

organization being exclusively based on Speculative Freemasonry; rejecting and repudiating the true source of its origin, for that of a mythical one, that never existed until modern times; and have, by the mere abrogation of the first grand principles of the Order of the Temple, (to allow any but firm believers in the Holy and Undivided Trinity in Unity to become members of it,) by admitting Jews and Unitarians, as effectually laid aside the principles of Templary, as Orangemen would do if they opened their doors to Roman Catholics. In fact, the instant the Order of the Temple ceases to be "Trinitarian Christian," it also ceases to be a true branch of the Temple.

"How, then, can (as one of their own Masonic writers says,) a Templar of the United States of America System, expect affiliation? the organization being altogether different,—as widely different as Masonry and Odd Fellowship!" And another well-known authority remarks:—"If an Odd Fellow was first to be a Mason, and the name 'Odd Fellow' were changed to 'Knights Templar,' Odd Fellowship of the United States of America might, with as much propriety be accepted in Canada and England as the same Order, as that of the Temple." So completely have the Templars of the United States departed from the original purport and meaning of Templary, having made it wholly a Military degree of Speculative Freemasonry, and, however consistently it may be arranged as such, it can lay no claim whatever to the name of Templars, as representing that Order, in doctrine, history and ritual.

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DEAR BRO. EDITOR,—Thinking that a few jottings from our Kangaroo Continent might be interesting to

you, I just give a few hints to those Bro. Canadians who might visit our far-off country.

The Australasian continent consists of New Zealand, Tasmania, (these two are separated from the main continent,) Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, Western Australia, and Queensland.

New Zealand, (capital) Wellington; Tasmania, (capital) Hobart; Victoria, (capital) Melbourne; New South Wales, Sydney, Western Australia, Perth. The other colonies have Adelaide and Brisbane as capitals. The most important cities are Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, and Brisbane.

Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland have established Grand Craft Lodges of their own. The remainder remain loyal to England, Scotland, or Ireland. The various Orders in these colonies are as follows:—

The Rosicrucian Society, of England, has branch quarters in Melbourne, introduced by Sir Knight Bulmer, M.D.

The Red Cross, of Rome and Constantine, with adjunct points of K.H. S. and K. St. John's, introduced by Sir Kt. Bulmer, K. G. C., Grand Representative for England and colonies. Branch quarters in N. S. W. and Melbourne; also in New Zealand.

Royal Select, Excellent, and Most Excellent Masters (branch quarters in Melbourne); introduced by Bro. Bulmer, with letters patent from London.

The Mark and Royal Ark Mariners, introduced by Bro. Bulmer by letters patent into New Zealand. Branches of E. C., I. C. and S. C., exist in various colonies.

The Royal Order of Scotland, now introducing into Australia by Sir Kt. Bulmer, from Scotland.

Craft Lodges of E.C., I. C., and S. C., exist in all the colonies; whilst a Royal Arch Warrant has been introduced into Melbourne, from Canada.

The Ancient and Primitive Rites, 96°, have been introduced into Mel-