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to the Oriental Rite of Memphis has disappeared from the latest publications of the Supreme Council. We cordially wish our sister Supreme Council a very prosperous career.

SPAIN.

The Committee has received several printed publications of the Supreme Council of which JUAN A. PEREZ is the head, including a circular letter addressed to the Supreme Council of Italy setting forth at length the history of the Supreme Council. In previous years the Committee gave very full information in regard to the Masonic divisions in Spain which served to show at least how difficult it is to come to any just decision as regards the rival bodies in that country. We have not decided on the legitimacy of either organization, neither have we pronounced any one of them irregular. Ill.: Brother DRUMMOND, late M.: P.: Sov.: Gr.: Commander of the Northern Supreme Council of the United States is satisfied of the legitimacy of the PEREZ organization; but Ill.. Bro.: PALMER, the present Sov.: Grand Commander, after carefully examining the subject appears to suspend his judgment. Your Committee feel that Bro.: PEREZ is animated by a sincere desire to work in harmony with the traditions and principles of the Rite, and they fully recognize the value of the work accomplished by him. They believe it would be in the interests of Spanish Freemasonry to recognize some body, and they are well disposed to that of Bro.:. PEREZ. On the other hand, they do not desire to anticipate the action of either of the eminent Supreme Councils of America, or that of England, no one of which has yet made any formal decision. Still, justice should be done by us, though larger bodies may be tardy. The Committee recommend that the matter stand over for one year more when, perhaps, opportunity will be given to look more closely into the matter. In the meantime the Committee reiterate the hope that they expressed last year that our Spanish Brethren will at once take steps to heal up their dissensions and by mutual concessions in the true spirit of Freemasonry. put themselves in such a position before the Masonic world that all obstacles to Masonic recognition may be removed.

SUPREME COUNCIL SOUTHERN JURISDICTION U. S. A. .

The Bulletin of this Supreme Council, which was issued in April last, contains nearly four hundred pages. This is the most interesting and valuable publication issued by any body of the Rite. It is a complete record of the transactions of all the Supreme Bodies in the world, and furnishes translations of all the more important documents issued by the authorities of the Rite, besides philosophic and Masonic dessertations on many important topics from the eloquent pen of the M.·. P.·. the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Council, whose learning, zeal and Masonic ability are equalled only by his untiring industry. His works are an honor to his Supreme Council, and not merely to that Supreme Council, but to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. There should be in our archives a complete set of the Bulletin and the Secretary-General should be authorized to procure one.

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