Rose Croix to Mi-Mi Lodge of Perfection, Northern Light Council of Princes of Jerusalem and Fort Industry Chapter of Rose Croix in the Valley of Toledo, Ohio, to confer the degrees from 4° to 18° upon Brother Edward H. Raymour, living in the Town of St. Thomas, Ontario.