

to which Ill. Bro. FIGARI refers, did not reach us. It was probably lost in the post. We are unable to tell what degrees it recognizes, or who its officers are, but there is no doubt, on the other hand, that the Ill. Bro. PHILIPS would not recommend to our consideration a body conferring degrees not known to our Rite. In the meantime the Supreme Council for Canada will take note of the whole subject, and will do what is right. It ought to be insisted upon by all Supreme Councils recognizing the Supreme Council for Egypt, that it should be protected against the encroachments of even legitimate Councils.

Among the eminent Masons who died in Egypt in the present year was MEHEMET THEWFIK, the Khedive, of that country, a member of the Rite, who had attained the 33°, and one of the nine active members of the old Council in that country.

SAN DOMINGO.

A new Constitution has been promulgated in San Domingo, but unfortunately not as happily as could be desired. BRO. JACINTO DE CASTRO, so long the Sov. Grand Commander, and BRO. LUCAS GIBBES, the Secretary-General, are no longer exercising their functions. The Ill. Bro. PEDRO A. DELGADO, has become Sov. Grand Commander, and MARTIN RODRIGUEZ, Grand Secretary-General. By the new Constitution the Supreme Council has control of the degrees 4° to 33°, and the government is divided into three sections: that of Perfection, which controls the degrees 4° to 18°, and governed by a Grand Chapter which has the power to issue warrants, diplomas, and generally to govern the affairs of the Rose Croix. That of the Philosophic Order, which includes the degrees 19° to 30° and is governed by a Consistory of which all members of the 32° in the Jurisdiction are members. This Consistory has the power to issue warrants to Councils of Kadosh, and generally to govern these bodies. It can establish Tribunals of Gd. In. Commanders for judicial purposes of the Order; and it can confer within its own bosom the 31st and 32nd degrees. It has control of the rituals of all the degrees 4° to 32°. Its actions are, of course, subject to the revision of the Supreme Council. The third section is the Administrative Branch, which is the Supreme Council, whose powers are both legislative and administrative. Apparently there is a great deal of machinery for a comparatively limited Masonic Jurisdiction. Let us hope that it will work without friction. The Secretary-General of Canada acknowledges receipt of numbers of *El Derecho*, a monthly magazine issued at St. Domingo, the organ of Golgotha Chapter No. 3, and of Tabor No. 5.

P. S.—After the above was in type the Grand Secretary discovered among his papers a circular issued by JACINTO DE CASTRO, Sovereign Grand Commander; EUGENIO DE MARCHENA, Grand Minister of State; LUCAS GIBBES, Grand Secretary of State, from which it appears that they denounce the acts of certain dissident brethren, and still claim to be the Supreme Council.

FRANCE.

Speaking generally, the Rite in charge of the Supreme Council for France is doing very well. The last annual report of Ill. Bro. RAYMOND, the Secretary-General, seems to indicate that through want of proper supervision in the past the financial affairs of the Supreme Council were allowed to fall into a somewhat