

No resolution upon this subject was brought forward this year, as from the evidences of a disposition in France to recede from her utterly untenable position, it was hoped that the matter would be amicably arranged, without further trouble. Should it not prove so, there can be only one result—a full and unequivocal support of the principle, and non-intercourse with the offending Body.

An Addenda is appended to the Report containing interesting accounts of the proceedings of Foreign Grand Bodies. From the review of France we quote, referring to certain resolutions:

"It has suited the Grand Orient to raise a number of side issues, and of the three propositions advanced by Bro. Caubet, the second is the only one that has any bearing on the real question; and that proposition is equivalent to asserting that it is "contrary to the law of reason and progress" to admit the doctrine of absolute and exclusive Grand Lodge jurisdiction. Notwithstanding this report received the sanction of the Council of the Order, it does not appear to have been brought before the Grand Orient at the General Assembly in September, 1872, as the question was referred to a special committee, who presented another report, which was unanimously adopted. This report of Bro. Bremond is conciliatory in tone and evinces a strong desire for a restoration of fraternal relations with the Masons of the United States. It contains several errors, the chief of which is considering the New Orleans Supreme Council of 1856 the same body as the Supreme Council of 1839, and, adopting this view of the question as its stand-point, bases its argument on the regularity of a body, which the Grand Orient had itself, in 1858, declared spurious and irregular; but, at the same time, disavows the intention of encroaching on the rights of American Masonry. A translation of the conclusions arrived at by Bro. Bremond and adopted by the Grand Orient, was submitted by Grand Master Todd at the present session of our Grand Lodge, and will be found on page 34 of our Proceedings. The following gives the action of the Grand Orient:

"The Grand Orient of France, assembled in its annual convocation, charges its Council of the Order, now its representative near foreign bodies, to convey to all the Grand Lodges of America, and the Supreme Councils of Boston and Charleston, its fraternal and friendly intentions, and its firm desire not to mix itself in those Masonic questions which are not international. The Grand Orient desires to respect the rights of every country and of each Rite as it desires to have its own respected; and if Scottish Masonry, represented by all the Supreme Councils of the globe, declare the Supreme Council of Louisiana to be irregular, the Grand Orient itself Supreme Council of France and her colonies will conform to the decision of the majority of the Powers of the Scottish Rite."

"This is a great improvement on the views of the Council of the Order, as set forth in Bro. Caubet's report, and we hail it as a move in the right direction. But it does not meet the merits of the case, at least so far as our Grand Lodge is concerned. With us the regularity