

with the Members of the various bodies established by, or owing allegiance to, the said Grand Orient.

And it is ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Grand Orient of France, as also to all Supreme Councils, 33^o, with which this Supreme Council is in fraternal alliance, for their general information; and further, that notification of the same be forthwith transmitted to all the Subordinate Bodies holding under, and bearing allegiance to, this Supreme Council, 33^o, in order that the decision herein recorded may come into full force and execution without delay.

Certified to be a true Copy.

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, 33^o,

*Gd. Secretary General,
Supreme Council of England, Wales, and the
Dependencies of the British Crown.*

33 GOLDEN SQUARE,
22nd November, 1877.

Circular of the Supreme Council of Ireland regarding the Grand Orient of France :—

*Dei Optimi Maximi Universitatis Rerum Fontis ac Originis
ad Gloriam.*

SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE 33RD DEGREE FOR IRELAND.

To the Sov. Gr. Inspectors General; to the Representatives of the Council of the 33rd Degree for Ireland near the Masonic Authorities of our Correspondence; and to all Masonic Bodies of our Obedience.

The S. G. Commander of the Council of the 33rd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for Ireland, on behalf of that Council, sends Greeting :

ILL. AND DEAR BRETHREN,

The Grand Orient of France, which is the Governing Body of the Degrees of Blue Masonry in France and the French Possessions, claims to have under its obedience several Bodies of the Higher Grades of the above mentioned Rite.

Previously to the 13th September, 1877, the Grand Orient of France recognized certain Constitutions of Freemasonry, the first Article whereof declared the Principles of Freemasonry to be the Existence of God, the Immortality of the Soul, and human solidarity (*solidarite humaine*).

It is plain that a professed Atheist or Materialist could not, consistently with that Constitution be admitted a Freemason. But the Grand Orient of France, on

the 13th September, 1878, the Grand Orient of France declared that Freemasonry to be

This change of opinion, it follows, that Materialism would destroy the life of Freemasonry, the life of God, and believe

Whatever may be, and is life will become bounden in duty, and derided of none

Having serious Council, holden and resolved as follows

First.—That to hold Masonic

Secondly.—That they are hereby Masonic communion jurisdiction.

Thirdly.—That representatives of this Council which they are ac Masonic Bodies of

Wherefore w our Obedience tha after the receipt h

And so we bi holy keeping.

Given under n Ireland, this 26th d

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