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SUPREME COUNCIL.

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I have had submitted for approval the By-laws of Toronto Chapter of Rose Croix, and the Lodge of Perfection held at St. John, New Brunswick, and I have received a very neat printed copy of the By-laws of Murton Lodge of Perfection of Hamilton.

The completion of our List of Representatives is desirable, and also communication with all Supreme Councils with whom as yet we have not entered into relations of amity. Our Ill.^{us} Secretary-General, I believe, possesses a full list. It would, I think, be desirable for the Committee on Foreign Relations to be instructed to become familiar with the present status of the Rite in other countries, so as to offer recommendations next year for filling every vacancy.

What would the Supreme Council think of commencing to collect a Library, and the appointment of a Committee to take charge? It ought to be distinct from the office of the Secretary-General, in my own opinion, and be at our See at Montreal. The "Supreme Council of England and Wales, &c.," is spoken of with great respect and praise for its really grand Library.

Proper Banners and other paraphernalia should be provided, to be used in conferring the 33°.

I now submit to the notice and kind consideration of the Supreme Council an entirely different matter. It relates to the suspension of Brother LEBLANC, five years ago, and the sentence incurred by him through leaving the Dominion under an unhappy cloud. I have received from him a letter dated Chicago, 9th September last, written respectfully and with great propriety. He therein begs that his name may be restored to the roll of our membership, from which it was struck for cause, he confesses, brought on by himself, and on account of which he has suffered much in mind. He has been working hard to bring up his family comfortably and honorably, and the testimony in his favor is that he has been for four years in the employ of an Iron and Steel Company, at Chicago, in which he first rose from time-keeper to book-keeper, and he was thence promoted to the responsible position of cashier, which office he now holds. He is supported by a letter to me from the Vice-President and General Manager of the Company, himself a Knight Templar, who concludes his letter by saying that the firm have found Brother LEBLANC to be energetic, competent and reliable in every position he has held.

I recommend that Brother LEBLANC be restored to his former position in our Rite, by the removal of his suspension, and I hope that the Supreme Council will come to the merciful conclusion that his punishment has lasted long enough.

I turn to a more pleasant theme.—The Bodies of the Rite at Hamilton, held their Annual Re-Union in January last, which I sincerely regretted I could not attend, all the more so because I had a lively recollection of a previous meeting and its accompanying pleasures and hospitalities. The Re-Union I am told passed over most agreeably, was well attended and afforded much satisfaction to all interested.