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FREE MASONRY IN NORTH AMERICA
FROM THE COLONIAL PERIOD
TO THE BEGINNING OF THE PRESENT CENTURY:

ALSO THE

HISTORY OF MASONRY IN NEW YORK,
FROM 1730 TO 1888:

IN CONNECTION WITH

THE HISTORY OF THE SEVERAL LODGES

INCLUDED IN WHAT IS NOW KNOWN AS THE

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT
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PREFACE.

The object of the author in the present work has been to compile a general history of Masonry in North America in concise form, adding thereto a comprehensive history of Masonry in New York State, from 1730 to the present time, together with a history in detail of the several Lodges included in what is now known as the Third Masonic District.

The first part of the work, entitled "The History of Masonry in North America," was compiled from various authentic sources, and prepared for publication about two years ago, but on a careful examination of a recent work issued by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, entitled "*Freemasonry in New York*," by Rt. Wor. Charles T. McClenachan, certain errors and omissions were discovered, which have since been corrected. For the opportunity thus afforded, and for additional courtesies and valuable assistance rendered, the author is greatly indebted to Rt. Wor. Bro. McClenachan.

Part II of the work was compiled from the Grand Lodge Records, and other works in the possession of Rt. Wor. John G. Barker, who kindly permitted the use of his extensive library, and rendered other assistance in the prosecution of the work.

The compilation of the history of the several Lodges in the Third Masonic District, which includes a number of individual sketches, has been attended with many difficulties and great labor. While most Lodges in the District have afforded every facility for the prosecution of the work, a few have evinced a lack of interest. The history of two Lodges has been omitted altogether, for reasons which are fully set forth in a correspondence between the compiler and these Lodges, published under their proper headings.

In the collection of material for Biographical Sketches the aim has been to include Past Masters, present elective officers,

and charter members of the several Lodges. This could only be accomplished by personal visits to the Lodges, which have been frequent—not less than two or three visits to each Lodge. To have reached such members at their homes would have required two or three years at least, and involved an amount of labor and expense far in excess of the price received for the work. A large number of the biographical sketches sent parties for correction and revision, have never been returned. The labor of again collecting data and rewriting was not justified by the circumstances, hence their omission.

The price of the work—\$6—barely covers the outlay and expense of an edition limited to about three hundred copies, which have been subscribed for. No subscriptions have been *solicited*, but all that could be reached were given an opportunity to obtain a copy of the work.

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HISTORY

OF

FREEMASONRY IN NORTH AMERICA

FROM 1730 TO 1800.

THERE were doubtless among the early colonists many individuals who had received the rites of masonry in the old country, and who met from time to time as self-constituted Lodges, without authority, or working under warrants derived from the Grand Lodges of England or Scotland. Frequent reference is made by journals published during the colonial period of Lodge meetings both in New York and Philadelphia. The first authority, however, granted to any individual in America to warrant subordinate Lodges, was the "Deputation to Daniel Coxe, Esquire, to be Provincial Grand Master of the Provinces of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, in America," for the term of two years. This Deputation was issued by "His Grace, Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal and Hereditary Marshal of England, Earl of Arundel, Surrey, Norfolk and Norwich, Baron Mowbray, Howard Segrave, Brewse of Gower, Fitz Allen, Warren, Clan Oswald, estre Maltravers, Greystock, Furnival Verden, Lovelot, Strango of Blackmere, and Howard of Castle Rising, after the Princess of the Royal Blood, first Duke, Earl and Baron of England, Chief of the illustrious family of Howards, Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of England." This was dated London, fifth day of June, 1730, and of Masonry 5730.

There is no positive evidence to show that Bro. Daniel Coxe ever exercised the prerogatives of his office. R. W. Joseph H. Hough, Grand Secretary of Masons in New Jersey, says:

"Diligent research in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of England have failed to disclose any testimony of the exercise by Bro. Daniel Coxe, or any one acting under his authority, of the prerogatives contained in the Deputation."

R. W. Bro. Clark, Grand Secretary of England, says:

"I cannot find any application from Bro. Coxe and others for the appointment of Provincial Grand Master or Grand Wardens; neither did he report the congregating of Masons into Lodges. He did not transmit any account of having

constituted Lodges, and does not, indeed, appear to have established any.

"At the period when he was appointed *it was a rare thing for any Reports to be made by the Provincial Grand Masters abroad of their doings*. Brief details came in once or twice from Bengal, but I find none from any foreign country.

"The names of members belonging to Lodges abroad, I imagine, were never sent home until the year 1768, when the system of registration was established."

That there was at least one Lodge in Philadelphia as early as 1731, seems to be a well-established fact, but whether this was established and authorized by Grand Master Coxe is not known. The following letter from Henry Bell to his friend Dr. Thomas Cadwallader, dated November 17, 1754, of which there is some little doubt entertained as to its genuineness, would indicate that Brother Coxe did exercise the prerogatives of his office in at least one instance:

"As you well know, I was one of the originators of the first Masonic Lodge in Philadelphia. A party of us used to meet at the Sun Tavern, in Water street, and sometimes opened Lodge there. Once, in the fall of 1730, we formed a design of obtaining a charter for a regular Lodge, and made application to the Grand Lodge of England for one, but before receiving it we heard that Daniel Coxe, of New Jersey, had been appointed by that Grand Lodge as Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania; we therefore made application to him, and our request was granted."

Bro. T. Cadwallader referred to was a distinguished physician in Philadelphia, and a member of the Provincial Grand Lodge in the year 1755. The name of Henry Bell does not appear among the list of members of St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, the existence of which, in 1731, there is no longer any doubt. This Lodge is said to have met at the "Hoop, in Water street."

Benjamin Franklin became a Free and Accepted Mason in 1731. In the *Pennsylvania Gazette* of May 6, 1731, reference is made to the Fraternity, as follows:

"To give the reader what information we can concerning the society called Freemasons, we have inserted the following extract from Chambers' great Universal Directory of all Arts and Sciences, printed 1728:

"'Free or Accepted Masons, a very Ancient Society of Men, so called, either from some extraordinary Knowledge of Masonry or Building, which they are supposed to be Masters of, or because the first Founders of that Society were Persons of that Profession. They are now very considerable, both for Numbers and Character, being found in every Country in Europe, and consisting principally of persons of Merit and Consideration. As to Antiquity, they claim to a standing of some Thousand

Years; and it is said can trace up their Original as early as the building of Solomon's Temple. What the end of their Institution is, seems still in some measure a Secret, tho' as much of it as is known appears truly good and laudable, as it tends to promote Friendship, Society, mutual Assistance and good Fellowship. The Brethren of this family are said to be possessed of a great Number of Secrets, which have been strictly observed from Age to Age. Be their other virtues what they will, 'tis plain they are Masters of one in a very great degree, viz., Secrecy.'"

In the same paper, under date of December 3-8, 1730, appears the following: "As there are *several Lodges* of Freemasons erected in this Province, and people have been much amused with conjectures concerning them, we think the following account of Freemasonry from London will not be unacceptable to our readers: 'By the death of a gentleman who was one of the Brotherhood of Freemasons there has lately appeared a discovery of abundance of their secret signs and wonders, with the mysterious manner of their admission into that Fraternity, contained in a manuscript found among his papers.'"

It would appear from this that there were *one or more Lodges* in Philadelphia in 1730. Chief Justice William Allen was elected and installed Grand Master of Pennsylvania on June 24, 1732. Upon his election he appointed William Pringle Deputy Master, and Thomas Boude and Benjamin Franklin were chosen Wardens. This Assembly met at the Tun Tavern, in Water street.

These Lodges were designated as "Moderns," and the following Brethren were Provincial Grand Masters of Pennsylvania during the period named: 1730, Daniel Coxe, Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania; 1732, William Allen; 1733, Humphrey Murray; 1734, Benjamin Franklin; 1735, James Hamilton; 1736, Thomas Hopkinson; 1737, William Plumstead; 1738, Joseph Shippen; 1741, Philip Syng; 1749, Benjamin Franklin; 1750-1775, William Allen.

ORIGIN OF FREEMASONRY IN NEW ENGLAND.

In the Grand Lodge Library of Connecticut there is a work which contains much valuable information regarding the early history of Masonry in New England. It is entitled "The Constitutions of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing their History, Charges, Addresses, &c., collected and digested from their Old Records, Faithful Traditions, and Lodge Books, for the use of Masons; to which is added a History of the Grand Lodges in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," &c. It appears from this that

there existed for a time two Grand Lodges in Massachusetts—one deriving its authority from the Grand Lodge of England, and the other from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the jurisdiction of both extending over the whole of North America.

That body deriving its authority from the Grand Lodge of England was known as "St. John's Provincial Grand Lodge," and was also termed the Grand Lodge of Modern Masons. The other, which derived its authority from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was known as the Grand Lodge of Ancients, of Massachusetts.

EXTRACTS FROM THE HISTORY OF ST. JOHN'S GRAND LODGE, BOSTON,

As Descending from the Grand Master of England.

In consequence of an application from several brethren in New England, Free and Accepted Masons, to the Rt. Worshipful Anthony, Lord Viscount Montague, Grand Master of Masons in England, in the year 1733, he was pleased to constitute and appoint the Rt. Worshipful Henry Price Provincial Grand Master of New England, aforesaid.

Upon the receipt of this commission, the brethren assembled July 30, and the said charter of constitution being read, and the Rt. Worshipful Grand Master duly invested and congratulated, a Grand Lodge was formed, and the officers chosen and installed.

A petition was then presented by several brethren residing in Boston, praying to be constituted into a regular Lodge; and it was voted that the same be granted. This Lodge was styled "The First Lodge in Boston," or "St. John's Lodge." Thus was Masonry founded in North America.

A petition being presented from Benjamin Franklin and several brethren residing in Philadelphia, June 24, 1734, for a constitution for holding a Lodge there, the Rt. Worshipful Grand Master, having this year received orders from the Grand Lodge in England to establish Masonry in all North America, was pleased to grant the prayer of the petitioners, and to send them a deputation, appointing the Rt. Worshipful Benjamin Franklin their first Master; which was the beginning of Masonry in the State of Pennsylvania.

In 1736 a petition from the brethren residing in Portsmouth, in New Hampshire, for the erection of a Lodge there, was also granted, denominated "The Holy Lodge of St. John's;" which was the beginning of Masonry in New Hampshire.

The Rt. Worshipful Thomas Oxnard having received a deputation March 6, 1744, from the Rt. Honorable and Most

Worshipful John Lord Ward, Baron of Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, &c., Grand Master of Masons in England, appointed him Provincial Grand Master of New England; which being communicated, he was properly acknowledged, invested, installed and congratulated.

