

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Secretary-General prints from the memoranda in his possession a statement of a few facts which may interest members of the Rite.

ENGLAND.

In its Annual Circular of 16th November last, this Supreme Council announces the retirement from active membership through ill health of ILL^U. BRO. J. M. P. MONTAGU, who had been an active member from the year 1869, and who had in turn filled the offices of Grand Secretary and Grand Chancellor. His brethren parted from him with much regret. The English Council rigidly adheres to the old rule of nine members, but as the 33rd is given to brothers who become Inspectors-General of Districts a rule has been adopted of giving a distinctive title or office to each active member. As thus constituted, the Council thus stood on 16th November: THE RT. HON. THE EARL OF LATHAM, Sovereign Grand Commander; CAPTAIN NATHANIEL GEORGE PHILIPS, Lieutenant Grand Commander; HUGH DAVID SANDEMAN, Grand Secretary-General; COL. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Chancellor; THE RT. HON. THE EARL OF LIMERICK, Grand Prior; COL. LE GENDRE N. STARRIE, Grand Captain of Guard; FRANK RICHARDSON, Grand Treasurer-General; LT. COL. HUGH S. SOMERVILLE BURNEY, Grand Marshal; COL. GERARD NOEL MONEY, C. B., Grand Chamberlain; but on Christmas day a break was made in this list for COL. SHADWELL H. CLERKE passed to his eternal rest. This brother filled many important offices in the Craft, including that of Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England. He was justly held in high esteem by the fraternity in England, and was much liked by the many Masons of foreign countries who had met him in London.

Four new Chapters have been established in England during the year; and the Supreme Council has donated out of its funds £25 towards the formation of a Library in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; and £105 (double their annual grant) to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The property of the Supreme Council is worth \$100,000.

The following fraternal reference appears in the Circular: "An old and distinguished English Freemason has passed away in Canada, in the person of BRO. COL. MACLEOD MOORE, who was for many years the Grand Representative of this Supreme Council in that country. The post thus rendered vacant has been filled by COL. W. H. HUTTON, 33rd, who, like his predecessor, is well known in the Masonic world on this side of the Atlantic."