

tion to the re union or conference of Rose Croix Masons, to be held at Brussels, on 29th March last, offering specially to accredit any of that degree who might be able to attend, and asking any one who might be so disposed, whether able to attend or not, to contribute a paper to the topics to be discussed. Unfortunately no one of our members was in a position to be present at Brussels. I have not heard whether any papers were sent in from Canada, beyond a brief one forwarded by myself, on the question of the uniformity of the Rose Croix Ritual, the fate of which I never ascertained. The Conference was, I believe, held, but no report of its transactions are yet at hand.

The Supreme Council for San Domingo, celebrated, in February last, with great rejoicing, the fiftieth anniversary of the initiation into Freemasonry of Ill.°. Brother JACINTO DE CASTRO, the Sovereign Grand Commander. The eminent services to the fraternity within that jurisdiction of this illustrious brother during his long career, the good judgment, the wise conservatism, the devotion to Masonic principle which he has displayed, would justify us in marking this event in his life by some special recognition. It would be a graceful act to place him upon the roll of our honorary members.

At the request of Ill.°. Bro.°. ALBERT PIKE, of the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, U. S. A., a circular was sent to all of our bodies, warning them against fellowship with a number of brethren who had abandoned their obedience to that Supreme Council and foresworn their allegiance. This was the more necessary as many, if not all of these, were in possession of diplomas or patents signed by the illustrious brother himself. It is well to emphasise the fact that our Supreme Council has no sympathy with rebellion against constituted authority. Calm discussion, moderation in agitation, the exercise of judgment, will ever, among men who speak the English tongue, secure the redress of any real grievance, and rapidly dispel the illusion of an imaginary one. Rebellion in Freemasonry suggests a bad cause—an effort to secure by force that which sound reasoning will not justify. In some instances apparently the great success of the two legitimate Supreme Councils in the United States has excited the enmity of a few men and the dishonorable ambition of others. A small thing will arouse the worst feelings of persons so influenced. Both of our sister Supreme Councils are too secure in the general confidence of their subordinates, and in the affection of the legitimate governing bodies of the Rite everywhere, to make necessary further action by them than the withdrawal of their protection from those who endeavor to prejudice their authority.

The year which has elapsed since we last met has been a prosperous one for our Rite in Canada. I would be justified in the statement that it has been a very prosperous one. I will not anticipate the reports of the Provincial Deputies further than to say that if we have not made substantial advances in all of the Provinces, we have in most of them. Our subordinate bodies have increased in number; there is a fair addition to our membership, and the Secretary-General advises me that we shall have a fair increase in our funds, notwithstanding an unusually heavy drain upon them. Above all, so far as I am aware, the best of feeling prevails through the entire jurisdiction. As usual, the Province of