The petition of a number of brethren, December 27, 1749, residents in Newport, Rhode Island, praying for the incorporation of a regular Lodge there, being read, it was voted that a charter be granted them; being the first regular Lodge established in Rhode Island.

The petition of several brethren at New Haven, in Connecticut, for the erection of a Lodge there, was granted, denominated "Hiram Lodge;" which was the first Lodge established in Connecticut. This was August 12, 1750.

At the same communication a petition was received and the charter granted for a Lodge in Annapolis, Maryland; by which Masonry was established in that State.

January 12, 1753, the petition of several brethren residing at New London, in the colony of Connecticut, for dispensation to erect a Lodge there, was granted.

In compliance with the petition of several brethren, February 4, 1754, residents in Middletown, in Connecticut, a charter constituting a regular Lodge there, was granted.

June 26, 1754. By reason of the death of the Right Worshipful Grand Master Thomas Oxnard, at 11 o'clock this morning, whose loss was sincerely lamented by all who had the pleasure and honor of his acquaintance, and more especially by the Society over which he had for eleven years presided with dignity, the Grand Lodge voted to attend his funeral in mourning, with the honors of Masonry, and to invite the several Lodges in Boston to assist on the mournful occasion.

August 21, 1755, the Right Worshipful Jeremy Gridley, who had been appointed Provincial Grand Master of North America, in place of R. W. Grand Master Thomas Oxnard, deceased, was installed in King Solomon's Chair, properly congratulated and saluted.

The Rt. Worshipful Grand Master, by his charter of deputation, dated May 13, 1756, authorized the Rt. W. Richard Gridley, Esq., to congregate all Free and Accepted Masons engaged in the present expedition against Crown Point, and form them into one or more Lodges as he should think fit, and to appoint Wardens and all other necessary officers to a regular Lodge appertaining.

A Lodge was incorporated at Providence, in Rhode Island, January 18, 1757, in compliance with the petition of several brethren residing there.

A deputation was granted to the Rt. Worshipful Edward

Huntingford, November 13, 1758, to hold a Lodge in his Majesty's 28th Regiment, stationed at Louisburg.

The Rt. Worshipful Abraham Savage was authorized, April 13, to congregate all Free and Accepted Masons in the expedition against Canada, at Lake George or elsewhere, into one or more Lodges, as he shall think fit, and appoint proper officers, &c.

June 24, a deputation was granted to Colonel Joseph Ingersoll to hold a Lodge at Crown Point.

At a special meeting of the Grand Lodge of quarterly communication, &c., January 24, 1766, the Rt. Worshipful Grand Master appointed the Rt. Worshipful John Rowe his Deputy.

At a special meeting of the Grand Lodge, September 11, 1767, the Deputy Grand Master having informed the brethren that it had pleased the Supreme Architect to remove by death the Rt. Worshipful Jeremy Gridley, Provincial Grand Master of Masons in North America, the Lodge voted, that in testimony of grateful and affectionate regard to his memory, the honors of Masonry be observed at his interment.

At a special meeting, October 2, voted, that the Grand Secretary write to the Rt. Worshipful Henry Price, Past Grand Master, requesting him, in the name of the Lodge, to resume the chair as Grand Master, in room of the late Rt. Worshipful Grand Master, deceased, until another Grand Master be constituted; and on the 23d inst. he signified his compliance with their desire, and was with the usual ceremonies invested and replaced in King Solomon's Chair.

A dispensation was made out for the Rt. Worshipful Thomas Cooper, Master of Pitt County Lodge, in North Carolina, constituting him Deputy Grand Master of that Province. And he was commissioned with power to congregate all the brethren then residing, or shall afterwards reside, in said Province, into one or more Lodges as he should think fit, and in such place or places within the same as should most redound to the general benefit of Masonry.

January 22, 1768. At this usual season for choosing Grand Officers, the Rt. Worshipful John Rowe was duly and constitutionally chosen and saluted as Grand Master elect; he then continued the several officers in their respective appointments.

At a special meeting, November 23, 1768, appointed for the purpose of installing the new Grand Master, a very large number of brethren being assembled in Concert Hall, the Commission from His Grace Henry Somerset, Duke of Beaufort, Marquis and Earl of Worcester, &c., &c., Grand Master of Masons in England, constituting and appointing the Rt. Worshipful John Rowe Provincial Grand Master for all North America, where no other Grand Master is appointed, being read, he was installed and proclaimed, saluted and congratulated accordingly. After this, the brethren walked in procession to Trinity Church,

where the Rev. Mr. Walter read prayers, and the Rev. Bro. Edward Bass, of Newburyport, preached an excellent sermon. When divine service was over, they returned to the hall in Masonic order, and concluded the celebration of the day in harmony, love and joy.

At a Grand Lodge quarterly communication, &c., April 28, 1769, a petition was presented by several brethren, resident in Wallingford, in Connecticut, praying for the establishment of a Lodge there; whereupon, voted, that the prayer of the petition be granted and that a charter be granted accordingly.

A charter for establishing a Lodge in Guilford, in the colony of Connecticut, was granted July 10, 1771, to several brethren residing there, petitioning for this privilege.

February 25, 1774, a noble and generous plan of more diffusive benevolence, and particularly of liberal relief to indigent brethren or their widows and orphans, was proposed by the Rt. Worshipful Grand Master and cheerfully adopted by the Lodge. A committee was chosen to make some alterations and amendments in the scheme; and printed copies of the articles, with circular letters strongly recommending the plan and intimating its necessity, and warmly soliciting their encouragement and subscription, was sent to all the Lodges under the jurisdiction.

[April 19th, 1775, hostilities commenced between Great Britain and America, from which period a chasm is made in this history. War, with its attendant distractions, interfered with the peaceful plans of this philanthropic Institution; Boston became a garrison, and was abandoned by many of its former inhabitants; the regular meetings of the Grand Lodge was suspended, and the brethren held no assembly until after the conclusion of the contest and the establishment of peace.]

Other Lodges were organized in several of the colonies during the last century. In 1735 a warrant was granted by Lord Weymouth, Grand Master of England, for the establishment of a Lodge in the city of Charleston, which was organized October 28, 1736, known as Solomon's Lodge; and on December 27, 1735, a Lodge was instituted at Charleston, under a warrant from St. John's Grand Lodge of Boston, Mass.; another one was established by the same authority in 1738; another at Wingaw, S. C., in 1743, by the Grand Lodge of England; another at Charleston, S. C., May 3, 1755, by the same authority; and again a "Master's Lodge" at the same place, on March 22, 1756.

In the State of Virginia, there were several Lodges warranted previous to the revolution. The Grand Lodge of Scotland, in 1741, chartered St. John's Lodge at Norfolk, and the Royal Exchange Lodge in the Borough of Norfolk, was warranted by the Grand Lodge of England, December 22, 1753. A dispensation was granted for a Lodge at Fredericksburg about 1751, in which

General Washington was initiated November 4, 1752. This Lodge was chartered by the St. John's Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, July 21, 1758. Swan Tavern Lodge at Yorktown, was warranted August 1, 1755, by the Grand Lodge of England; also Botetourt Lodge, on November 6, 1773, and Williamsburg Lodge at Williamsburg, the same year.

On March 20, 1759, St. John's Grand Lodge of Massachusetts granted a warrant to the St. John's Lodge at Newport, Rhode Island, *expressly authorizing the third degree* to be conferred in a separate Master's Lodge, this Lodge having previously been authorized to work only the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees as an "Ordinary Lodge." A second Lodge was warranted by the same authority at Providence, January 18, 1757.

A Lodge was organized at Halifax, North Carolina, August 21, 1767, known as Royal White Lodge, by warrant from the Grand Lodge of England. In 1771, a Lodge now known as St. John's No. 3, was established at Newbern, N. C.

On May 13, 1761, a Lodge was organized at Newark, New Jersey, known as St. John's Lodge No. 1, by warrant from George Harrison, Provincial Grand Master of the Province of New York.

In addition to the Lodges in the State of Connecticut warranted by St. John's Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, there were three organized under authority of warrants from the Provincial Grand Master of New York; these were St. John's Lodge No. 1, of Fairfield, Conn., warranted by the Provincial Grand Master of New York in 1762; on May 23, 1762, St. John's Lodge of Norwalk was warranted by the same authority, and on April 22, 1766, another Lodge of the same name located at Stratford, Conn., received its warrant from the Provincial Grand Lodge of New York.

The Grand Lodge of England issued warrants to the following Lodges in Savannah, Georgia: in 1735, Unity Lodge No. 2, and Grenadier's Lodge in 1774.

In the foregoing record reference is made to the establishment of a Lodge in MIDDLETOWN, CONN., February 4, 1754, the Warrant being issued by Thomas Oxnard, Esq., the first Grand Master of the Masonic Lodges of North America. This was known as

ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 5.

The history of this Lodge forms one of the most interesting chapters in the annals of Masonry to be found in this country, and conveys, it is believed, a clearer idea of the early history of Masonry in North America, together with the character, habits and customs of the Craft during the past century than any work heretofore published. From the year 175. down to the

present time, regular communications have been held by this Lodge with little or no interruption, and a faithful record kept of all the proceedings.

The first regular communication of the Lodge was held at the Tavern of Capt. Michael Burnham, February 26, 1754. This building, situated on Washington, near Main street, Middletown, is still in an excellent state of preservation, and is at present occupied by Dr. Edgerton, a resident physician. It is a remarkable fact that every building occupied by this Lodge since its organization is still standing. The records of the Lodge from the date of the first meeting, are preserved intact. The handwriting is a marvel of neatness, and is almost as perfect as copper plate.

The following is a verbatim copy of the original chart :

T. Oxnard



G. M.

To all and Every our R. Worshipful and Loving Brethren, Free and Accepted Massons now Residing, or that may hereafter Reside in Middletown, in the Colony of Connecticut, The R. Worshipful Thomas Oxnard, Esqr., Provincial Grand Master of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Massons in North America

Sendeth Greeting :

WHEREAS, Application hath been made unto us by Ichabod Camp and Sundry other Brethren of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Massons now Residing at Middletown aforesaid, that we would be pleased to Constitute them into a Regular Lodge that Massonry may Increase and Flourish in those parts.

