

Many of our sister Supreme Councils, while sympathizing with us have also asked our sympathy for the losses which they have sustained by death. Indeed, the number of members actively engaged in the work of the Rite, whose labors are suspended on earth in this year, is unusually large. The Supreme Council of England has notified us of the death of EARL CARNARVON, Past Sov.' Grand Commander, who died June 18th, 1890. The late Earl was at the head of the Rite in England at the time of the formation of this Supreme Council and signed the Patent authorizing the formation. He held the office of Pro. Grand Master of England at his death, and was eminent as a statesman of the Empire. The Supreme Council for Belgium announces that on the 5th July, its Ill.' Grand Commander, PIERRE VAN HUMBEECK, died after a long and painful illness. This Illustrious Brother devoted his life to the work of the Fraternity, and he found time to discharge many important public duties, the most important being that of Minister of Education in the late administration in Belgium. He had been knighted not only by his own Government but by those of other countries for his services to the people. A man of high character, he had long presided with dignity and ability over the Supreme Council which mourns his death. The Rite in France sustained a severe loss by the death, early in February last, of Ill.' Bro.' CHARLES EUGENE BERARD, Secretary-General of that Supreme Council, and in Switzerland on 27th March died EUGENE BAUD, for a long time and at his death Grand Treasurer-General of the Supreme Council of that Republic. Both of these Brethren had world wide reputations. The Supreme Council of Tunis, under date 25th March, announces the death of Ill.' Bro.' COSMO BURLIZZI, its Lt. Grand Commander, J. JEAN BAPTISTE BONREPAUX, Grand Minister of State, and of ERNEST IRENE GARDETTE, Grand Almoner, active members of the Rite, and citizens discharging responsible duties. Our Sister Supreme Council in Mexico, informs us of the death on 6th January, 1890, of Ill.' JOSE MARIA GAONA, 33°, its Secretary-General. That of Uruguay announces the death in February last of Col. JUAN M. DE LA SIERIA, its Lt. Grand Commander. The Supreme Council of St. Domingo mourns the death of four active members of the fraternity within its jurisdiction: ANTONIO DELFIN MADRIGAL, 33°, who contributed largely to the introduction of Masonry into the Republic; JUAN DE LA CRUZ ALVAREZ; PEDRO MARIA PINEYEO and APOLINAI DE CASTRO, all active members of Supreme Council, the latter being the son of the venerable Mason who is at its head. The Supreme Council of Brazil on 19th May announces the death of its Lt. Grand Commander, the VISCONDE DE JURY. The Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, announces the death on February last of Ill.' Bro.' JOHN CHRISTIE, at the age of 85 years, an active member of the Supreme Council, and the oldest Inspector General in years of service in the United States, and among the honorary members of that Jurisdiction who died during the year was General CHARLES ROOME, recently Grand Master of the Temple in the United States, and WILLIAM BRINSMAID of Vermont, a venerable Mason in that State.

I have observed in the newspapers—but no official intimation has been sent me either as head of this Supreme Council, or as representative here of that of Scotland—announcement of the death of the EARL OF ROSSLYN, Sov.' Grand