

preme Council, "for the serious crimes of rebellion, disrespect and slander against the decrees" of the Supreme Council. Among the Brethren named is that of our Representative at the Supreme Council of Colon, and we are asked to name another Brother to take his place. Although we are in friendly relations with the Supreme Council of Colon and cannot prevent it, even if we desired to do so, suspending its members, the Committee feel that the removal from active membership of no less than ten members in the course of a few months is so remarkable as to justify this Council in taking no action in the matter of a Representative for the present. It may be necessary to enquire whether the condition of Masonry under the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of Colon is such as to make it desirable to choose another Representative there.

FRANCE.

In the Supreme Council for France as in that for Belgium the officers are elected for nine years. The general election took place in 1878, but several changes have since taken place. Ill. Bro. BARON TAYLOR, the Lieutenant Grand Commander, was called to his rest about a year ago, and his death was followed on 10th February (Appendix G) by that of the Sov. Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. ADOLPHE CREMIEUX, who came most prominently before the Masonic world by his presidency of the feast of the Trocadero in 1878. Bro. CREMIEUX was an Israelite by profession. He had served in many important positions in France, was a member of Lamartine's Government, and for a long time a French Senator. By all classes of the people he was much esteemed. The secular newspapers bore warm testimony to the excellence and worth of his character, and the people of Paris, at his funeral, which was a public one, gave every evidence of respect for his memory. He preserved to a ripe old age the life and vigor of early days; but the last year or two of his life was made unhappy by the efforts of several of the French Lodges to throw off the authority of the Supreme Council and to establish an independent Grand Lodge.

The vacant office of Lieutenant Grand Commander was filled by the election of Ill. Bro. EMMANUEL ARAGO, our Representative; and that of the Sovereign Grand Commander by the choice of Bro. F. PROAL. The Supreme Council for France is composed of fourteen active members, and quite a number of honorary members. There are 72 Lodges, 20 Chapters, and 5 Areopagi on its Roll (the latter outside of Paris). In Paris the Degrees from the 30° to the 33° inclusive, appear to be given under the immediate authority of the Supreme Council, and while there is a separate organization for each, the Sovereign Grand Commander is the head of all. There has been a great deal of unpleasantness, and some expulsions, arising out of a matter referred to last year. Several of the Lodges formerly under the Supreme Council have set up a separate government for themselves, justifying their action by the argument that they are without influence in the "Grand Lodge Central," through which they are governed by the Supreme Council. The complaint seems to be in a measure well founded although it cannot justify the extreme and rebellious course pursued, for a peaceful agitation will always end in success if the cause be good. In the Grand Lodge Central, the Lodges have each a representative, but as all the members of

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