Now Know Ye

That we have Nominated, Ordain'd, Constituted and appointed, and by these Presents do Nominate, Ordain, Constitute and Appoint Our Rt. Worshipful and Well-beloved Brother Mr. Jehosaphat Starr, to be the First Master of the Lodge at Middletown aforesaid; and do hereby Impower him to Congregate the brethren together and form them into a Regular Lodge. He taking Special Care in Choosing Two Wardens and other Officers necessary for the due Regulation thereof, for One

year, at the End whereof the Lodge shall have full power to Choose and Appoint their Master and other Officers, and so on Annually. The Master and Wardens for the Time being taking Special Care that all and every Member admitted into said Lodge from Time to Time have been or shall be made Regular Masons, and that they do cause all and every The Regulations contained in the Printed Book of Constitutions (except so far as they have been Altered by the Grand Lodge at their Quarterly meetings in London) to be kept and observed as also all such other Rules and Instructions as shall be from Time to Time Transmitted to them by us or by our Deputy or by the Grand Master or his Deputy for the Time being; and that they do send Annually an Account in Writing to us or our Deputy or to the Grand Master or his Deputy for the time being of the names of the Members of said Lodge, and their place of abode, with the days and place of meeting with any other things that they may think proper to Communicate for the benefit of their Lodge; and that they do send Two Guineas for their Constitution, to be paid into the Stock of the Grand Lodge in Boston; and further, that they do Annually Keep or cause to be kept The Feast of the St. John the Evangelist, and Dine together on that Day or near that Day, as shall be Judged most convenient; and Lastly, that they do Regularly communicate with the Grand Lodge in Boston, by Sending to their Quarterly Communications such Charity as their Lodge shall think fit for the Relief of Poor Brethren.

Given under our Hands and Seals at Boston, This Fourth Day of February, Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four, and of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four.

By the Grand Master Command.

BENJAMIN HALLOWELL, D. G. M.

CHARLES BROCKWELL, S. G. W.

JAMES FORBES, J. G. W.

JOHN LEVERETT, G. S.

At the first regular communication of the Lodge the following By-Laws were adopted:

By-Laws for the well Regulating the First Lodge of Free and Accepted Massons in Middletown, February 26th, 1754.

Presented by Bro. Thomas Tyler, and unanimously received and consented too By the Right Worshipfull Jehosaphat Star, Deputy Grand Master, the Wardens and members of Said Lodge.

FOLLOW REASON.

1st. It is ordered that this Lodge meet every Wednesday evening till the members are Good workmen.

2d. The Lodge to be opened at $\frac{1}{2}$ Past 6 o'clock, from March 10th to 10th September, and at 6 o'clock from 10th Sep. to 10th March again, to be closed always by nine, or sooner if the master pleases, which, when done, no Brother shall insist upon, or force another to tarry longer.

3d. If any of the brethren should be so imprudent as to swear profanely during Lodge hours he shall pay one shilling Lawfull money to the Treasurer of the Lodge to be Deposited in the Fund for the Relief of Poor Brethren.

4th. When a Candidate is proposed for admission the Proposer shall pay to the Treasurer Twenty Shillings L M as Earnest for his Initiation in Case he be accepted, if he be not Balloted in the money to be return'd.

5th. Every Candidate, at his Admission, shall pay to the Treasurer Twenty Shillings L. M. more for the use of the Lodge, and shall be at the expense of a pair of Gloves to each of the members present at his Admission all other Charges to be born by the Lodge.

6th. Whereas, by the new Regulations of the Grand Lodge in London, Liberty is granted to particular Lodges to Admit a Candidate if they think proper when there are no more than three votes against him, but the better to preserve Harmony this Lodge declines that Priviledge, and no Candidate shall be admitted unless the votes are Unanimous.

7th. A Candidate shall not be Balloted for the same night he is Proposed, but the next Lodge night after; that his qualification may be discussed, &c., unless the Lodge can with safety dispence with this Law by being well acquainted with the Merits of the Candidate, nor shall a Candidate be admitted the same night he is Balloted in, but the next Lodge night.

8th. Every member and Visiting Brother shall pay one shilling L M each night he is at the Lodge.

9th. When an Occasional or special Lodge is call'd for the Admission of a Candidate he shall be at the whole Charge of that night.

10th. Though for Certain reasons it is provided in the Book of Constitutions that the feasts of Saint John's the Baptist & Evangelist may be ommitted, yet as them Reasons no way Affect this Lodge the said Festivals shall be observed & kept in due form and according to ancient Usages.

11th. The Members of this Lodge shall be very Cautious of their Behavior both in Lodge and without, that no unjust Reflections may be thrown on the Royal Art.

12th. The Master shall order this Lodge to meet on the evenings of the first and third Wednesdays of every month.

13th. The Treasurer of the Lodge shall accompt once in six months, and the surplussage of all monies in his hands, shall be put into the Chest, in order to Raise a fund for the Relief of poor Brethren.

14th. If any of the Brethren should be so void of Shame as to disguise himself in Liqueur, or shall come disguis'd to the Lodge, he shall pay a fine of Two shillings L. M.. be dismissed for that night, and the Next Lodge night he comes, shall be severely Reprimanded & dealt by according to the manner of Masons.

15th. Whoever promotes feuds or animosities, or endeavors to disturb the Tranquility of the Lodge, shall likewise be dealt by us as seemeth meet unto the master and his men.

16th. As Masonry ought never to be neglected, and as true Cement is necessary for keeping the Lodge in a firm state, so if any member shall be in town and absent himself of a Lodge Night, he shall be charg'd his Club unless he give a satisfactory reason for his absence.

17th. The foregoing Laws shall not be Abrogated Nor any new ones named unless it be by a Majority of Votes.

This Lodge counted among its number some of the most distinguished men of the revolutionary period, among whom were General Samuel Holden Parsons, General Comfort Sage, Chief Justice Stephen T. Hosmer, Rev. Abraham Jarvis, the first Episcopal Bishop of the State ; and at a later period, Commodore MacDonough, the hero of Lake Champlain.

In 1781 a Mark Master's Lodge was formed by the authority, and composed of members of this Lodge, and one year later a Royal Arch Chapter was organized, as appears from the following record :

" We, the subscribers of St. John's Lodge No. 2, in Middletown, State of Connecticut, having been duly initiated into that most sublime degree of an excellent super excellent Royal Arch Mason, in regular constituted Royal Arch Chapters, for the purpose of promoting the Royal Craft, assembled ourselves at the Lodge Room, in said Middletown, at Mrs. Abigail Shaler's, after properly examining each other and finding each and every one of us to have been regularly made, agreed to form ourselves into a Royal Arch Chapter *under sanction of St. John's Lodge.*

Witness our hands this 5th day of September, A. D. 1783, and of the Royal Arch Masonry 5783.

WILLIAM JOYCE.
WILLIAM REDFIELD.
JOHN LEWIS DE KOVEN.
EDWARD MILLER.
DAVID STARR.
OLIVER LEWIS."

Regular convocations were held from year to year with no other than this self-constituted authority, until 1796, when application was made to and a charter received from Washington Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, New York city, under the name of Washington Chapter. The following is a copy of the charter :

" At a Washington Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, held in the city of New York, North America, on Tuesday, the 15th day of March, A. L. 5796 (1796).

Whereas, Brother William Redfield, in behalf of himself and sundry other Brethren residing at Middletown, in the State of Connecticut, did on this day present a Memorial to this Chapter, praying that they might be invested with sufficient power to form and hold a regular Chapter in Middletown aforesaid.

Now, be it known that by virtue of the power to us regularly committed, we have in ample form constituted those of our beloved brethren into a regular Chapter by the name and stile of Washington Chapter of Royal Arch Masons No. 3, held in the

city of Middletown, Connecticut, and installed the several officers into their respective stations, in manner we have received it, to wit:

The Most Worshipful Brother William Redfield, H. P. ; The Right Worshipful Brother Stephen T. Hosmer, K. . . g ; and The Right Worshipful The Rev'd Abraham Jarvis, S. . . . e ; The Worshipful Brother Robert Warner, R. A. C. ; and The Worshipful Brother Thomas Leveritt, Z. . . . l ; the last four severally by Proxy.

And our said beloved Brethren and their successors in office are hereby authorized and directed by and with the assistance and concurrence of a majority of the members of said Washington Chapter, to be summoned and present upon such occasions to elect and install the officers of the said Chapter as often as vacancies happen, in manner and form as may be prescribed and directed by the Constitution and General Laws of the Mother Chapter, but in no wise to have power to grant any dispensation to hold any Chapter under them, or to install any other than the officers of the said Washington Chapter, to be elected in manner and form aforesaid.

And further, we do hereby enjoin upon the said Washington Chapter, at least once in every year, immediately or as soon after the election and installment of the several new officers, to communicate to us the state and condition of the said Chapter, that we may know what Brethren have attained to this exalted degree, and who by their virtue and zeal for the prosperity and welfare of the Order have been promoted to office.

IN WITNESS whereof, we, the presiding Officers of Washington Chapter, hereunto set our hand and caused the seal of our said Chapter to be affixed.

JOHN ABRAHAMS, H. P. W. C. R. A. M.

JOHN C. LUDLOW, K. W. C. R. A. M.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON, S. W. C. R. A. M.

Attest:

Ez'L HICKS, Secretary."

The Masonic archives of the State of New York contain no record of Washington Chapter R. A. M., New York city, and the charter of Washington Chapter R. A. M., of Middletown, Conn., appears to be the only evidence that such a Chapter ever existed. The best masonic authorities have been consulted in reference to the "*Mother Chapter*," from which Washington Chapter R. A. M. of New York city, derived its authority, and no one as yet has been able to throw any light on the subject. Washington Chapter R. A. M., of Middletown, Conn., continued to work under this charter until a new one was granted by the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Connecticut.

The old charter was not recognized by the State organiza-

tion, and was never surrendered. It is carefully preserved among the archives of Washington Chapter of Middletown, and is a very interesting masonic relic.

The first meeting of the Grand Chapter of the Northern States of America, after its organization, was held, agreeably to the Constitution, in the city of Middletown, Connecticut, on the third Wednesday of September, 1798.

EXTRACTS FROM THE

HISTORY OF "MASSACHUSETTS GRAND LODGE," ("ANCIENTS")

As Descending from the Grand Master of Scotland.

"In the year 1751 a number of brethren who had traveled, and many of whom were initiated into the mysteries of the Craft in ancient Lodges abroad, became emulous to cultivate the royal art in the western world. For this laudable purpose they petitioned the Grand Lodge of Scotland for a charter of erection; and the prayer thereof being granted, they received a dispensation, dated November 30, 1752, from Sholto Charles Douglas, Lord Arbedour, then Grand Master, constituting them a regular Lodge, under the title of 'St. Andrew's No. 82,' to be holden at Boston, in the Province of Massachusetts Bay.

"The establishment of this Lodge was opposed by St. John's Grand Lodge, who imagined their jurisdiction infringed by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. They, therefore, refused any communications or visits from such members of St. Andrew's Lodge as had not formerly sat in their Lodges, and this difficulty did not entirely subside for several years.

