

—and following in the steps of very good precedents, we think the American doctrine, and supported by such an experienced juriconsult as the lamented Brother Dr. A. G. Mackay, suited our case, and so far we are doing very well. The very idea of obtaining the consent of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland to form an Australian Grand Lodge is about as feasible as the granting of independence was to the United States before 1776. It must be battled for, and gain we must. We were under the impression the New York *Corner Stone* and *CRAFTSMAN*—two important papers—settled Bro. Brown's hash about UNITY. We hope Bro. Brown may live long enough to see a case succeed."

GRANDE LOGE SYMBOLIQUE ECOSSAIS.

Our attention having been drawn to this Masonic organization in France, we duly made enquiry regarding the same, and through the courtesy of our distinguished fratre, Ill. Bro. Joseph Lambert, of Paris, we are enabled to give our readers one or two points regarding it.

Le Grande Loge Symbolique, of France, as its name implies, is a supreme Masonic body governing only symbolic lodges, and, as our learned correspondent informs us, "was formed by eleven lodges of the Supreme Conseil of the A. and A. Scottish Rite, especially with the idea of re-uniting French Masonry under one Symbolic Grand Lodge, governing the first three degrees of Craft Masonry, and a Supreme Conseil governing the higher grades." "This uphill work," continues Bro. Lambert, "is progressing favorably, and we hope to achieve this desideratum shortly." * * *

We now have twenty-two lodges un-

der the control of the *Grande Loge Symbolique*."

It will be seen from the above that this supreme body has a glorious mission to perform. It is "high degree-ism" that has ruined French Masonry, and under this young Grand Lodge we may yet live to see Hiramism in France restored to its pristine purity. That such may be the case is the earnest prayer of every Canadian Craftsman, and we therefore wish our distinguished Brother Lambert every success in his efforts to advance the interests of *Le Grande Loge Symbolique* of France.

Ill. Bro. Lambert, of Paris, France, under date of the 4th ult., writes us: "A movement is on foot to establish an American Lodge, working in English, in Paris." No Grand Lodge in Canada or the United States would grant a charter for such a purpose. Our distinguished brother must either be mistaken if he means an American Grand Lodge will grant such a warrant, or perhaps he means some Americans are going to take out a warrant from the Grand Lodge Symbolic to work a lodge in English in Paris. If the latter, we wish it prosperity and success.

THE Twenty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada opened at London on the 12th inst. There was a large attendance of Representatives, and the meeting proved a very interesting one. M.W. Bro. Daniel Spry was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, of Hamilton, Deputy Grand Master. We will give a full report of the proceedings in our next issue.