

Commander of the Supreme Council of Belgium, and in our published Proceedings of that year a page was dedicated to his memory. Not only had this brother presided with great ability over the Belgian Supreme Council, but he had also for three years filled the office of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of that country. As a Minister of the Crown he had done the country eminent service; and the esteem in which he was held was manifested at the funeral ceremony held to his memory on 21st December, 1890, in the apartments of the Supreme Council. A report of these proceedings with a portrait of BRO. VAN HUMBEECK has recently been published and are of considerable interest. The Grand Orient of Belgium was represented on the occasion by its Grand Master, and many of the Supreme Councils and other governing bodies of the fraternity in Europe had special representatives. Eloquent addresses on the merits and character of the deceased were delivered by ILL. BRO. PAPPART, Grand Orator of the Supreme Council, and by BRO. RAOUL GUILLERY, Grand Orator of the Grand Orient, and the accompanying ceremonies and music were chaste and appropriate.

The vacant chair has been filled by the election of ILL. BRO. EMILE DEMOT, to the office of Grand Commander, and ILL. BRO. GOBLET D'ALVIELLA, becomes Lieutenant Grand Commander.

SCOTLAND.

The vacancy in the office of Sovereign Grand Commander, caused by the death of the EARL OF ROSSLYN, has been filled by the election of J. WHYTE MELVILLE to the position. Ill. Bro. MELVILLE bears an honored name in the Freemasonry of Scotland.

EGYPT.

In June last a letter was received from the English Supreme Council informing the Supreme Council for Canada that Ill. Bro. N. G. PHILLIPS, while in Egypt, had given consideration to the matter of a Supreme Council in that country, and had decided that the organization at Cairo, of which the Bro. TITO FIGARI was the head, was a legitimate Supreme Council for the Rite, and asking our recognition of it. This letter from the Supreme Council for England was preceded by letters from Bro. FIGARI himself, and was followed by one on the 24th October, 1891, which is as follows:

Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Egypt and its Dependencies

ORIENT OF CAIRO, 24th October, 1891.

THE ILLUSTRIOUS AND M. P. SOV. GRAND COMMANDER
FOR CANADA.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—

On March 22nd last, I had the honor of addressing to you a balustre No. 9, accompanying a Memoire by this Supreme Council with reference to the proceedings of certain misguided Brethren at Alexandria, and I begged that intimate relations should be established between your Supreme Council and this Supreme body by the exchange of Grand Representatives.

Since then, on the favorable report made by Ill. Bro. CAPT. PHILLIPS, who had been commissioned to look into the matter, the Supreme Council for England has acknowledged the Supreme