"The prosperous state of St. Andrew's Lodge soon led to great exertions for the establishment of an ancient Grand Lodge in the Province; and this was effected by the assistance of three traveling Lodges, which were holden in the British Army, then stationed at Boston.

"December 27, 1769.—On this festival, which was celebrated in due form, a commission from the Rt. Honorable and Most Worshipful George, Earl of Dalhousie, Grand Master of Masons in Scotland, bearing date the 30th day of May, 1769, appointing Joseph Warren to be Grand Master of Masons in Boston, New England, and within one hundred miles of the same, was read; whereupon the brethren proceeded, according to ancient usage, to install the Rt. Worshipful Grand Master Warren, who afterwards appointed and invested the other Grand Officers.

"April 19, 1775.—On this memorable era hostilities commenced between Great Britain and America; immediately upon which the town of Boston became a garrison and was

abandoned by many of its inhabitants, so that the regular meetings of the Grand Lodge were suspended.

"June 17.—By the contest of this eventful day on the celebrated heights of Charlestown, the Grand Lodge sustained a heavy loss in the death of Grand Master Warren, who was slain contending for the liberties of his country.

"Soon after the evacuation of Boston by the British army, and previous to any regular communication, the brethren, influenced by a pious regard to the memory of the late Grand Master, were induced to search for his body, which had been rudely and indiscriminately buried on the field of slaughter. They accordingly repaired to the place, and by direction of a person who was on the ground about the time of his burial, a spot was found where the earth had been recently turned up. Upon removing the turf and opening the grave, which was on the brow of a hill and adjacent to a small cluster of sprigs, the remains were discovered in a mangled condition, but were easily ascertained by an artificial tooth; and being decently raised, were conveyed, on the 8th of April, 1776, to the State House in this metropolis; from whence, by a large and respectable number of brethren, with the late Grand Officers attending in a regular procession, they were carried to the Stone Chapel, where an animated eulogium was delivered by Bro. Perez Morton, at their request. The body was then conveyed to the silent vault, and there sacredly deposited 'without a sculptured stone to mark the spot; but as the whole earth is the sepulchre of illustrious men, his fame, his glorious actions are engraved on the tablet of universal remembrance, and will survive marble monuments or local inscriptions.'

"October 6, 1779.—A petition of a number of brethren, officers in the American army, praying that this Grand Lodge would grant them a charter to hold a traveling Lodge, was read, and Gen. John Patterson, Col. Benjamin Tupper and Maj. William Hull, being nominated as Master and Wardens, voted that a dispensation be granted them under the title of 'Washington Lodge,' to make Masons, pass Fellow Crafts and raise Masters, in any of the United States where there is no Grand Lodge; but in any State where a Grand Master presides they must apply for his sanction.

"It was then determined that all charters granted without the limits of this State shall be understood to remain in force until a Grand Lodge is formed in the Government where such Lodges are held, or during the pleasure of this Grand Lodge.

"On a petition of a number of brethren, January 12, 1781, at Colchester, in the State of Connecticut, for a charter to erect a Lodge in said town, voted, that the prayer be granted.

"On the petition of several brethren in Litchfield, in Con-

necticut, May 27, 1781, requesting a charter of erection, voted, that the prayer be granted.

"On a petition of several brethren, January 3, 1783, for holding a Lodge at Derby, in Connecticut, voted, that a charter be granted under the title of 'King Hiram Lodge.'

"January 19, 1785, a petition was received, and a charter granted, for a Lodge in Manchester, Vermont.

"A petition was also presented June 24, 1785, from several brethren, requesting the establishment of a Lodge at Norwich, in Connecticut, whereupon voted, that a charter be granted under the title of 'Columbia Lodge.'

"On the petition of a number of brethren for a charter to hold a Lodge in Farmington, in Connecticut, September 18, 1787, voted, that a commission be issued under the name of 'Frederick Lodge.'

"December 5, 1791, a committee was appointed to confer with the officers of St. John's Grand Lodge, upon the subject of a complete Masonic union throughout this Commonwealth, and to report at the next quarterly communication.

"March 5, 1792, a Constitution and By-laws for associating the two Grand Lodges, as agreed to by the St. John's Grand Lodge, was read and deliberately considered, and the question for a concurrence being taken, it was unanimously agreed to, and the union of the two Grand Lodges was accordingly effected."

During the period of the revolution the work of the two Grand Lodges, as well as the subordinate Lodges, was interrupted, and but little progress was made. Immediately after the commencement of hostilities, however, military lodges were organized in the army, and the work was continued. The festivals of St. John were faithfully observed, and these occasions were among the most interesting social events of the revolution. The first of these military Lodges, of which there is any record, was the

AMERICAN UNION LODGE.

As this forms one of the most interesting and important chapters in the history of Masonry in North America, covering the period of the American Revolution, when many Lodges suspended operations, copious extracts have been made from the minute-book of this Lodge, which was published in its entirety some thirty years ago by Rt. Wor. E. G. Storer, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

This Lodge was no doubt organized by General (then Colonel) Samuel Holden Parsons, of the Connecticut Line, a prominent member of St. John's Lodge, Middletown, Conn., and the names appearing first on the list in the minute-book were also mem-

bers of this Lodge. General Parsons was one of the most conspicuous officers in the war of the Revolution, and composed one of the board of officers that tried Major Andre, the British spy, at Tappan, N. Y., in October, 1780.

It will be observed that this Lodge met and transacted all regular business on the Entered Apprentice degree. Most Lodges at that time were known as "Ordinary Lodges," and worked only the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees, the "Master's Lodge" being separate and distinct, and requiring a special warrant, though emanating from the same source.

During the suspensions of the meetings of the Grand Lodge at Boston, in 1776, the following Dispensation was issued by the Grand Master :

JOHN ROWE, GRAND MASTER,

To JOEL CLARK, ESQ.—GREETING.

By virtue of authority invested in me, I hereby, reposing special trust and confidence in your knowledge and skill of the Ancient Craft, do appoint and constitute you, the said Joel Clark, Esquire, Master of the AMERICAN UNION LODGE, now erected in Roxbury, or wherever your Body shall remove on the Continent of America, provided it is where no Grand Master is appointed.

You are to promote in your Lodge the utmost Harmony and Brotherly Love, and to keep up to the Constitutions, for the reputation of the Craft. In your makings you are to be very cautious of the Moral Character of such persons, and also of visitors, and such as desire to become Members of your Lodge (such as were not made in it). You are to transmit to the Grand Lodge a fair account of the choice of your officers, as well present as future. Any matters coming before your Lodge that cannot be adjusted, you are to appeal to and lay the same before the Grand Lodge for a decision. You are, as often as the Grand Lodge meets, to attend with your two Wardens; of the time and place the Grand Lodge shall meet, you will have previous notice.

In order to support the Grand Lodge, your Lodge is to pay into the hands of the Grand Secretary, each Quarterly Night, the sum of 12 shillings lawful money; all of which you will pay due regard to.

This Commission to remain in full force and virtue until recalled by me or my successor in office.

[L. s.] Given under my hand, and the hands of the Grand Wardens, (the seal of the Grand Lodge first affixed,) this the 15th day of Feb'y, Anno Mundi 5776, of Salvation 1776.

RICHARD GRIDLEY, D. G. M.
WILLIAM BURBECK, S. G. W.
..... J. G. W.

Per order of the G. Master.

Recorded, WM. HOSKINS, G. Sec'y.

The following names appear on the Minute-Book, as the "ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF AMERICAN UNION LODGE, at the first establishment, April, 1776 :"

Col. Joel Clark, Master Mason.	Col. Samuel Holden Parsons, Fellow Craft.
Col. John Parke, do.	Capt. Ezekiel Scott, do.
Thomas Chace, Esq., do.	—— Whittlesey, do.
Ens. Jonathan Heart, do.	—— Cotton, do.
Capt. Joseph Hoit, do.	Col. Samuel Wyllys, Entered Apprentice.
Capt. William Coit, do.	

Admitted to Membership since April 15, 1776.

Capt. Elihu Marshall,	}	Admitted members 15th February, 1779.
Capt. Jonathan Brown,		
Col. Isaac Sherman,		
Capt. William Redfield,	}	Admitted 17th February, 1779.
Lieut. Oliver Lawrence,		
Col. Eben Gray,	}	Admitted 7th May, 1779.
Maj. Willis Clift,		
Lieut. Prentice Hosmor,	}	Admitted members August, 1779.
Dr. Timothy Hosmer,		
Lieut. John Hobart,		
Capt. Josiah Lacey,		
Capt. Elijah Chapman,	}	Admitted member 16th September, 1779.
John Pierce, D. P. Gov.,		

Made Mafons previous to the New Regulations.

Lieut. Samuel Buxton,	}	Massachusetts Line, made 7th August, 1779.
Col. Gamaliel Bradford,		
Dr. Elisha Skinner,		
Lieut. Cornelius Russell,	}	Made August 9th, 1779.
Lieut. Samuel H. Barker,		
Lieut. John Sherman,		
Lieut. Giles Curtis,	}	Made August 26th, 1779.
Dr. Jonathan Graham,		
Lieut. Peleg Heath,		
Capt. Henry Ten Eyck,	}	Made August 29th, 1779.
Mr. Asa Worthington,		
Captain Stephen Betts,		
Col. John Brooks,	}	Made September 16th, 1779.
Dr. Samuel Linsley,		
Lieut. John Bush,		
Lieut. Edward Spear,	}	Made October 11th, 1779.
Lieut. Moses Cleveland,		
Lieut. Edward Palmer,		
Col. Francis Johnson,	}	
Maj. David Smith,		

BY LAWS OF AMERICAN UNION LODGE.

ARTICLE 1. That the members of this Lodge shall consist of forty-five and no more, unless it shall hereafter appear necessary for the benefit of Masonry, in which case it shall be determined by a majority of the members present—

the Master having a casting vote in this and all other matters that concern the true interest of this Lodge, except in cases hereinafter mentioned.

ART. 2. That this Lodge shall be held from time to time at such place as by adjournment it shall be ordered, of which the members are desired to take particular notice and attend punctually.

ART. 3. In order to preserve the credit of the craft and the harmony of Masonry in general, no candidate shall be made in this Lodge unless his character is well vouched by one or more of the brothers present. Every brother proposing a candidate shall stand up and address the Master, and at the same time shall deposit four dollars as advance towards his making, into the hands of the Secretary, and if he is accepted shall be in part of his making; if he is not accepted it shall be returned, and if he is accepted and does not attend it shall be forfeited for the use of the Lodge, casualties excepted.

