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SUPREME COUNCIL.

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present year. The triennial session was held in Washington in April last, but the proceedings have not yet reached us.

PERU.

The war has seriously affected intercourse or communication with the Supreme Council of Peru. A circular letter dated 27th December, 1879, describes at some length precautions which have been taken to prevent the admission into the regular bodies of the Rite in the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Council irregular and unrecognized Masons. There is great confusion in the Masonic system of Peru, and several Grand Bodies exercise sovereign Masonic power in that country. As the document referred to contains a great deal of interesting information in regard to Peruvian Freemasonry the Committee recommend that it be translated and printed in the Appendix (I) to our proceedings.

SAN DOMINGO.

Your Committee do not know what steps, if any, have been taken to carry out the recommendation made last year, viz., that the Supreme Council of Colon be notified that the Sovereign Grand Commander of this Supreme Council has been appointed to represent the Supreme Council for San Domingo, and that if no objection were interposed within six months reciprocal relations would be entered into. Since last year a second letter (Appendix J) has been received from Ill. Bro. GIBBES, Secretary of the San Domingo Council, asking for an interchange of fraternal communication. If no communication has yet been made to the Colon Council it should be done immediately. The ground upon which it bases its claim for jurisdiction over the territory of San Domingo appears to be a slender one, viz., that in its original formation all the Spanish Islands were included within its territory; but times have changed. San Domingo has become an independent Republic, but Cuba remains a Spanish dependency.

NORTHERN JURISDICTION U. S. A.

The Supreme Council held its annual session the present year in Boston. Seventeen States were represented. Courteous invitations to be present were sent to several of the officers and members of this Supreme Council, but unfortunately none of the recipients were able to avail themselves of the privilege. The Rite is in a flourishing condition in that territory, probably in a more flourishing condition than in any other place in the world. There were fourteen members admitted to the Honorary grade, and the degree was conferred with a fullness of ceremonial and an attention to detail probably never before attempted anywhere. As the next annual session is to be held in the City of New York a special effort should be made by the members of our Supreme Council to extend our acquaintance of this most eminent body.

OTHER COUNCILS.

No communications of any importance have been received from any of the