

in Wisconsin, and nothing that the clerk or steward could do for the convenience or pleasure of the distinguished passenger was omitted. The Grand Master was found to be a very entertaining and appreciative gentleman, proceeding on a fishing excursion across the lake. On leaving he was unfortunate enough to drop some of his traps, which the steamboat clerk was afterwards about to forward to the Grand Secretary's office, at Milwaukee, when in the papers of the next day he read that the *Rev.* Myron Reed, of Denver, Col., had passed through town. The clerk says that the preacher has the stuff in him for a Grand Master, anyhow, and he don't regret his attentions.

FOREIGN.

Persia is one of the few countries where the holding of Masonic lodges is forbidden by law.

King Kalakaua is a Mason, and member of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

New Mexico has thirteen Blue Lodges with a membership of 602, an increase of twenty-one members during the year.

According to the latest statistics, the total number of lodges in Germany working under Grand Lodges is 385 with 44,047 brethren.

There is only one R. A. Chapter in South Australia. It is worked on the English Ritual. The Supreme Grand Chapter established has light work.

The Grand Orient of Spain possesses 380 lodges, and ninety chapters with 10,000 Masons. Freemasonry is practically recognized officially in the land of the Inquisition.

The United Grand Lodge of Victoria now numbers 140 lodges, containing about 7,000 Masons, whilst there are also 10,000 Masons in Victoria who are not affiliated.

Bro., the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, will shortly

edit a new and hitherto unknown series of letters from the pen of the famous Earl of Chesterfield.

The Grand Lodge of England has decided "that a resignation once tendered is final, and cannot be withdrawn or cancelled. The brother can only come back to the Lodge as an ordinary 'joining' member."

Dr. Richard Allen, of Maritzburg, lately recovered £15 damages from Dr. J. F. Allen, as *solatium* for a fisticuff attack made on him by his *confiere*. He has given the sum to the Building Fund of the Prince Alfred Lodge.—*South African Freemason*.

Bro. Wm. Snyder, of La Fontaine, Indiana, subscribes and *pays* for thirteen Masonic papers, and reads them all. Great Cæsar, there are plenty of subscribers to only one Masonic paper, and that is this one, who read it, but never pay for it. They live and, curious to say, "prosper."—*Sydney Freemason*.

The nuisance which printed begging petitions to lodges were very rapidly becoming, has been very promptly dealt with by the Board of General Purposes, which has ordered "that no petition for charity be considered by any lodge until it has received the sanction of the Board of Benevolence."—*Sydney Freemason*.

The Old Abbey Church at Hexam, England, was the scene of a noble Masonic gathering on Monday last, September 9th, in connection with the Annual Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland, when divine service was attended in the old Abbey Church. A banquet followed in the evening.

Bro. William Roger Brown, S.W. of Lodge No. 632, Trowbridge, England, presented to that town a noble Town Hall, and the authorities on June 14th ult., unveiled a fine Carrara marble bust of its benefactor. Beneath it is a handsome brass plate, with Masonic emblems, containing the legend of the beneficent action of Bro. Brown.