

West, justifies expression of the belief that that plan will not prove as unsatisfactory to our members generally as some of us feared it might prove, while we must all be satisfied that it is a great advantage, as well as a great gratification to the members of the Rite in the favored locality, to receive the Supreme Council at their Masonic home. For the moment speaking as one of the fraternity in this City and Province, I can convey to you from all my brethren a hearty welcome. I can say to you that it is their sincere desire that your visit may be as pleasant to you as it is to them, and I am charged by them to express their hope that your stay will be so agreeable to yourselves that you will long cherish pleasurable recollections of the first Annual Session of the Supreme Council in the Maritime Provinces of Canada.

The event of greatest interest in our Rite in the past year was the death of Ill. Bro. ALBERT PIKE, 33°, the venerable head of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, and one of our Honorary Members, whose great learning and whose splendid intellectual qualities had been for many years devoted almost wholly to the Rite, and who has left behind him work of an enduring character in the interests of humanity. Bro. PIKE was near and dear to this Supreme Council. He was personally known to many of its members. He had assisted in its organization, and he was ever ready to give us counsel, advice, support as we might need them. To him Supreme Councils everywhere turned for sympathy or for instruction, and they all respected and venerated him. Although at his great age death comes as naturally as the setting of the sun, yet we cannot think without throbbing hearts of the active brain now at rest, of the earnest and ardent nature at peace forever. Bro. PIKE's last work on earth was done for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Just a year ago, while we were in session at Hamilton, the Southern Council was in session at Washington. We exchanged congratulations over the telegraph wires. At the conclusion of the sitting our Illustrious Brother went to his room, and there remained, until, on 2nd April last, he passed to his eternal rest. He had accomplished much in his life-time; his work was well done, and he could easily say: "Lord, let now thy servant depart in peace." From all quarters of the globe, in many tongues, have gone out letters of sorrow to the members of our Rite, and expressions of appreciation of his work. As these letters have come into us I have thoroughly realized the universality of our system, and have found myself wondering whether any other person could have eulogistic letters upon the labors of his life, sent abroad in so many different languages. A most admirable monograph on his work has been sent us by Brother ROBERT FREKE GOULD, the English writer, and he closes his book with a remark made by Bro. PIKE, which his death illuminates: "Freemasonry, if one loves and venerates it and devotes himself to its service, will illuminate with content the autumn and winter of his life; will enable him to live well and happy, and to die with contented resignation; and the flood of its radiance will crown his grave with the splendors of a glory neither transient nor illusory." I submit herewith, marked "A" and "B" respectively, the circular letter issued to our bodies at the time of his death, and a letter of late date from Ill. Brother WEBB, our Representative at the Southern Council, which

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