

Council at the East of Cairo as the regular and legitimate body for Egypt, and by a circular dated 16th June last, has notified the decision to the Masonic powers in amity and has recommended to their favorable consideration the recognition of this body.

I beg now to forward to you, per book post, a copy of the Regulations adopted by this Supreme Council, and which took effect from the 1st instant, and I would request that due note should be taken of the new Great Seal and Seal of the Grand Secretary-General—per impressions at foot—which by decision of the Supreme Council have been adopted, all previous seals having been annulled.

I venture to hope that the decision in due form by the Supreme Council for England will remove any doubt that might have still existed with reference to the legality and regularity of this body; and I hope that I shall soon have the satisfaction of receiving the name of the Illustrious Brother designated to represent this Supreme Council at your Grand East.

Awaiting the favor of your early answer, may our Father who is in Heaven have you in His holy keeping.

TITO FIGARI, 33^o,

Sup. Gr. Commander.

It may be said that very early in our history the Supreme Council for Canada recognized as a legitimate Supreme Council the body of which Ill. Bro. S. A. ZOLA was the head, and Ill. Bro. F. F. ODDI, the Secretary-General. Our last year's published proceedings show that we still hold relations with that body, although of late this Supreme Council had become indifferent to the organization in Egypt. As far as could be gathered from the public records the body in Egypt had united itself with Rites not acknowledged as legitimate by us, and had entered upon a system of attaching to itself Rites which merely called themselves Masonic. At least it took up the right of Memphis, and threw its protection over an "independent" Rite, so called. Recently this Egyptian Supreme Council appears to have split itself in twain, and as far as can be gathered Brother ZOLA has united himself with the body over which Bro. FIGARI presides, and has become its Lieutenant Grand Commander, while Bro. ODDI is with the body whose headquarters are at Alexandria. Last year—November, 1890—a circular was issued by a body claiming to be a Supreme Council for Egypt, with a list of officers appointed for nine years—1890-99—of which the Bro. NICHICHEVICH was the head and which contained the names of some members of the Supreme Council recognized by us. There seems to have been some trouble given to the Freemasonry of Egypt by the entrance into that country of Bro. NICHICHEVICH, who went there with powers as Grand Representative of the Supreme Council for France, but which powers were revoked in October, 1889. The Bro. NICHICHEVICH had zeal, knowledge and ability, but nevertheless trouble arose, and this trouble is probably due to the fact in the first instance that several Masonic powers have Subordinates in Egypt, and that the acts of the Representatives of one power have naturally given offence to the other powers. The Supreme Council for Egypt, if in existence when Bro. NICHICHEVICH conferred degrees under his French authority, was clearly the Supreme head of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in that country, and it is hard to understand how this Brother could give the degrees of the Rite under the authority of a foreign power, when there was in the country an independent Sovereign authority.

Unfortunately the copy of the Regulations of the Supreme Council at Cairo,