

In a paper on "British Templarism," by Col. MacLeod Moore, Grand Master of the Great Priory of Canada, he says:—"I maintain that Masonic Templary, as generally taught on this continent, is but an 'imitation Military and Masonic degree,' a parody on the usages and pure doctrines of the ancient 'Religious and Military Orders of the middle ages,' assuming the name and title of Knights Templar, to which it has no claim or right whatever."

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THE CRAFTSMAN modestly suggests that R. W. Bro. Creasor, of Owen Sound, would make an excellent Deputy Grand Master, and eventually add dignity to the Craft by being its ruler. We may be looking too far ahead, as it is difficult to say what may happen before another year rolls by; but Bro. Creasor is one of those sterling Masons that would scorn to seek office, or stoop to unworthy means to secure even one vote, and for that reason, added to the fact that he is qualified by nature and attainments for the position, we bring him before the brethren.

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From the *Sydney Freemason* of May 4th, we learn that a meeting of Royal Arch Masons had been held, leading to the formation of a Supreme Grand Chapter for that Colony. Some difficulty may be experienced with the Scotch companions in reference to the question of the degrees, they being desirous of working the Mark and Excellent Degrees in the Chapter. The English chapters are forced to form a Grand Chapter, for reasons stated in last month's CRAFTSMAN. In Scotland we understand that the preliminary degrees are, Mark, Past, Excellent and Super Excellent.

The Grand Lodge of England has recognized the newly-formed United Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia, and His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, G.M. of the Grand Lodge of England, has announced his pleasure in accepting the office of Grand Patron of the new grand body. The Grand Lodge of Victoria was acknowledged with the distinct understanding that should the two lodges which have not joined the new grand lodge still refuse to do so and wish still to belong to the Grand Lodge of England, their position should be acknowledged and recognized by the new body.

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The support given THE CRAFTSMAN the past year has been very gratifying, and it enters upon a new volume with excellent prospects. During last year we struck off a number of subscribers who failed to fulfil their obligations, but they were more than replaced by brethren possessing a keener knowledge of honesty. We have still quite a number who are in arrears, but before placing them on our dead-beat list we give them an opportunity of rendering tribute unto Cæsar. We want an agent in Hamilton, London, Ottawa, St. Catharines, Kingston, Brockville, Belleville, in fact, in all places where there is a live lodge. To such agents we will give a liberal cash commission on all business done.

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A correspondent, and very worthy brother, says:—"THE CRAFTSMAN is making an unnecessary uproar about the affairs of King Solomon Lodge, Toronto." Such a statement amounts to little, as bare assertions are never very convincing. King Solomon Lodge has been championed in the past just as