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SUPREME COUNCIL.

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Honorary members. There are nine active members, two supernumerary members, one of whom resides in the West Indies, and one in the East Indies. There are five "retired members;" ten Inspector Generals of Districts, who have duties to perform, and active work to do, without being members of the Supreme Council (four of whom are out of England), and six "unattached members."

The Rite in the Jurisdiction appears to be in a very flourishing condition.

The Supreme Council of England does not issue Warrants to any Bodies higher than the 18°, which includes all the Degrees below. It has on its Roll 85 Chapters, four of which are not working. There are nearly 4,000 members in possession of the Rose Croix Degree. Although there are no Bodies warranted higher than the 18° the Supreme Council, by its laws, makes provision for the issue of Warrants to Bodies with power to confer Degrees from 19° to the 29° inclusive, but this has not been taken advantage of by any of the Brethren. The 30°, 31° and 32° are conferred under the immediate authority of the Supreme Council. There is no limitation to the number of members of the 30°, and there are about 330 Knights K. . H. . on the Roll of the Supreme Council, and these, practically, do not belong to any organized body; their annual subscriptions are paid into, and form part of the Funds of the Supreme Council. A Brother must be a present or past Most Wise Sovereign of a Rose Croix Chapter, or have been three years a member of the 18°, before he can be eligible to receive the 30°, unless by dispensation. The 31° and 32° are conferred by selection, and the number of members is limited to 72 of the 31° and 45 of the 32°, exclusive of members permanently residing abroad and belonging to Rose Croix Chapters out of England and Wales, but even with this latitude the number is limited. According to the last Annual of the English Supreme Council there are only 51 members in all of the 32°, and 85 of the 31°, while of the 30° there are 330. The fee for conferring the 33° in England is eleven guineas, with an annual subscription of five guineas. The fees for the 30°, 31° and 32° are ten guineas each. Financially, socially, and Masonically, the Supreme Council of England is a very effective Body, and the Ancient and Accepted Rite under its organization is in an excellent condition.

SCOTLAND.

The Supreme Council for Scotland is presided over by the venerable and Illustrious Brother J. WHYTE MELVILLE. There are eight other active members, seven other members out of Scotland, one of whom, Ill. . Bro. . SAMUEL CONSTANTINE BURKE, was created the present year for the West Indies, and six honorary members divided into two classes. The name of our Illustrious Brother BENJAMIN LESTER PETERS is borne upon the roll of "Honorary members who were formerly active members." In the proceedings of the past year there is little of interest to Canadian members of the Rite. A new Rose Croix Chapter had been opened at Glasgow, and one at Jamaica. The Supreme Council declines to recognize the Supreme Council of St. Domingo, and pending information suspends judgment in regard to the PEREZ Council for Spain. It donated \$250 to aid the Masonic Boys' School in London, and \$125 to a friend for furnishing a Masonic ward to the new Royal Infirmary of