

## AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA.

It will be noticed that in this issue appears a list of lodge advertisements in high grade Masonry, which are well worth perusal, especially by those Masons who are in possession of degrees other than the Craft, as showing what warrants are now in possession of Victorian brethren. It would take up too much space to detail the efforts made by some of our brethren in order to obtain these privileges for Victoria and Australasia; suffice it to say that in every instance their endeavors were crowned with success. Perhaps the most important in the estimation of M. Ms. will be that of Holy Royal Arch—which includes the degrees of Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Master—under warrant from Canada. From the same Dominion comes also the warrant from the Sovereign Great Priory of Knights Templar, inclusive of Knights of Malta, etc. It will be remembered that the English Great Priory lately threatened Canada with a declaration of non-intercourse if this warrant were not withdrawn. Information has just been received, from an official source, that, at a communication held in July, Canada decided, by a large majority, that the warrant was constitutionally issued, and that they refuse to withdraw it; also, that Victorian Masons should have every support and assistance from Canadian Masons in every way desired.—*Victorian Freemason, Oct. 7.*

**DIDN'T PASS.**—An eastern paper tells of a man with a big "G" pined on his vest, who attempted to work his way into a Masonic lodge. The Tyler said to him, "What does that letter stand for that you display so conspicuously on your breast?" "Oh that 'G'?" That stands for Gernusalem, a sort of headquarters for us Masons." He didn't pass.—*Henderson Independent.*

## MASONIC UNITY.

The visit of Bro. Lord Carnarvon to Australia is an interesting Masonic event. His exalted position in Freemasonry as Pro Grand Master of England, gives him a status which carries with it a right hearty fraternal welcome to this great southern land. His status as a public man adds to his welcome, he having been Secretary of State for the colonies for a considerable period, in which high office he exhibited a warm and intelligent interest in the welfare of the colonies, especially those of this island continent. In Adelaide and Melbourne he has received an enthusiastic Masonic welcome, and his utterances at the festive gatherings held in his honor have been marked with a geniality of sentiment, and a tact of expression which evokes admiration for the distinguished guest, and largely adds to the warmth of the welcome which is being prepared for him on his arrival in this colony, during the month, as the guest of Bro. Lord Carrington. We tender our welcome to him, and earnestly hope that one result of his opportune visit will be an appreciable advance towards—MASONIC UNITY, the one thing needful to make the centennial year memorable in the Masonic life of this, the mother colony.—*Sydney Freemason.*

A CORRESPONDENT, writing to an influential London daily paper, observes that the new Lord Mayor (Bro. Alderman de Keyser), though a Roman Catholic, is an ardent Freemason, and he means to stick to his guns, and become Master of the Emulation Lodge, in spite of Papal Bulls, possible excommunication, the jeremiads of the Catholic press, and the scores of anonymous letters which he has tossed contemptuously into the "blazing" fire.—*Freemason's Chronicle.*