

THE Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, of Louisville, Ky., has at present 188 beneficiaries, viz.:—Fourteen widows of Freemasons, 92 daughters, and 82 sons.

THE Grand Master of England has cabled his withdrawal of the patent of the appointment from the representative of the Grand Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge of Illinois, because of the latter having severed fraternal relations with the English Grand Lodge at Montreal. The trouble arises from the Grand Lodge of Illinois severing its connection with the English Grand Lodge at Quebec, recognizing the Provincial Grand Lodge as the only one having jurisdiction in Quebec. We think so, too. His Royal Highness' action carries no force with it in this country. —N. Y. Corner Stone.

BRO. ALFRED PEARSON, Grand Representative of Kentucky near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, was elected Grand Master on the 11th Feb. He makes report to Grand Secretary Bassett, and is about the only Grand Representative that does. He says that a new Constitution was submitted and laid over. It proposes to abolish the "Board of General Purposes," substituting special committees. The Grand Lodge abolished fees for affiliation, and presented a P. G. M. jewel to the retiring Grand Master Bell. Grand Secretary W. G. Scott was re-elected, and reported an increase in membership.

HE LEARNED A LESSON.—A man applied to the Relief Lodge, at Milwaukee, Wis., last week, for assistance. He exhibited beautifully illustrated diplomas as a member of Chapter and Council. When asked what lodge he belonged to, he said, that upon joining the Chapter he had dropped the lodge, not thinking it necessary to keep up a membership in both. He was greatly surprised to learn that there was no organization for relief of Masons, except for

those who were regularly affiliated Master Masons in good standing. Upon his return home, he will probably recover his standing in the lodge, if permitted so to do. He had been out sixteen years.—*Masonic Tidings*.

It is proposed to make a redistribution of the Masonic districts throughout the Province of Ontario. According to the proposed change, Prince Edward District, embracing some twenty lodges, including the Belleville lodges, will be gerrymandered. There is considerable discussion among the local brethren, who are not favorably impressed with the proposed new order of things.—*Belleville Intelligencer*. This is the kind of comment which is not calculated to do the craft any good. Our contemporary could not possibly be aware of what changes the Committee of Grand Lodge intend to recommend in Prince Edward District, and it is by no means a certainty that Grand Lodge will adopt the report. The re-distribution of the Districts is a difficult question to deal with, and it cannot be expected that every brother will be pleased with the very fairest decision that can be arrived at.

PUBLIC MASONIC OCCASIONS.—The *Liberal Freemason* has had but little to say about lodges appearing in public, and what they may do on such occasions, not caring to join in the discussion. We have had occasion to notice, however, in looking over old records, that public installations have been practiced in Massachusetts; in Lodge, Chapter, and Commandery, some of them, more than fifty years ago. We are reminded, too, that Bro. William H. Smith, of Portland, Me., walked at the head of a lodge in procession, at St. Andrews, New Brunswick, in 1853, and the lodge's charter was borne by two brethren. Albion Lodge, of St. John, N. B., was in the same procession. This was before the Grand Lodge for the Province was formed, and while