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and in common with all the members of the Rite in this Jurisdiction, unite in the earnest hope and prayer that it will please the Great Architect of the Universe to restore to perfect health our distinguished and beloved Grand Commander, and long preserve to us his benificent rule over the deliberations of this Supreme Council.

The Committee are in deep sympathy with the tender and eloquent words of the Sovereign Grand Commander as he announces to this Council the lamented death of many Illustrious Brethren removed during the year from Sister Councils and of worthy members of the Masonic fraternity, who, in other Jurisdictions have passed to the reward which awaits the faithful worker in the Master's service. The Committee recommend that in the proceedings of this Council, memorial pages be inscribed to the Illustrious Dead who were members of this degree.

The Committee are in entire accord with the action of the Sov.: Grand Commander in the appointment of representatives at Sister Councils as reported by him; and they express the hope that the Grand Commander, exercising his privilege of appointment, will fill all vacancies in representation of this Council at other Grand Bodies, confident that his choice in each case will meet the cordial approval of this Supreme Council.

The Committee notice with gratification that the Sov.: Grand Commander, in the careful use of his constitutional power of dispensing with time between the conferring of degrees, continues the judicious supervision that has in former years commended his action to this Council.

The Committee consider the suggestion of the Sovereign Grand Commander as to the advisability of an increase of our 33rds as involving a question of the very greatest importance to the Rite, and express the earnest hope that no step will be taken in this direction without the most careful consideration and deliberation by this Supreme Council.

With reference to the illegal Body styling itself the Cerneau Supreme Council 33°, U. S. A., the circulars issued by the Sovereign Grand Commander receive the cordial approval of this Supreme Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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H. A. MACKAY, 33°,
I. H. STEARNS, 33°.

MONTREAL, 20th October, 1881.

On motion of Ill.: Bro.: PETERS, seconded by Ill.: Bro.: MACKAY, the Report was received and adopted.

The Secretary-General was instructed to telegraph the Sov.: Grand Commander, expressing the great regret of the