

of Canada, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire. He has always taken a great interest in Masonry and we have no doubt that under his auspices the new lodge, which is the fourth located in Preston, will start well on its career, and become in time a prosperous and influential constituent of the province to which it belongs. It has our heartest good wishes for its success.—*The Freemason*.

Bro. Lord Brassey, Governor of Victoria, in spite of the heavy calls upon his time, appears to have entered upon the work of Masonry with a will. Appointed a Part Grand Warden of England, by the M. W. Grand Master, after his departure for Australia, the news was cabled to Melbourne, before his arrival in that great city. Subsequently the members of the Combermere Lodge, No. 752, the only remaining English Lodge in Victoria, gave Lord Brassey a reception worthy of the occasion, attended as it was by some 1500 brethren. In due time his Excellency joined the Combermere Lodge, as also the Clark Lodge, under the Victorian Constitution. At the ensuing Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., signified his desire to retire from the Grand Master's chair, which he has filled with such dignity and advantage to Colonial Masonry since his installation in 1889, when the Victoria Grand Lodge was inaugurated, at the same time he nominated as his successor, Lord Brassey. A considerable section of the Victorian Masons, however, declining to part with their old Grand Master, something of a deadlock, at all events, a contest, was threatened. This at the eleventh hour was happily avoided, through the tactful good sense of Sir William Clarke, who personally obtained Lord Brassey's acceptance of the position if elected. Finally, at the Quarterly Communication, an hour or so later, Sir William Clarke withdrew his own candidature, and announced Lord Brassey's election accordingly. His lordship has since been installed M. W. Grand Master of

Victoria, with Sir William Clarke as Pro. Grand Master, and Bro. George Baker, P. G. M., in his old position of Deputy Grand Master. Add to all this the fact that the new Grand Master of Victoria (a Past Grand Warden of the English lodge, by the bye), has been elected and installed W. M. of the Combermere Lodge, and so all is right as right can be.—*The Freemason*.

Only lately we congratulated the Sidney Lodges that the barbarous custom of clapping hands when receiving G. L. Officers was becoming obsolete. It was with regret we noticed that Wor. Bro. Carter, D. C. No. 89, New South Wales, on March 3rd reverted to this practice and the majority of those present followed his bad example. It was a pleasing contrast to observe the greater portion of the Wor. Bros. in the E. simply stand to order.—*Masonry*.

In Honor of the installation of His Excellency Bro. Baron Brassey, K. C. B., as M. W. Grand Master of Victoria, invitations have been issued by Sir Wm. and Lady Clarke, for a Masonic ball to be held at the Town Hall on 7th May. The invitations include all past and present Grand Lodge officers and the W. Masters and Wardens of all private lodges. Among the guests will be a large number of the distinguished visitors from other colonies, who will visit Victoria to be present at the installation.—*The Australian Keystone*.

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales held in March last, the Board of Benevolence reported having disbursed £341 8s 6d during the quarter for Masonic relief.

CHILI.—Masonry has awaked in a decided form in this republic, has organized its lodges and is raising new columns in the most important towns in the provinces. The Grand Lodge has published its official Bulletin for the year 1894-95. It is an important pamphlet of 200 pages which contains its correspondence with other Powers, the demonstrative list of foreign lodges, and of those under its own jurisdiction, and