

tion of the Past Masters, Worshipful Masters and Wardens in the western portion of the jurisdiction. If these men who belong to the alleged higher rites cannot secure positions in the Grand Bodies of their favorites, I don't see why brothers who do not think it beneath them to assist Blue Masons in every good work should be asked to stand aside for those who only put in an appearance at lodge and social entertainment meetings, when they want to reach positions for which nature or ability never fitted them to occupy.' Our correspondent's letter is given space in this column for two reasons. First, because it is the production of a Past Master who is well-known in London as an active worker in the craft, and, secondly, because in a measure, the sentiments are in accord with the views of the conductor of this department. But on the other hand, 'Vindex' should have named the brother to whom he had special reference, and thus enabled the readers of this column to judge of the merits or demerits of the claimant seeking the honors, as he alleges, at the hands of a clique of Scottish Rite Masons. If, as the writer imagines, the brother singled out by our correspondent is a Past Master of Corinthian Lodge, London East, then it may be truthfully stated that his most intimate friends disavow any intention of running him on any other basis than as a member of that lodge, and he certainly can urge an equal right with 'Vindex' to have his claims for honors in Grand Lodge placed on the same broad footing. We shall be glad to have a reply from 'Vindex.'

M. Ill. Bro. W. B. Lord, Grand Master-General of the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Oriental Rite of Mizraim, has forwarded to the following members of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Canada, diplomas of Honorary Membership in his Supreme Organization:—M. Ill. Bro. Daniel Rose, 96°, Toronto; and R. Ill. Bros. Dick-

son Anderson, 95°, Montreal; Amos Chatfield, 95°, Ottawa; and R. Gilray, 95°, Toronto; V. Ill. Bro. R. Dalh. R. Ramsay, 95°, Orillia; and Ill. Bro. D. Cole, 95°, Meaford. The accomplishment is highly appreciated by the brethren.

Masonry was introduced into America by a deputation from the Duke of Norfolk, G. M. of England, in 1729, appointing Daniel Cox, P. G. M. for New Jersey. No evidence appears, however, that this brother exercised his privileges, and American Masonry, generally, dates from 1733, when Bro. Price was appointed P. G. M. on the 30th of April. In 1756, a warrant was obtained from Scotland for a lodge in Boston. Pennsylvania claims to have had a lodge established in 1730. The actual Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, dates from 1769. Bro. Findel gives 1777, as the date of the independent Grand Lodge, with Bro. Joseph Webb as the first Grand Master.

MUSIC IN LODGES.

We are exceedingly gratified that the Masonic Fraternity are awakening to the importance of cultivating a love for music, and are beginning to understand something of the power of music. In its attracting, restraining and elevating influences, we hear it discussed while visiting lodges, the view being to make the noble art of music a part of the lodge work. This is a pleasing indication. No one who has ever witnessed the working of a lodge, especially on the sublime third degree, with the aid of music, needs to be told by us of the indescribable effects produced by it. We recently visited a lodge, and will not soon forget the tones of the organ heard during the ceremony of initiation. We do, therefore, urge the importance of music in lodges. It deserves a prominent place in the ritual of the lodge.—*Ex.*