

tion on November 10, 1884, extended over 26 Lodges, of which 19 were in Paris, 5 at Lyons, 1 at Havre, and 1 at Tours.¹

In 1867 the Grand Orient of France was at the head of 230 Lodges and 86 Chapters, etc.; in 1879, 260 Lodges and 45 Chapters, etc. At the same date the A. and A.S.R. ruled over 81 Lodges and 23 Chapters, etc. At the present moment² the governing committee of the Grand Orient is the Council of the Order (formerly Council of the G.M.), with Cousin as its president, and its roll enumerates 294 Lodges, of which 32 have a Chapter or other body attached to them. The Supreme Council of the A. and A.S.R., with Proal as Sovereign Grand Commander, claims the allegiance of 80 Lodges, 19 Chapters, and 5 Arcopagi; and the Mother-Lodge, "the Rainbow" of the Rite of Misraim, boasts of 5 subordinate Lodges. All other Rites are practically extinct, because the Grand Orient claims to have absorbed the following Rites at the dates affixed, and its Chamber of Rites is divided into 7 sections, one for each Rite:

1	Sec. French Modern Rite,	created 1786,	degrees 7
2	" Rite of Heredom or Perfection (Emperors),	{ " 1758, } G.O. assumed control 1814, }	" 25
3	" Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite,	" " 1814,	" 33
4	" Rite of <i>Hérédem</i> Kilwinning (Royal Order of Scotland),	{ " " 1814, } and finally absorbed it, 1823, }	" 7
5	" Scots Philosophic Rite,	G.O. assumed control 1814,	" 12
6	" Rectified Scots Rite of Strict Observance,	" " 1814,	" 5
7	" Rite of Memphis,	ceded control to G.O. 1862,	" 95

Yet for very many years no charters have been granted for any of these Rites except for the first and third; and, as will be seen by comparing the lists given by me at various times, the percentage of capitular bodies is gradually decreasing.³ As regards the Rite of Memphis, the last two Lodges under this system reverted to the modern French Rite in 1868, so that not a single Lodge in France is now active in the 7th section, which, therefore, like most of the others, is quite useless, and exists only in name.

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² *Cosmopolitan Calendar*, 1900.

³ This is the most hopeful sign of French Freemasonry—an increasing tendency to confine itself to the three degrees of pure and ancient Freemasonry.