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"controversy settled, they properly may and indeed ought to consult together upon the subject and propose to the belligerent Councils a plan by which the questions to which hostilities between them are owing may be definitely adjudicated. The Supreme Council of Ireland, as its own rights are involved in the dispute, would probably not deem it proper that it should be represented in a Tribunal of Arbitration. I venture to suggest, as a plan that ought to be acceptable to the contestants, that the Supreme Councils of Ireland, Canada, the Northern Jurisdiction and ours should propose and strongly urge the submission of all the matters of dispute, for final adjudication, to a tribunal, which might meet at New York, composed of members of the Supreme Councils of Canada, the Northern Jurisdiction and ours, three from each.

"When the great nations of the world settle their disputes by arbitration, to avoid ruinous wars, it cannot be inconsistent with the dignity and pride of Masonic Powers to do the same; and surely their controversies might be safely submitted to the consideration of such a tribunal as I have suggested."

The Supreme Council held a Lodge of Sorrow for the members of the Rite who had died since the previous Session. Ill. Bro. HEDGES EYRE CHATTERTON, our Representative at the Supreme Council for Ireland, was elected an Honorary Member of the Southern Supreme Council.

THE NORTHERN (U. S. A.) JURISDICTION.

The Annual Sessions of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction are held at a time of year so near our own that generally their Proceedings appear about the same time as ours, and we are not as likely to look to them for information as we should be if held at another season. The Supreme Council largely concerns itself with its own domestic concerns, and pursues a very wise policy of almost absolute non-intervention in the affairs of other Supreme Councils. Its Annual Session in September, 1880, at Boston, was attended by thirty-nine Active, three Emeriti and sixty-two Honorary members. The Address of Ill. Brother HENRY L. PALMER deals very effectively with the domestic affairs and the foreign relations of the Supreme Council, and many of the documents submitted with it were of much interest. All of the business of the Supreme Council was transacted with much promptness and ability, and your Committee are compelled to express their admiration at the effectiveness and capacity displayed, not only by the Supreme Council but by the Rite generally, in the Jurisdiction which adjoins our own, and which numbers 26,000 members.

In the present year the Supreme Council held its Session at New York. No report was received from the Committee on Foreign Relations, but a very full resume of the condition and affairs of the Rite in many Latin countries was presented by Ill. Brother A. G. GOODALL, Foreign Representative at large of the Supreme Council, and by the Sov. Grand Commander in his Address. The Supreme Council was visited by our Illustrious Secretary.