

trait of the Ill. : LOUIS POMBO, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, adorns the volume. The period covered by the proceedings is from May, 1894, to December, 1895. The President of the Mexican Republic, Ill. : PORFIRIO DIAZ, is Grand Commander *ad vitam*, but the active duties of the office are discharged by Ill. : Bro. : POMBO. There are, in addition, eleven office bearers, and eighteen active members of the Supreme Council, with a number of honorary members. Of the bodies of the Rite there are two Consistories, fourteen Councils of Kadosh, thirty-three Rose Croix Chapters, and seventy-seven Lodges of Perfection. On the 21st of December, 1895, the Supreme Council celebrated the thirty-fifth year of its foundation. The President of the Republic, Ill. : Bro. : DIAZ, presided, and a large number of the Mexican brethren assisted in the proceedings and at the banquet. The relations of this Supreme Council with all the Masonic powers with which it is in correspondence are extremely cordial and intimate. There are several fraternal references in the proceedings to the Supreme Council for Canada ; the circulars issued by our Supreme Council announcing the deaths of Ill. : Bros. : PETERS and MENET are published in full, and pages of the proceedings are dedicated to their memory. The transactions of the Supreme Council and the proceedings of its subordinate bodies are recorded in this volume, and appear to be regular in every respect. The Committee specially mark this, inasmuch as in his address to this Supreme Council last year the Sovereign Grand Commander called attention to a report published in a newspaper to the effect that in Mexico women are admitted into Freemasonry and to the degrees of the Rite as far as the fourteenth degree. In April, 1894, Ill. : Bro. : A. B. CHAMBERLAIN, 33°, of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, was specially invited by the late Bro. : TUCKER, Sov. : Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, to visit Mexico and to enquire into the condition of Masonry of Mexico, and the relations of the several bodies there with each other. On the 15th of the month named he visited the Supreme Council (Ill. : Bro. POMBO was in the chair), and was cordially and heartily welcomed. One or two paragraphs from his report are of special interest. He says :

" I thanked them for their cordial and fraternal reception, assuring them that it was the desire of our Supreme Council to perpetuate the amicable relations that have heretofore existed between these two Bodies, but from some cause our Supreme Council had failed to receive the accustomed bulletin of their proceedings or any communication from the officers of their Body, save only the fraternal letters of condolence upon the death of our Grand Commanders, Ill. : Bros. : PIKE and BATCHELOR, and that we had been informed that a Body styling itself the Grand Dieta had been organized in the Republic of Mexico, absorbing and taking into its bosom all the Bodies calling themselves Masonic in the Republic, and assuming the right and claiming the authority to legitimately confer all the Degrees of Masonry from the first or Entered Apprentice to that of the thirty-third, inclusive, and that the Bible was discarded from all its assemblies, and that it had otherwise violated the ancient landmarks and usages of the Order, notably the admission of women into its Bodies.

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