ART. 4. No candidate shall be made on the Lodge night he is proposed, unless it shall appear that he is under such circumstances that he cannot with convenience attend the next Lodge night, in which case it shall be submitted to the Lodge. But this rule may be dispensed at discretion of the Lodge.

ART. 5. Every candidate proposed shall stand on the minutes until the next Entered Apprentice Lodge night after he is proposed, and then shall be balloted for; if one negative only shall appear then he shall have the benefit of a second ballot, and if one negative shall still appear he shall have the benefit of a third ballot, and if a negative still appear, the candidate shall then be dismissed and his money refunded: provided this By-Law does not annul the provision made in the immediate foregoing article.

ART. 6. Every brother made in this Lodge shall pay ten dollars for his making, of which the deposit money shall be considered as part.

ART. 7. A Lodge of emergency may be called for making, passing or raising a brother, they paying the expense of the evening.

ART. 8. Every brother made in this Lodge and shall sign the By-Laws, shall commence member thereof, and shall be considered as such until he signifies his intentions to the contrary to the Master and Wardens of the Lodge.

ART. 9. Every member shall pay into the hands of the Secretary one shilling, equal to one-sixth of a dollar, for every night's attendance, to be paid quarterly.

ART. 10. Every brother visiting this Lodge shall pay one shilling each night he visits, except the first night, when he shall be excused.

ART. 11. Any visiting brother who shall desire to become a member of this Lodge, being properly recommended, shall have the benefit of a ballot (the same as a candidate), and if accepted shall pay nine shillings.

ART. 12. No person who may have clandestinely obtained any part or parts of the secrets of Masonry shall be suffered to visit this Lodge until he has made due submission and gone through the necessary forms, in which case he shall pay for making, at the discretion of the Lodge, not exceeding the usual fees.

ART. 13. No person made a Mason in a traveling Lodge, being an inhabitant of any metropolis or city where there is a regular Lodge established, shall be admitted as a member or visitor in this Lodge until he has complied with the restrictions in the immediate foregoing article.

ART. 14. Whenever the Master shall strike upon the table the members shall repair to their places and keep a profound silence. No brother is to interrupt the business or harmony of the Lodge, under penalty of receiving a

severe reprimand from the Master for the first offence, and if he shall remain contumaciously obstinate shall be expelled the Lodge.

ART. 15. When a brother has anything to propose he shall stand up and address the Master, and no brother shall interrupt another while speaking, under penalty of a rebuke from the Master.

ART. 16. The By-Laws shall be read every Lodge night by the Secretary, to which every member is to give due attention.

ART. 17. That every member of the Lodge shall endeavor to keep in mind what passes in Lodge, that when the Master shall examine them on the mysteries of the craft he may not be under necessity of answering for them.

ART. 18. That the officers of this Lodge shall be chosen on the first Lodge night preceding the Festival of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, and oftener in case of vacancies by death or any other casualties, at the discretion of the Lodge.

ART. 19. The Secretary shall keep true and fair accounts of all the transactions of the Lodge, and shall pay all moneys collected into the hands of the Treasurer.

ART. 20. The Treasurer shall keep fair and true accounts of all moneys received and paid, and shall exhibit the same when called upon by the Master and Wardens for that purpose; and when a new Treasurer is chosen the late Treasurer shall pay such balance as shall appear to remain in his hands to the new Treasurer.

ART. 21. No brother shall leave the Lodge Room until he obtains permission from the Master for that purpose.

ART. 22. The outside Tyler shall be allowed one shilling and six pence for each night's attendance, also three shillings more for each new made, passed or raised brother, which shall be paid them exclusive of the premiums paid to the Lodge; the inside Tyler shall be excused from paying quarterages.

ART. 23. Any brother who shall disclose the secret transactions of this Lodge, or who shall be privy to the same done by any other brother, and does not inform the Lodge at the next meeting thereof, shall be expelled the Lodge, never to be re-admitted.

ART. 24. Any brother who shall remain in the Lodge Room after the Lodge is closed, and shall be guilty of or accessory to any conduct by which the craft shall be subjected to aspersions or the censure at the world, of which the Lodge shall be judge, shall for the first offence be severely reprimanded by the Master the first time he appears at Lodge; for the second offence he shall be expelled the Lodge.

ART. 25. Any brother who shall refuse to pay obedience to the foregoing regulations, or shall dispute the payment of any fine laid thereby, or adjudged to be inflicted by a majority of the Lodge, shall be expelled the Lodge.

ART. 26. That every brother (being a member of this Lodge) who shall be passed a Fellow Craft, shall pay twelve shillings, and fifteen for being raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason; and that any brother (not a member) shall, for being passed, pay twenty-four shillings, and thirty-six for being raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

ART. 27. No visiting brother shall be allowed to speak in matter of debate, unless he is desired by the Master to give his opinion.

ART. 28. Whereas, many matters may come before this Lodge not particularly provided for in the foregoing By-Laws, the same shall be submitted to the determination of the Lodge by a majority of votes; the Lodge shall re-

serve to themselves to alter, amend, diminish or augment the aforesaid By-Laws, as shall appear necessary by the majority of the members in Lodge assembled.

And whereas, from the present depreciation of our money, it will be impossible to maintain the dignity of the Lodge by the premiums arising from the By-Laws, it is ordered by a unanimous vote of this Lodge that the fees for a new made brother be thirty dollars; passing a brother (being a member) six dollars; and raising, seven dollars and one-half; and all other perquisites, so far as relates to the gentlemen of the army, be raised three-fold to what is prescribed in the By-Laws; and in all other cases that the fees and perquisites be at the discretion of the majority of the members in Lodge assembled, except the fees of the outside Tyler, which for making, passing and raising shall be six-fold, to be paid agreeably to the 22d Article of the By-Laws.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, viz. }
 *READING, February 7th, 1779. }

On the application of a number of gentlemen, brethren of the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, to the members of American Union Lodge, held by authority, under the Right Worshipful John Rowe, Esq., Grand Master of all Masons in North America, where no Special Grand Master is appointed, requesting that the said American Union Lodge may be convened, for the purpose of re-establishing the Ancient Craft in the same. Agreeable to which a summons was issued, desiring the members of the American Union Lodge to meet at Widow Sanford's, near Reading Old Meeting House, on Monday, the 15th of inst. February, at 4 o'clock, Past M., and an invitation sent to the others, the brethren of the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, to attend at 5 o'clock, Past M.

JONATHAN HEART,
 Secretary American Union Lodge.

Feb. 10th, Anno Mundi 5779, }
 Salutis, 1779. }

READING, viz. Mrs. Sanford's, Feb. 15, 1779.

Agreeable to summons, the members of the Ancient American Union Lodge assembled. Brother Jonathan Heart in the chair. Present—Joseph Hoit, Sen. Warden; William Judd, member; Charles Peck, Tyler; visitors—Brs. Elihu Marshall, John Brown, Isaac Sherman, William Redfield, ——— Coleman.

Lodge opened, when Brs. Elihu Marshall, John Brown, Isaac Sherman, and William Redfield were separately proposed to become members of this Lodge, balloted for and accepted.

Then proceeded to elect a Master to fill the chair in room of the Worshipful Joel Clark, Esq., deceased, when the Hon.

Samuel Holden Parsons* was unanimously elected. Then proceeded to elect a Secretary, when William Judd was elected.

As the Worshipful Master elect was absent, and not likely to return soon or attend, the brethren unanimously agreed to dispense with the regulation of the Master's being present at the election of the other officers, and therefore proceeded to the choice of a Senior Warden, when Bro. Heart was elected, who, having taken the chair, proceeded to the choice of the other officers, and duly elected Bro. Marshall, Junior Warden, Bro. Sherman, Treasurer, and Charles Peck, Tyler.

The newly elected officers, (the Worshipful excepted, who was absent,) having with the usual ceremonies taken their seats, proceeded to the consideration of the By-Laws, and unanimously agreed that the same continue in full force, with this proviso :

That the fees for admission of candidates be thirty dollars, passing six dollars, and raising seven and one-half dollars, and other perquisites, &c., so far as relates to the gentlemen of the Army, be raised three-fold, and in all other cases the fees and perquisites to be at the discretion of the majority of the brethren members in Lodge assembled; that the Tyler's fees for new admitted brethren, passing and raising, be three dollars, exclusive of all other fees.

Lieut. Col. Thomas Grosvenor and Capt. Henry Champion of the Third Connecticut Battalion, and Simeon Belding, Division Quartermaster, were proposed to be made Entered Apprentices by Bro. Heart.

Lodge closed until 17th February, 5 o'clock P. M.

READING, viz. Mrs. Sanford's, Feb. 17th, 1779.

Lodge opened at 5 o'clock P. M. Present—Brs. Heart, W. M.; Marshall, S. W.; Redfield, J. W.; Sherman, Treasurer, Judd, Secretary; Brown and Richards, members; Charles Peck, Tyler; Coleman and Lawrence, visitors.

Bro. Lawrence was proposed to become a member of this Lodge, balloted for and accepted.

Simeon Belding, Thomas Grosvenor, and Henry Champion, proposed the last Lodge night, were separately balloted for to be made Entered Apprentices, accepted and made.

Capt. Robert Warner and Dr. John R. Watrous, Surgeon of the Third Connecticut Battalion, proposed to be made Entered Apprentices by Bro. Heart; and Lieut. John Mix, of the Second Connecticut Battalion, proposed by Bro. Sherman.

Brother Belding, having been made in a clandestine Lodge, one-half of the deposit and fees remitted.

* General Samuel Holden Parsons composed one of the Board of Officers that tried and condemned Major John Andre, the British spy, at Tappan, N. Y., in September, 1780.

READING, viz. Mrs. Sanford's, Feb. 24th, 1779.

Entered Apprentice Lodge. Present—Brs. Heart, W. M.; Marshall, S. W.; Lawrence, J. W.; Sherman, Treasurer; Judd, Secretary; Richards, Grosvenor and Champion, members; Charles Peck, Tyler.

READING, viz. Mrs. Sanford's, March 10th, 1779.

Entered Apprentice Lodge, opened. The minutes of last Lodge read. Proceeded to business, when the committee appointed to correct and amend the By-Laws reported them in twenty-eight Articles, which being separately read, the Lodge unanimously agreed and voted that they take place in all cases whatsoever, any By-Laws heretofore enacted notwithstanding. The Lodge then proceeded to particular business, when Richard Sill, Albigeance Waldo, and William Little, who were proposed last Entered Apprentice Lodge to be made Masons were separately balloted for, accepted and made Entered Apprentices.

READING, viz. Mrs. Sanford's, March 17th, 1779.

