

or irregularity of the New Orleans Supreme Council is not the question at issue; that is a question for the Supreme Councils of the United States to decide; but if all the Supreme Councils and Grand Orientes of the world were to pronounce it a just and legal body, our edict of non-intercourse could not be rescinded. That edict was adopted because the Grand Orient extended fraternal recognition to a body that had planted clandestine lodges within the jurisdiction of the G. Lodge of Louisiana, thereby espousing the cause and giving 'aid and comfort' to the invader of her sovereign rights, and the question of the regularity or irregularity of the offending body is wholly irrelevant. In all the remonstrances and protests which have been addressed the Grand Orient by the American Grand Lodges, the violation of our jurisdictional rights was clearly stated, and it was for this and no other reason that their edicts of non-intercourse were adopted. It is therefore strange, that while professing a desire 'to respect the rights of every country and of each Rite as it desires to have its own respected,' the Grand Orient should evade the question of 'jurisdiction' and consider it only one of 'regularity.' The Grand Orient knows that by the universally recognized law of Masonry in the United States, Grand Lodges claim and exercise sole and exclusive control over the three symbolic degrees, and that Supreme Councils have no jurisdiction over them whatever. Let her act on this principle, and make a frank and open avowal of her determination to support and maintain the doctrine of absolute and exclusive jurisdiction; withdraw recognition from bodies which are Masonic only in name; cease to follow the *ignis fatuus* of so-called "progress," which has led her astray; respect and adhere to the ancient landmarks of the fraternity; restore the Grand Mastership; and then the Grand Lodge of Louisiana will cheerfully welcome her back into the circle of friendly Powers. We sincerely hope that such may be the case, and that the fraternal chain, when again re-united, will be as bright and as strong as in the days when that good and true Mason, the Marquis de Lafayette, was the representative of our Grand Lodge near the East of the Grand Orient."

Under the head of HAMBURG, we find this:

"At the quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, held February 9th, 1872, a communication was received from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, protesting against the establishment of the lodge Beton Zum Licht, at Hoboken; but the wrong was not redressed. Communications were also received from the negro Grand Lodges of Ohio and Massachusetts requesting recognition and mutual representation, which was declined, with the proviso that "colored Masons" properly accredited from their lodges, would be admitted to the lodges working under the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, whether such Lodges had been recognized by her, or not."

As a matter of interest we quote the following account of the state of Masonry in Brazil:

"A union of the two Grand Orientes of the Lavradio and Benedictinos has been happily effected, and this restoration of harmony to the Masonic family of Brazil was the result of the intolerance of the

We
and in
Histor
but we
things.