

that there is not a single Supreme Council which may have given its adhesion to the decisions of the Convent of 1875.

Then our Ill.^l. Brethren of Peru describe the pretended silence of the Supreme Councils, still outside the alliance, the indifference of some, the protests of others concerning certain principles admitted at Lausanne, but without stating which, and the discontent of nearly all.

According to Peru the Convent of Lausanne would have the effect of weakening the union which previously existed among all the Supreme Councils; of destroying it among some, without naming them, and of occasioning discussions, more or less violent, calculated to cause very serious scandals, and to excite distrust among the many Bodies of the Scottish Rite.

They take good care not to tell where, for what precise cause, or among what members of the alliance such an afflicting result of the Lausanne Congress would be produced.

And after these visionary considerations, without stating (to serve them for base or pretext) any serious facts in support of this vehement vituperation of the work of Convents; the Supreme Council of Lima declares it necessary and indispensable to prevent, in the future, the meeting of new Masonic Congresses.

Certainly after such preliminary remarks, it was easy to foresee the decision which would be taken at Lima, to propose, at the time of the meeting of the Convent at London, the suppression of the articles of the Treaty of Union, Alliance and Confederation, which institute the periodical meetings of Masonic Congresses.

The organ of the Universal Clerico-political reaction would have concluded differently against the Federation created at Lausanne.

In beholding a member of the alliance denounce *urbi et orbi* the inauspicious influence of Masonic Congresses, and preach abstention, our irreconcilable enemies ought to rejoice, and follow with lively interest such efforts to divide this Masonic Society, whose moral power they dread.

Did our Illustrious Brethren of Peru well reflect that by their lamentable circular they were going to bring upon themselves the approbation of the fanatic propagators of the anti-social doctrines of the Vatican?

Have we not to fear that some hidden influence, under deceptive appearances, may be insinuated into the bosom of certain Scottish Rite Bodies? for we remark the same symptom in Canada and the same in Italy.

This is why we adjure you, Ill.^l. Brethren of Peru, to again weigh well your resolutions, and to ask you again if it is for the interest of the Scottish Rite to submit them at the next Congress.

Is it not singular that in Peru and Canada they open a campaign against Confederation and Congresses, at the very time that our direst enemy, Clericalism, since we must call it by its name, organizes with the greatest strength a formid-

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