Entered Apprentice Lodge, 4 o'clock P. M. Present—Brs. Heart, W. M.; Marshall, S. W.; Redfield, J. W.; Belding, Treasurer; Grosvenor, Secretary; members—Brown, Lawrence, Champion, Warner, Watrous, Mix, Sill, Waldo, Little; Peck, Tyler; visitors—Hunting, Clift, Woodward, Coleman.

Lodge opened, proceeded to business, when Capt. Edward Archibald, of the Train of Artillery, Lieut. Samuel Richards, of the Third Connecticut Battalion, Capt. Elias Stilwell, of the same, and Lieut. Cornelius Russell, of the Fifth Connecticut Battalion, who were heretofore proposed to be made Masons, were separately balloted for and accepted. Capt. Edward Archibald and Capt. Elias Stilwell were made Entered Apprentices.

Entered Apprentice Lodge closed for a short space and Masters Lodge opened.

Capt. Archibald having appeared at Lodge in a situation unbecoming the character of a Mason, the Lodge unanimously resolved and desired that Bro. Brown inform him that he is not to attend this Lodge, and that he is to be considered and treated in the same manner as though never made a Mason.

Masters Lodge closed, Entered Apprentice Lodge opened.

Brs. Belding, Sill and Little, appointed to prepare a feast on Wednesday, the 7th of April next.

March 25th, 1779.

At a Lodge of Emergency; present—Brs. Heart, W. M.; Marshall, S. W.; Redfield, J. W.; Belding, Treasurer; Champion,

Secretary; Whitney, Tyler; members—Warner, Watrous, Waldo, Little, Sill; visitor—Bro. Coleman.

Lodge opened, proceeded to business. Mr. Jabez Clark, State Commissary, Lieut. Judson, of the Third Connecticut Battalion, and Lieut. Jabez Parsons, of the Second Connecticut Battalion, heretofore proposed to be made Masons, were separately balloted for and accepted, and duly made Entered Apprentices.

Lodge closed for a space.

Procession began at half-past four o'clock, in the following order :

1. Bro. Whitney to clear the way.
2. The Wardens, with their Wands.
3. The youngest Brother, with the Bag.
4. Brethren by Juniority.
5. The Worshipful Master, with the Treasurer to his right hand, supporting the Sword of Justice, and the Secretary on his left hand, supporting the Bible, Square and Compasses.
6. Music, playing the "Entered Apprentice March."

Proceeded to Esq. Hawley's, where Br. Little delivered a few sentiments on Friendship—the Rev. Dr. Evans and a number of gentlemen and ladies being present. After dinner the following songs and toasts were given, interspersed with music, for the entertainment of the company :

<i>Songs.</i>	<i>Toasts.</i>	<i>Music.</i>
Hail America.	General Washington.	Grand March.
Montgomery.	{ The Memory of Warren }	Dead March.
	{ Montgomery, Wooster. }	
French Ladies' Lament.	{ Relief of the Widows and }	Country Jig.
	{ Orphans. }	
Mason's Daughter.	Ladies of America.	Mason's Daughter.
On, on my dear brethren.	Union, Harmony and Peace.	
Huntsmen.	Social Enjoyment.	
My Dog and Gun.	Contentment.	

The festivities of the occasion were concluded with a speech by Bro. Waldo.

At half-past 7 o'clock the procession began in returning to the Lodge room, in reverse order from the afternoon procession. Music playing "The Mason's Daughter."

The Lodge being opened, the W. Master returned his thanks to the officers and brethren for their faithful attendance in labor, and in transacting the business of the day with the greatest decorum and harmony.

Voted, That the Lodge have a grateful sense of the honor paid them by the Rev. Dr. Evans, and other gentlemen and ladies in attending the exercises of the day.

Voted, That the thanks of the Lodge be presented to Brs.

Little and Waldo for the honor conferred on the Lodge by their addresses.

Lodge closed in good time, without date.

March 31st, 1779, 4 o'clock p. m.

Lodge opened and proceeded to business, when Brs. Warner, Mix and Watrous were separately balloted for and each raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Brs. Waldo, Sill and Little, were proposed to be raised at the next Masters Lodge.

Voted, That Brs. Little, Belding and Sill, as heretofore voted, proceed in preparing a feast on Wednesday, the 7th of April; that Bro. Redfield wait on Bro. Putnam and his two Aids-de-Camp, with the desire of this body that they dine with us; that Bro. Heart wait on the Rev. Dr. Evans with the desire of the Lodge that he dine with us, and also that he favor the assembly with a discourse on such subject as he shall think proper. Also voted, that the Rev. Mr. Bartlett, his wife, Mrs. Sanford, her daughter and niece, Esq. Hawley, his wife and daughter, the widow Fairchild, widow Sanford, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Heart, Miss Curtis and Col. Meigs, be invited to dine with us; that Bro. Belding present them with notice in the name of the Lodge. *Voted*, that dinner be served at 2 o'clock.

April 7th, 1779, 10 o'clock A. M.

Masters Lodge, per adjournment. Present—Hon. Bro. Parsons, W. M.; Heart, S. W.; Marshall, J. W.; Belding, Tr.; Grosvenor, Sec'y; Whitney, Tyler; members—Bros. Hoit, Redfield, Lawrence, Champion, Mix, Watrous; visitors—Brs. Henry Dearborn, Hosmer, Munson.

Lodge opened, when Brs. Waldo, Sill and Little, heretofore proposed, were separately ballotted for, accepted, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Capt. Eben Perkins, by vote, was admitted to sit in this Lodge.

April 7th, 1779, 10 o'clock A. M.

Entered Apprentice Lodge, per adjournment. Present—The Hon. Bro. Parsons, W. M.; Heart, S. W.; Marshall, J. W.; Belding, Treas.; Grosvenor, Sec'y; Whitney and Peck, Tylers; members—Bros. Hoit, Redfield, Lawrence, Champion, Mix, Watrous, Waldo, Little, Sill, Judson, Clark; visitors—Bros. Dearborn, Hosmer, Monson, Fogg.

Entered Apprentice Lodge opened, when Lieut. Samuel Richards, Paymaster to the Third Connecticut Battalion, having been proposed, balloted for and accepted to be made a Mason, was made an Entered Apprentice.

It having been voted to dine at three o'clock, at half-past one the procession began as follows :

1. Br. Whitney, Outside Tyler.
2. The Wardens, with White Rods.
3. The Youngest Brother, with the Bag.
4. The Brethren, by Juniority.
5. The W. Master, with his Rod ; the Treasurer on his right hand, supporting the Sword of Justice ; the Secretary on his left, supporting the Bible, Square and Compasses.
6. Bro. Peck, the Inside Tyler.

Music advanced, playing the "Entered Apprentice March."

The W. Master and Brethren having seated themselves, together with a number of respectable inhabitants, gentlemen and ladies, the Rev. Doct. Evans delivered a discourse suitable to the occasion.

After dinner the W. Master called on Bro. Monson and others for songs and sentiments, when the company were favored with the following, each song and toast being enlivened with appropriate music :

Song by Br. Munson—Watery Gods. Toast—Health of Congress. Music—Grenadier's March.

Song by Br. Munson—Elegy on General Wolfe. Toast, Warren, Montgomery and Wooster. Music—Dead March.

Mason's Song, by Br. Redfield. Toast—The Good and Just. Music—Prince Eugene.

Song by Br. Munson—Colin and Phœbe. Toast—The Ladies of America. Music—Country Jig.

Song on Masonry, by Br. Marshall. Toast—Arts and Sciences. Music—Splendor of the Morning.

Song by Brs. Munson and Marshall—The Tempest. With Jack, the Seaman, to conclude.

At six o'clock the procession returned to the Lodge room, and the Lodge being open, it was

Voted, That the thanks of this Lodge be presented in writing to the Rev. Doct. Evans, for his polite address and sentiments delivered this day, and that Bro. Waldo wait on him with the same ; also, that Bro. Waldo present our thanks to the Rev. Mr. Bartlett, and to the other gentlemen and ladies who favored the Lodge with their company at dinner.

Voted, That Brs. Whitney and Peck act as inside and outside Tylers, and share equally the profits of tying this Lodge.

Ensign Wm. Higgins, Quartermaster to the Third Connecticut Battalion, and Doct. John Simpson, Surgeon to the Fifth Battalion, were proposed by Brs. Watrous and Redfield to be made Masons.

April 15, 1779, 6 o'clock P. M.

Entered Apprentice's Lodge of Emergency; present, all the officers and several members and visitors.

Bro. Sill proposed the Rev. Doct. T——l Evans to be made a Mason; and, as he was under the necessity of soon departing from this place, and his character was so universally well known by all the brethren, he was balloted for and accepted, and it was voted, that an emergent meeting be held to-morrow evening for the purpose of making him.

Ensign Wm. Higgins and Doct. John Simpson, heretofore proposed, were separately balloted for, accepted, and made Entered Apprentices.

Voted, That the thanks of the Lodge be transmitted to Bro. Elihu Marshall, for his particular attention to the Lodge while serving them as Senior Warden.

Voted, That the members of this Lodge, who were present at the feast on Wednesday the 7th inst., pay a club of five dollars, and that Bro. Belden's bill be paid for the two feasts, viz.:

For Thursday, March 25th.....	£45	0	3
For Wednesday, April 7th.....	81	14	11
Bro. Sill's bill for Apl. 7th.....	19	14	0
Bro. Little's bill, Mar. 25th.....	1	11	0
“ “ “ Apl. 7th.....	4	16	0
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	£152	16	2

Voted, That Bro. Belding have an order on Bro. Judd for the balance in his hands. Closed without time.

READING, viz. Mrs. Sanford's, April 28th, 1779.

Entered Apprentice Lodge opened by adjournment; present, Br. Heart as W. M.; other officers, members and visitors.

Lieut. Reuben Pride, heretofore proposed, was balloted for, accepted, and made an Entered Apprentice.

May 5th.—Brs. Wm. Judd, Jabez Clark, and Samuel Richards, heretofore made Fellow Crafts, were proposed, separately balloted for and accepted, and severally raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

[The operations of the Army now requiring the Connecticut Line to remove their quarters, the subsequent meetings of this Lodge were held in the States of New York and New Jersey.]

STATE OF NEW YORK.

NELSON'S POINT, June 24th, 1779.

Festival of St. John the Baptist.

The American Union Lodge held by authority under the Most Worshipful John Rowe, Esq., Grand Master of all Masons in North America, where no special Grand Master is appointed, confirmed by the Most Worshipful Peter Middleton, M.D., Provincial Deputy Grand Master for the province of New York, by the name of Military Union Lodge.

