

have shot him in his tracks with his own gun for disobedience of orders and neglect of duty.' Let all future Grand Masters learn from this incident a lesson, and never attempt to impose upon a faithful tyler."

The Duke and Duchess of Albany terminated their visit to Huddersfield in excellent style. Before leaving the town the Masons of West Yorkshire determined to give H. R. H. Brother the Duke of Albany, the R. W. P. G. M. Oxfordshire, a loyal welcome. Accordingly, the brethren assembled in large numbers in the town hall, to which they invited the Duke just before his departure, to receive an address at their hands, and the welcome of fraternal fellowship. The occasion was made a red-letter day in the annals of the craft of the province. Over a thousand brethren obeyed the summons of the R. W. P. G. M. of West Yorkshire, Bro. Sir Henry Edwards.—*Freemasons' Chronicle*.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP OF LODGES.—*To the Editor of the Freemason*.—Dear Sir and Brother,—Bro. Horder, of Cardiff, calls attention to what has always appeared to me a defect in Craft membership, viz., the absence of a rule to allow a member to pay a lump sum to secure him life membership of a certain lodge.

The payment of a composition for life is allowed in all the other Degrees of Freemasonry, and I can see no objection to any brother paying a sum in order to keep his name on the books of his lodge as a non-active or country member. Through sudden misfortune a worthy Mason may not be able to pay the £3 3s. or £5 5s., the annual subscription, and is in consequence lost to the Craft for ever.—Yours fraternally, OBSERVER.

[It is allowed in this country, and many lodges are adopting the system of life membership.—ED. CRAFTSMAN.]

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MOUNT BRIDGES.—Officers of St. John's Lodge, No. 81: W. Bro. 'Vm. E. Sawyer, W.M.; Bros. J. B. Burwell, S.W.; Thomas West, J.W.; C. N. D. Tilden, Chap.; F. Thompson, Treas.; H. G. Lindsay, Sec.; B. F. Bartlett, Tyler.

TORONTO.—Officers of Stevenson Lodge, were installed by D.D.G.M. J. G. Burns, assisted by W. Bro. N. G. Bigelow; W. M., W. Bro. J. Patton; I.P.M., W. Bro. G. H. Lauder; S.W., W. H. Woodstock; J.W., Robt. Cuthbert; Chap., G. Doughty; Treas., Jas. Smith; Sec., S. J. Sharp; S.D., John Nicholson; J.D., John Henderson; S. S., John Blair; J.S., H. N. Williams; D. of C., John Whitefield; Organist, W. F. Clarke; I.G., Chas. Wellband.

GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.—Before us are the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge, ending with its Eighth Annual Communication, held at Winnipeg, in February, 1883. It has subordinate to it twenty-two lodges, one of which it locates in Tangier, Morocco, and these report a total membership of 778, on December 27th, 1882. The work for the year was: Affiliated, 59; Restored, 2; Initiated, 136; Passed, 106; Raised, 68; Dimitted, 20; Suspended, 10; Died, 8; showing a gain during the year of 84 members.

Rev. F. C. Ewer, D. D., Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of New York, who was stricken down while delivering a discourse in Montreal and lived but a few hours, is spoken of by those who knew him intimately as a man of wonderful gentleness, courtesy and sympathy—qualities that belong to the character of the true Mason as well as the Christian preacher. He had learning and native ability joined to those virtues of the heart that will perhaps most serve to keep him in loving remembrance.