

subordinate bodies, and disquisitions and essays upon many subjects of interest to the Freemasons of Brazil. A new Masonic constitution was promulgated in Brazil about two years ago. In a sense the Masonic government in that country is a federation, in which the "Modern Rite" is represented as well as the Scottish Rite, and there is a system of State Grand Lodges. The Grand Orient appears to have control over the whole federation of Freemasonry, and it contains among its members representatives of the 7°, the highest degree of the Modern Rite, as well as active thirty-third degree members of the Scottish Rite. The Scottish Rite, so far as its internal affairs are concerned, is independent, but for the federation purposes the Grand Orient is the supreme power. Apparently the head of the Supreme Council becomes the Grand Master of the Order. For the past year or more the duties of both offices are discharged by Ill.° Bro.° ANTONIO JOAQUIN DE MAEDO SOARES, who, as Grand Master adjunct and Lieutenant Grand Commander, acts as head of the craft since the resignation (soon after followed by his death) of General MANUEL D. LA FONSECA, who found that the duties of his position as President of the Republic imposed upon him so much labor that he could not satisfactorily discharge the duties of both offices.

#### OTHER SUPREME COUNCILS.

Nothing of special note in the proceedings of other Supreme Councils has come under the observation of the Secretary-General. As a whole the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite is making good progress, and many difficult matters which have presented themselves to its adherents, arising out of its particular form of government are being satisfactorily solved. The Secretary-General reports that he has not in the past year received the bulletin of the Supreme Council of Belgium, which always presents a most excellent compendium of the proceedings of the Rite in other lands.