8 o'clock A. M. Officers present—Brs. Parsons, W. M.; Heart, S. W.; Redfield, J. W.; Champion, Treasurer; Grosvenor, Secretary; Whitney, Tyler. Members present—Brs. Little, Gray, Clark, Pride, Watrous, Stilwill, Higgins, Warner, Wyllys, Clift, Fitch, Brown, Holdridge, Lawrence, Richards, Humphreys, Judd, Sill, Judson. Visitors—Brs. Munson, Perkins, Coleman, Hubbard, Woodward.

Lodge opened, and proceeded to the business of the day, viz.: to elect officers for the half year ensuing, agreeable to Constitution, when the following brethren were unanimously chosen, viz.: Jonathan Heart, W. Master; Samuel H. Parsons, S. Warden; Samuel Wyllys, Jun. Warden; Simeon Belding, Treasurer; Thomas Grosvenor, Secretary; William Redfield and William Little, Stewards; Daniel Whitney, Tyler.

The officers elect having taken their seats and finished the partial business of the day, Lodge was closed till 10 o'clock A. M., then to meet on West Point, in order to celebrate the Festival of St. John.

The brethren then proceeded to West Point, where, being joined by a number of brothers from the Brigades on West Point and Constitution Island, the whole proceeded from General Patterson's Quarters to the Red House in the following order:

1. Bro. Whitney, to clear the way.
2. The band of music with drums and fifes.
3. The Wardens.
4. The Youngest Brother, with the Bag.
5. Brethren by Juniority.
6. The Rev. Drs. Smith, Avery and Hitchcock.
7. The Master of the Lodge, with the Treasurer on his right, supporting the Sword of Justice, and the Secretary on his left, supporting the Bible, Square and Compasses.
8. Bro. Binns to close, with Brs. Lorrain and Disborough on the flanks opposite the center.

Being arrived at the Red House, Lodge was opened in ample form. Officers present—Brs. Heart, W. M.; Parsons, S.

Warden; Wyllys, J. Warden; Champion, Treasurer; Grosvenor, Secretary; Redfield and White, Stewards; Whitney, Binns, Lorrain and Disborough, Tylers.

After the usual ceremonies, the Lodge retired to a bower in front of the house, where, being joined by his Excellency, General WASHINGTON and family, an address was delivered to the brethren and a number of gentlemen collected on the occasion, by the Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, followed by an address to the brethren in particular, by Bro. Hull. After dinner the following toasts were drank, and closed with music, also the songs annexed to them, viz.:

Toasts—Congress; Friendly Powers of Europe; Warren, Montgomery and Wooster; Females of America; Arts and Sciences.

Music—Grenadier's March; Prince Eugene's March; Dead March; Rural Felicity; Country Jig.

Songs—Elegy on Gen. Wolfe, by Bro. Munson; The Mason's Daughter, by Bro. Page; The Virtuous Science, by Bro. Warner.

A number of other toasts and songs were given by different brethren.

His Excellency, Bro. WASHINGTON, having returned to the barge attended by the Wardens and Secretary of the Lodge, amidst a crowd of brethren, the music playing "God Save America," and embarked, his departure was announced by three cheers from the shore, answered by three from the barge, the music beating the "Grenadier's March."

The brethren then returned to Gen. Patterson's Quarters, in the reversed order of that in which the first procession was made, when the Master with his Wardens and Secretary closed the Lodge.

Cr. by club of 107 brethren.....	£409	12	0
Expenses of the day.....	£393	9	0
Allowance to the brethren on West Point for mistakes in change, &c.....		3	5 0
	£396	14	0

*Robinson's, Aug. 7, 1779.

Special Entered Apprentice Lodge, opened at 3 o'clock, P. M. Capt. Samuel Craig, Capt. Wm. Wilson, Lieut. John Hughs and Lieut. James Buxton, heretofore proposed, were balloted for and accepted. Also Col. Gamaliel Bradford, Doct. Elisha Skin-

* The Beverley Robinson House, opposite West Point, at what is now known as Garrison's. The house is still standing, and is owned by ex-Gov. Hamilton Fish.

ner, and Doct. Samuel Tinley, of the Massachusetts Line, though not heretofore proposed, being highly recommended by those well acquainted with them, were balloted for and accepted. Craig, Wilson, Hughs, Buxton, Skinner and Bradford were made Entered Apprentices.

Receipts of the evening, viz.:

Six makings.....	£32	8	0
Three deposits.....	10	16	0
Overplus in change... ..	3	14	6
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	£46	18	6

Robinson House (N. Y.), Sept. 7th, 1779.

Lodge opened at 3 o'clock P. M. Brs. Boyles, Williams, Whiting and Wilson were proposed, balloted for, accepted, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Bro. Elijah Chapman, made at Fairfield, was proposed to become a member of this Lodge, and accepted.

Voted, that the thanks of the Lodge be presented to the Rev. Dr. Hitchcock for the polite address delivered by him to this body on the 24th of June last, and that Bro. Grosvenor acquaint him with the reason why they have been so long omitted; also, that our thanks be presented to Bro. Hull for his address at the same time.

Sept. 9.—Brs. Putnam, Craig and Hughs were severally accepted and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Resolved, That the moneys remaining in the Treasury of this Lodge on the 1st day of November next, shall be invested in Tickets of the Third Class of the United States Lottery, the avails of which shall remain in the treasury, to be appropriated to the relief of the poor of the Fraternity, or as the brethren shall agree.

Sept. 25.—Lodge held, by particular application, at Moore's Quarters, on West Point. W. Master in the chair, and a large number of visiting brethren present. No particular business being proposed, a lecture was given by the W. Master. Tyler's fees, 4s. 6d. Expense paid by the brethren.

Oct. 11.—Entered Apprentice Lodge opened at 2 o'clock, at Robinson's House. Colonel Francis Johnson and Major David Smith were balloted for, accepted, and made Entered Apprentices. Capt. McClayton, and Lieuts. Harmon and McMurray, heretofore proposed, were withdrawn from the minutes by Bro. Moore. Dr. Ainsworth was balloted for, and his deposit ordered to be refunded. Lodge closed without date.

[In consequence of the movements of the Army, the operations of the Lodge were necessarily suspended for a short time, and no further business appears on the Minute-Book until the Army had gone into Winter Quarters in New Jersey.]

MORRISTOWN (N. J.), Dec. 15, 1779.

At an Entered Apprentices' meeting, held at Colonel Gray's Quarters, for the election of officers for the *American Union Lodge*, for the ensuing half year: present—Brs. Heart, W. M.; Wyllys, S. W.; Grosvenor, J. W.; Richards, Tr.; Watrous, Sec.; Smith, Judd, Curtis, Stilwill, Warner, members.

Lodge opened and proceeded upon the business of the day, when the following brethren were unanimously chosen to serve in their respective offices for the next half year ensuing:

Jonathan Heart, Worshipful Master;
 Richard Sill, Senior Warden;
 Robert Warner, Junior Warden;
 William Richards, Treasurer;
 John R. Watrous, Secretary;
 Thomas Grosvenor, Senior Deacon;
 Henry Champion, Junior Deacon;
 Lorain and Binns, Tylers.

Voted, That Bro. Heart be a committee from the different Lines in the Army at Morristown, to take into consideration some matters respecting the good of Masonry.

Lodge closed until called by order of the W. Master.

MORRISTOWN, Dec. 27, 1779.

An Entered Apprentices' Lodge was held this day, for the Celebration of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist.

Officers present—Brs. Heart, W. M.; Sill, S. W.; Warner, J. W.; Richards, Treas.; Watrous, Sec'y; Grosvenor, S. D.; Little, J. D.; Lorain and Binns, Tylers.

Members present—Brs. Stilwill, Higgins, Worthington, Curtis, Barker, Gray, Sherman, Craig, Wilson, Bush, Judd, Heath, S. Richards, S. Wyllys, Parsons, Huntington, Smith, Judson, Clark, Hosmer, J. Wyllys, Fitch, Pierce, Sargent, Graham, Fitch, Whiting.

Visitors present—Brs. WASHINGTON, Gibbs, Kinney, Van Renssalaer, Jackson, Bruff, Coleman, Craig, Baldwin, Durfee, Shaw, Hunter, Lawrence, Church, Gist, Butler, Campbell, Maclure, Savage, Schuyler, Lewis, Livingston, Ten Eyck, Sherburn, McCarter, Conine, Somers, Bevins, Bleaker, Maxwell, Dayton, Campfield, Arnold, Armstrong, Mentzer, Stagg, Smith, Sanford, Williams, Rogers, Hughes, Brewin, Woodward, Brooks, Thompson, Hervey, Machin, Piatt, Gray, Van Zandt, Edwards, Fox, Erskine, Guion, Spear, Ellsworth, Hunt, Reacum, Conner, White, Proctor, Wetmore, Hamilton, Hanmer, Walden, Hubbard, Grunman, Peckham.

The Lodge was opened, and after the usual ceremonies had been performed, the brethren formed a procession in the following order:

1. Bro. Binns, to clear the way.
2. The Band of Music.
3. Bro. Loraine, with a Drawn Sword.
4. The Deacons, with their Rods.
5. The Brethren, by Juniority.
6. The Passed Masters.
7. The Secretary and Treasurer.
8. The Wardens, with their Wands.
9. The Worshipful Master.

The brethren then proceeded to the meeting house, where a very polite discourse, adapted to the occasion, was delivered by the Rev. Doct. Baldwin, of the Connecticut Line. After service, the brethren returned by the same order to the Lodge room, where a collation was served, &c., which being over, the following business was transacted:

Voted unanimously, That the thanks of the Lodge be presented to the Rev. Dr. Baldwin, for the polite address delivered by him this day in public.

Voted unanimously, That the Secretary wait on the Rev. Dr. Baldwin, with a copy of the minutes, and a request that he will favor the Lodge with a copy of the address, and permission to have it published.

A petition was read, representing the present state of Freemasonry to the several Deputy Grand Masters in the United States of America, desiring them to adopt some measures for appointing a Grand Master over said States, of which the following is a copy:

To the Most Worshipful, the Present Provincial Grand Masters in each of the respective United States of America:

The petitioners, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons in the several Lines of the Army of these United States, assembled on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, at Morristown, Dec. 27th, 1779, to you, as the patrons and safeguard of the Craft in America, beg leave to prefer their humble address.

