

permission to take the 33° from the Supreme Council of a foreign country—a country which the Supreme Council believed the brother referred to had never visited, and in which he had no intention of residing. Of course the sanction was refused and very properly so. At the sitting of the Supreme Council on 19th April, 1892, it "was honored with a visit from the Supreme Council of England," represented by the Ill.° Lieutenant Grand Commander and three other members, and the "two Supreme Councils conferred as to matters affecting the welfare of the Order, and a joint course of action was agreed upon." The Supreme Council withdrew from association with the body at Alexandria, of which Bro. ODDI was Grand Secretary, and recognized that at Cairo, of which Ill.° Bro.° FIGARI is Sov. Grand Commander as the Supreme Council for Egypt. It also recognized and resolved to exchange representatives with the Supreme Council for Central America, whose See is at Guatemala. Deaths of members of the thirty-third degree recorded between 7th May, 1891, and 2nd May, 1892, are Sir HENRY MORLAND, India, and LOUIS COURT and JOHN BAYLEE, New Zealand.

#### FRANCE.

The Supreme Council for France is gradually overcoming the difficulties which arose out of loose financial conditions in the past. It is also insisting that brethren of the high grades, who as such have seats in the Grand Lodge Central, shall fairly discharge their obligations to the treasury of the Rite or they are relieved from their representative functions. Many of the official statements show that a majority of the subordinate bodies, lodges, chapters, areopages, are not prompt in making their returns, a condition of things bad for the bodies themselves, unjust to initiates, and unfair to the governing body. This, however, is being overcome. Otherwise there is great activity among the different branches of the Rite in France, not merely in the dedication of halls, the observance of masonic festivals, but in the discussion of many questions of a social and even economic kind, which are not regarded as proper subjects for consideration in our subordinate bodies. On 5th April, 1892, the Supreme Council held an *agape*, which was participated in by members of the 32° and 31°. The proceedings were directed by the Ill.° Lieutenant Grand Commander, Bro.° GONUARD, a most effective and faithful mason, and the Sovereign Grand Commander, who invited him to preside, sat upon his right. Formal welcome was given to brethren who had been recently admitted to the higher degree, after which the Grand Orator delivered a brilliant address, which won for him warm applause. The table ceremony was then carried out, following the ritual of the 31°, and the usual libations followed to the officers of the Supreme Council, the whole under the direction of Lieutenant Grand Commander. An interesting event of the evening was the presentation by the Ill.° Bro.° Grand Chancellor RAYMOND to each of the guests of the evening of a portrait of the well-beloved Chief of the Obedience, Ill.° Bro.°