

Bro. TYLER, of Vermont, who, I regret to say, will not be with us this year, wrote me that their presence was a cause of much gratification to the members, and that they spoke in Supreme Council with good effect. The session was one of rare interest. Every Active Member was present save Bro. CARPENTER, of Wisconsin, whose infirmity, blindness, was his excuse for absence. The Supreme Council this year elected its officers for three years, and practically the old staff was re-elected. Bro. HEMOAN ELY, who has been Treasurer-General for twenty-five years, declined to serve again because of ill health, though he was unanimously re-elected. I am glad to see that one of the three active members crowned in that Supreme Council this year is Ill. Bro. ALBERT P. MORIARTY, who has so long and so faithfully discharged the duties of Asst. Secretary-General. It may be of interest to mention the fact that at the Union in 1867 of the two bodies claiming jurisdiction in the North sixty Active and Emeritus members composed the united Council. Since that time thirty-four of the number have joined the great majority; of the twenty-six living twenty-four answered to their names at roll call in the Supreme Council this year—an evidence of interest and attachment which illustrates how strong and warm is the Masonic tie in the hearts of faithful men. As far as I can gather from the reports in the public prints the business was entirely routine; the address of Grand Commander PALMER dealt almost wholly with local affairs, and the returns from the Subordinate Bodies showed that the year had been the most prosperous in the history of the Supreme Council. The Honorary rank of Inspector General was conferred upon thirty candidates.

While referring to our foreign relations it may be of interest to observe that all the difficulties existing between the Supreme Council for England and that for Scotland have been settled, and that there is an interchange of Representatives. Ill. Bro. MACKERSY, Secretary-General for Scotland, becoming the English Representative, and Ill. Bro. SANDEMAN, the English Secretary, becoming the Representative for Scotland. The settlement must be exceedingly pleasurable to those of us who formerly owned allegiance to either one of the two Councils.

Among many enquiries made of me during the year was one from Ill. Bro. FRED. WEBBER, our Representative at the Southern Supreme Council, asking us if we had a Rose Croix Chapter at Sydney, New South Wales. Bro. WEBBER knew from our publications that we had not, but an assurance had been given him by a brother in that place that the contrary was correct, and he desired an official statement. I promptly assured him that this Supreme Council had no subordinate bodies outside of Canada, and that any organization claiming to hold from us in New South Wales was illegitimate.

As a result of our financial condition at the end of the last year we were enabled to add a sum of one thousand dollars to our funded balance, and the Supreme Council may be said to be in a comfortable position financially.

The returns for the present year from our Subordinate Bodies will, I believe, show a fair amount of work done, and, relatively, a good condition of things. Perhaps the Rite does not grow as rapidly as some of the more ardent of its members would desire, but it makes steady and satisfactory progress. The number of

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