

from the Lausanne Convention, a result that was to be expected, the Declaration of Principles, about which so much has been said, being very objectionable to the English mind, and all efforts to recast it satisfactorily having failed.

SCOTLAND.

With the Supreme Council for Scotland no correspondence has been had the past year.

IRELAND.

The Committee always refer with pleasure to the excellent addresses of the Ill.^l. Bro.^r. TOWNSHEND, who presides over the Supreme Council for Ireland. Their moderate expressions, their excellent form, their terse sentences, commend them to the best judgment of the reader; while they afford every evidence of being the product of a man who unites happily the intellectual and the moral faculties. The Supreme Council for Ireland is on the best of terms with the Supreme Councils with which she is in correspondence. In regard to the difficulties in Italy the Ill.^l. Bro.^r. TOWNSHEND takes a view somewhat similar to that held by the Supreme Council for Canada. Favoring and commending unity among the Italian Masons nothing more can be done by those Supreme Councils which have entered into correspondence with the Supreme Council at Turin. In his address delivered in January last the Ill.^l. Bro.^r. states that he has taken the suggested measures to make the ceremonial of the 32^o workable, and he hopes that what has been done may lead eventually to the disuse of the objectionable practice of giving that high Masonic grade by communication. As to the Rite generally in Ireland, he says: "No petty animosity or jealousy has disturbed the harmony of the 'bodies of our obedience, nor any complaint of irregularity or misconduct come 'before us.'" In regard to the status of the Rose Croix in Ireland, the Committee quote one paragraph of the address:

"In my first Report I explained to you, and all others who might do me the honor to read it, why this Supreme Council alone of all the Councils of this Degree in the world has no jurisdiction over Rose Croix Masonry. The Rose Croix Masons of Ireland are, as we know, a flourishing body, in number between three and four hundred, highly respectable both intellectually, Masonically and socially. They have greatly exalted Ancient Craft Masonry wherever their influence has extended. I also stated that the Rose Croix Degree, which somehow we have got into the habit of calling 'Prince Masons,' had obtained a footing in Ireland long before the Council of 33d was organized, and how, being independent then, it had never from that hour to the present acknowledged the authority of the Council, as would, no doubt, have been the case had the founders of the Council, who were also the leading members of the Rose Croix (then consisting of some twenty or thirty men), thought the matter of importance. This blunder, like many others, became respectable at last, merely because it had long

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