

The Supreme Council was called from labor at 1.30 o'clock p. m. The Supreme Council, after recess, resumed labor in the Fourteenth Degree, at 2.30 o'clock p. m., and a number of brethren were admitted.

The Sov. Gr. Commander then delivered his Annual Address as follows:

PEERS AND BROTHERS:—

As we meet in Annual Session to discharge our duties and to interchange fraternal greetings with each other, we can rejoice over the fact that our membership in this Supreme Council is unbroken, and that we have not to mourn through death the absence of any familiar face. Whatever disadvantage we have in the smallness of our numbers, we gain from our limitations the advantage of being brought closely together, and of being, as I am sure we are, very dear to each other. Some of our sister Supreme Councils, with whom we are on most intimate terms, are not so fortunate as we are. A touching letter from the Supreme Council for Ireland announces the death of Ill. Bro. EDWARD HORNSBY, one of the most active of the nine members composing that body. The Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States lost in the year one of its active members, Ill. Bro. JOSEPH D. EVANS, of New York, long its Grand Minister of State, a man of much intellectual power; WILLIAM SEWELL GARDNER, distinguished as a jurist in Massachusetts, active as a Mason, a Past Grand Master of his Grand Lodge, and Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment K. T. of the United States, and Ill. Bro. JOHN WOOLVERTON, of New Jersey, besides two of its Emeriti and several of its Honorary members.

Invitations were courteously sent to me, and, no doubt to other members of the Supreme Council, to attend the Annual Session of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction, U. S. A., held in September of this year at Boston, and the Biennial Session of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction, held in Washington, commencing on the 15th instant. I regret that it was impossible to take advantage of either invitation, and to shew respect, by attendance, to the distinguished Masons who control the Rite in the United States. My hope is that we may be able to greet some of them at this Session, to assure them that we rejoice at their prosperity, and at the knowledge we have of the success which is crowning their efforts to sustain the honors and uphold the interests of the legitimate Scottish Freemasonry.

Our relations with all the Supreme Councils with which we are in correspondence are of the most agreeable kind. I have asked the Supreme Council for Italy to appoint near us a representative, as we have one with them. I have also intimated to the Supreme Council for Brazil that I would be glad to appoint a Representative at their Grand East, as they have at ours.

Early in the calendar year, the Grand Secretary-General, at my request, issued a circular to our members throughout the Dominion, directing their atten-

tion to the re union or conference on 29th March last, offering able to attend, and asking attend or not, to contribute a no one of our members was heard whether any papers forwarded by myself, on the Ritual, the fate of which I held, but no report of its trans-

The Supreme Council great rejoicing, the fiftieth Ill. Brother JACINTO DE eminent services to the fra brother during his long car devotion to Masonic princ marking this event in his graceful act to place him upo

At the request of Ill. Southern Jurisdiction, U. S. them against fellowship wit obedience to that Supreme the more necessary as many, patents signed by the illustri that our Supreme Council authority. Calm discussion will ever, among men who real grievance, and rapidly di Freemasonry suggests a bad reasoning will not justify. I two legitimate Supreme Cou a few men and the dishonora the worst feelings of persons are too secure in the general of the legitimate governing further action by them than endeavor to prejudice their at

The year which has elap our Rite in Canada. I would prosperous one. I will not further than to say that if v Provinces, we have in most o number; there is a fair addi advises me that we shall ha unusually heavy drain upon t feeling prevails through the