

have succeeded in establishing a union on the basis suggested by us. We feel convinced that the union so happily effected will be one in spirit as well as in word. That the members of the Victorian Chapter having once admitted their Companions under the Canadian constitution, will make them feel perfectly at home, and that the Companions who previously worked under the Canadian Grand Chapter having once joined the Grand Chapter of Victoria will loyally abide by and support its Constitution, its usages and customs. Nothing could be in better taste than the reception of the members of the Canadian Constitution by their Victorian Companions. The whole proceedings were governed by a friendly courtesy. The appointment of a member of the Canadian Constitution to the third Grand Principal—the highest office in the power of the M.E. First Grand Principal to bestow—was an act of exceeding good taste, and the selection of M.E. Comp. Dr. E. H. Williams for the position was an act of exceeding good judgment.

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THE *Australasian Keystone* further says in regard to Mark Lodges :

To make our Masonic union in Victoria complete there yet remains more to do. We have Mark Master Masons working under three Constitutions. The District G. Lodge of M. M., E.C., the Prov. G. Lodge of M. M. Ms., S.C. and the Mark Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada. Now that the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada have joined the Grand Chapter of Victoria, something must be done to keep the Mark Lodges connected with them alive. We understand the position is this. The M. M. Masons under the Canadian Constitution are anxious that their Brethren under the English and Scottish Constitution should join in forming a Grand M. M. M. Lodge in Victoria. If they do so, and take the lead, those under the Canadian Constitution will join in

and assist them. If they do not, those under the Canadian Constitution—now that the Canadian Chapters have ceased to exist—will be driven to form a Grand Lodge of their own to preserve their existence. This position is unassailable. We trust, however, such a necessity shall not arise, but that the Mark Master Masons of Victoria will perceive that this is a fitting time to effect a union and unhesitatingly embrace the opportunity of doing so.

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WE would direct the attention of our Quebec contemporary, the *Vérité*, and other journals, who take upon themselves to represent the Catholic Church in denouncing Masonry, to consider whether the charges they make are true or false. The following, taken from the *Catholic Times*, disposes of one of their "Bogies," which they have been retailing to their readers for such a long time. We would advise them to lay the scene of future "devil-worship" to some small village in Italy or Spain, where the truth of the story will not be so easily found out. The Right Rev. Dr. Northrop, Bishop of Charleston, South Carolina, U.S.A., recently informed a correspondent of the *Catholic Times* that, in his opinion, there is no truth whatever in the sensational accounts about devil-worship in a magnificent Masonic temple in Charleston. Bishop Northrop has lived 50 years in Charleston, is personally acquainted with all the leading Freemasons there, and has been in the Masonic hall, which in no particular answers to the description published in numbers of newspapers. His lordship considers that Catholics, who are themselves the victims of so many calumnies, should be especially careful not to spread falsehood about others; and gave our correspondent, who is in Liverpool, permission to publish what he said. Monsignor Quigley, the Vicar-General of the diocese, also ex-