

Council, and enjoy a complete autonomy, the Supreme Council exercising authority only over the Degrees 4° to 32°, by means of a Lodge of Perfection, a Council of Princes of Jerusalem, a Chapter of Sovereign Princes Rose Croix, and a Grand Consistory S. P. R. S. This is a movement in Spain in the right direction, and one that rigidly adhered to will eventually prove beneficial, both to the Symbolic and the Sublime Degrees. EDWARD DE LA GRONJA has been appointed envoy extraordinary and representative at large of the new Council to foreign countries. In the absence of more detailed information, the Committee can make no recommendation to the Supreme Council. At pages 53, 54 and 55 of our transactions of last year, there is printed a letter from the Supreme Council for Colon, describing the confusion in Masonic Government that exists in the Spanish Peninsula, and declaring Brother JUAN A PEREZ, the head of the new Council, a Schismatic Mason; while at page 57 is a Circular from a Supreme Council in Spain, announcing that Ill. Bro. GRAVINA, late of the Supreme Council of Colon, had fraternized with and become the head of the said Council. It does not appear from any documents before your Council, or from any information in the possession of your Committee, what was the nature of the authority alleged to be given to Bro. MONFREDI by the Supreme Council for Colon, or of that given to Ill. Bro. GRONJA, by Sovereign Grand Commander DRUMMOND, or whether the action detailed in the letter of Ill. Bro. PEREZ (see appendix I), has resulted in a union of the discordant elements which have so lately distracted Spanish Freemasonry. It is possible, but it would be highly improper for this Committee to jump at conclusions. They observe that at its recent sitting in Philadelphia the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States took no action in this matter, but continued the Committee to make further enquiry. It is safe to make haste slowly. They, therefore, renew their recommendation of last year, that no action be taken at present.

And here the Committee beg to say that they cannot advise the Council to a wiser course than non-interference where the Masons of a country are themselves divided in allegiance and differing in opinion. The chief basis of recognition abroad should be unanimity at home. When a newly established Supreme Council comes before us asking recognition, from a country where before there was no Supreme Council, it is not difficult to decide as to its regularity, but it is not easy to decide between the claims of two or three rival bodies; indeed, it is not always possible without personal investigation and a consideration of circumstances of time, place and events that cannot be taken into account at a distance. Too often it happens that the differences which have caused the creation of rival claimants for recognition and for power have their origin in improper ambition, in vanity, in disappointment. Mutual concession, the exercise of tolerance, the practice of one of the great tenets of the Masonic profession, brotherly love, would readily end unseemly strife and vexatious disputation. It should be distinctly understood by Bodies seeking to establish fraternal relations with this Supreme Council that if their jurisdiction is disputed, our action will be very slow.

Since this was written, the Committee have received a Circular from the

Council of which the act of the Supreme Council of the Lausanne Conference asks the Brother Grand Commander to be irregular and schismatic.

From Italy we have printed, including a Grand Commander of the conflict of authority claiming to be a Supreme Council. Turin appears to have executive power of Masonic government and are in friendly relations as the Supreme Council over the Ancient and

Although on the had very little correspondence pointed a representative sight, as we have a Illustrious Brother who received from the Supreme an exchange of annual the official account of Council, on 24th October Paris by the Exposition 6,000 persons were present SIMON. Speeches were commander of the French representative of this MERSDALE, the Sovereign prominent Masons received and other countries. wide reputation, and the union and brotherly

The Supreme Council which are represented of France, and which agitation has lately spread and a re-organization are overshadowed by control of their own