With sincere regret we contemplate the misfortunes of War which have unhappily separated us from the Grand Lodge in Europe, and deprived us from the benefits arising therefrom, so essentially necessary for the well-being of Masonry, and which has in many instances been subversive of the very institution of the Order. At the same time we lament that political disputes and national quarrels should influence the exercise of charity and benevolence, and their several virtues, so necessary for our present and future happiness. Yet, considering the present situation of our Lodges, and Masonry in general, the necessity for the honor of the Craft, and the importance of enjoying the benefits of so valuable an institution, that some exertions are made for checking the present irregularities, restoring peace and harmony to the Lodges, for opening a way to the enjoyment of the fruits of benevolence, charity and brotherly love, and for the re-establishment of the Order on the ancient respectable foundation; which

we conceive can never be done more effectually than by the appointment of a Grand Master in and over the United States of America.

We therefore most earnestly request that the present Provincial Grand Master, in the respective said United States, would take some measures for the appointment of a Grand Master in and over the said Thirteen United States of America, either by nominating a person proper for that office, whose abilities and rank in life shall answer the importance of that conspicuous and elevated station, and transmitting such nomination to our Mother Lodge in Britain, that the appointment may be made, or in such other manner as shall to them appear most eligible. And we further beg leave to express our wishes, that the several Provincial Grand Masters in these States would, in the intermediate time, enter into unanimous and vigorous measures for checking the growing irregularities in the Society, cementing the different branches, erasing the distinction between ancient and modern in these States, that the Craft may be established in unanimity, the established principles of its institutions more universally extended, and that our conduct may not only be the admiration of men in this world, but receive the final applause of the Grand Architect of the universe in the other, where there is nothing but light and love.

Voted, That the foregoing petition be circulated through the different Lines in the Army.

Voted, That a committee be appointed from the different Lodges in the Army, from each Line, and from the Staff of the Army, to convene on the first Monday of February next, at Morristown, to take the foregoing petition into consideration.

Voted, That when the dividend of the expense of this day shall be paid, each brother will put into the hands of the Treasurer or Secretary what he shall see fit, for the use of the poor of this town.

Voted, That the money so collected be transmitted to Bro. Kinney, to appropriate to the necessities, first, of the widows and orphans of Masons, next to soldiers' wives and children in distressed circumstances; if any shall remain he will apply it to those poor persons in this town whom he shall judge stand most in need thereof.

Lodge closed till called together by the Master's order.

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At a Convention Lodge from the different Lines of the Army and departments, held in due form, under the authority of the American Union Lodge, at Morristown, the 6th day of March, in the year of Salvation 1780.

Officers present—Bro. Heart, W. M.; Little, S. W.; Clark, J. W.; Williams, Treasurer; Pierce, Secretary; Coleman, S. D.; Boyles, J. D.

Lodge opened, the Secretary by order read the proceedings of a committee appointed by this Lodge at the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, held at Morristown, the 27th of December, 1779, of which the following is a copy:

At a Committee of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, met this 7th day of the second month in the year of Salvation 1780, according to the recommendation of a Convention Lodge, held at the celebration of St. John the Evangelist:

Present—Bro. John Pierce, M. M., delegated to represent the Masons in the Military Line of the State of Massachusetts Bay and Washington Lodge No. 10; Bro. Jonathan Heart, M. M., delegated to represent the Masons in the Military Line of the State of Connecticut and American Union Lodge; Bro. Charles

Graham, F. C., delegated to represent the Masons in the Military Line of the State of New York; Bro. John Sanford, M. M., delegated to represent the Masons in the Military Line of the State of New Jersey; Bro. George Tudor, M. M., delegated to represent the Masons in the Military Line of the State of Pennsylvania; Bro. Otho Holland Williams, M. M., delegated to represent the Masons in the Military Line of the State of Delaware; Bro. Mordica Gist, P. W. M., delegated to represent the Masons in the Military Line of the State of Maryland; Bro. Prentice Brown, M. M., delegated to represent St. John's Regimental Lodge; Bro. John Lawrence, P. W. M., delegated to represent the brothers in the Staff of the American Army; Bro. Thomas Machin, M. M., delegated to represent the Masons in the Corps of Artillery.

The brothers present proceeded to elect a President and Secretary, whereupon Bro. Mordica Gist was unanimously chosen President, and Bro. Otho Holland Williams unanimously chosen Secretary of this Committee.

The Committee proceeded to take into consideration an address to be preferred to the Right Worshipful Grand Masters in the respective United States, whereupon Bro. Williams presented the following address:

TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL

The Grand Masters of the several Lodges in the respective United States of America.

UNION. FORCE. LOVE.

The subscribers, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons in Convention, to you, as the patrons and protectors of the Craft upon the Continent, prefer their humble address.

Unhappily the distinctions of interest, the political views and national disputes subsisting between Great Britain and these United States have involved us, not only in the general calamities that disturb the tranquility which used to prevail in this once happy country, but in a peculiar manner affects our Society by separating us from the Grand Mother Lodge in Europe, by disturbing our connection with each other, impeding the progress and preventing the perfection of Masonry in America.

We deplore the miseries of our countrymen, and particularly lament the distresses which many of our poor brethren must suffer, as well from the want of temporal relief as for want of a source of *light* to govern their pursuits and illuminate the path of happiness. And we ardently desire to restore, if possible, that fountain of charity from which to the unspeakable benefit of mankind flows benevolence and love. Considering with anxiety these disputes, and the many irregularities and improprieties committed by weak or wicked brethren, which too manifestly show the present dissipated and almost abandoned condition of our Lodges in general, as well as the relaxation of virtue amongst individuals.

We think it our duty, Right Worshipful Brothers and seniors in the Craft, to solicit your immediate interposition to save us from the impending dangers of schisms and apostacy. To obtain security from those fatal evils, with affectionate humility, we beg leave to recommend the adopting and pursuing the most necessary measures for establishing one Grand Lodge in America, to preside over and govern all other Lodges of whatsoever degree or denomination, licensed or to be licensed, upon the Continent; that the ancient principles and discipline of Masonry being restored, we may mutually and universally enjoy the advantages arising from frequent communion and social intercourse. To accomplish this beneficial and essential work, permit us to propose that you, the Right Worshipful Grand Masters, or a majority of your number, may nominate as Most Worshipful Grand Master of said Lodge a brother whose merit and capacity may be adequate to a station so important and elevated, and transmitting the name and nomination of such brother, together with the name

of the Lodge to be established, to our Grand Mother Lodge in Europe for approbation and confirmation, and that you may adopt and execute any other ways or means most eligible for preventing impositions, correcting abuses, and for establishing the general principles of Masonry: that the influence of the same in propagating morality and virtue may be far extended, and that the lives and conversation of all true Free and Accepted Masons may not only be the admiration of men on earth, but may receive the final approbation of the Grand Architect of the Universe, in the world wherein the elect enjoy eternal light and love.

Signed in Convention in Morristown, Morris county, this seventh day of the second month in the year of our Saviour 1780, Anno Mundi 5780. Which being read, was unanimously agreed to sign, and ordered to be forwarded with an extra copy of their proceedings, signed by the President and Secretary, to the respective Provincial Grand Masters. And the Committee adjourned without day.

After which the question was proposed, whether the foregoing proceedings meet with the approbation of this Lodge? And after debate it was unanimously resolved in the affirmative. An Entered Apprentice Lecture was given by the Master to the brethren present.

Agreed to hold a Masters' Lodge the 27th inst., at this place, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Voted, That the sum of eight dollars shall be paid by each brother to defray the expenses of this evening; if any part of which shall remain, voted, that the same shall be delivered to Bro. Kinney, to be appropriated in the same manner as that which was put into his hands on the meeting of St. John's Day.

Lodge closed in due time.

MORRISTOWN (N. J.), March 27, 1780.

At a Masters' Lodge, held at the Assembly Room, by the special order of the W. M.; Brs. Worthington and Barker, being Fellow Crafts, petitioned to be raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and being examined in open Lodge by the W. Master, and having given satisfactory evidence of their proficiency, they were raised accordingly.

Lodge closed without day.

[The movements of the Army again impeded the operations of the Craft, and at the next entry on the Minute-Book we find the Lodge at work, in mid-summer, on the banks of the Hudson.]

At an Entered Apprentices' Lodge, held at Robinson's House (N. Y.), July 20th, 1780. Present—Brs. Heart, W. M.; Belding, S. W.; Judson, J. W.; Richards, Treas.; Judd, Sec'y; Coleman, S. D.; Simpson, J. D.; Whitney, Tyler; members—Wright, Chapman, Barker, Curtis, Hobart; visitors—Tripp, Hart.

On the evening next before the Festival of St. John the Baptist, the situation of the Army being such that it was impossi-

ble to convene the Lodge for the choice of officers, and this being the first convenient opportunity since, the Lodge now proceeded to that business, and elected the following brethren to serve the current half year:

Jonathan Heart, Worshipful Master;
 Richard Sill, Senior Warden;
 William Little, Junior Warden;
 Simeon Belding, Treasurer;
 John Simpson, Secretary;
 Thomas Grosvenor, Senior Deacon;
 Noah Coleman, Junior Deacon.

[The Minute-Book furnishes no further workings of the Lodge, until the Spring of 1782; we therefore conclude that the Army must have been occupied in such a manner, during the intervening time, that the Craft had no opportunities to assemble.]

AMERICAN UNION LODGE, March 25, 1782.

At an Entered Apprentice's Lodge, held by order of the W. Master, at the "Connecticut Huts." Present—Brs. Jona. Heart, W. M.; Richards, S. W.; Judson, J. W.; Simpson, Secr'y; members—Sherman, Huntington, Gray, Smith, Pride, Higgins, Watrous, Chapman, Curtis, Stillwill, Grosvenor, Russell; visitors—Hodge, Gorham.

The movements of the Army having rendered it inconvenient to choose officers at the usual time, the Lodge proceeded this evening to the election of officers by ballot, when the following brethren were chosen:

Jonathan Heart, Worshipful Master;
 Robert Warner, Senior Warden;
 David Judson, Junior Warden;
 William Richards, Treasurer;
 Eben Gray, Senior Deacon;
 John Smith, Junior Deacon.

A revisal of the By-Laws was proposed for next Lodge night. Closed until April 1st, then to meet at this place.

May 9.—At an Entered Apprentices' Lodge, held at the Connecticut Huts, Lieuts. Charles Fanning of the 1st, and Joshua Whitney of the 5th Connecticut Regiment, were proposed to be made Masons, and ordered to stand on the minutes.

June 20.—At an Entered Apprentice Lodge held at the Connecticut Huts by order of the Master. Present—Brs. Heart, W. M.; Warner, S. W.; Judson, J. W.; Richards, Treasurer; Simpson, Secretary; members—Brs. Clift, Avery, Loomis, Ensworth, Skinner, Curtis, Barker, Tiffany, Russell, Chapman.

Lodge opened. It being the usual time to choose officers to serve in Lodge for the ensuing half year, the Lodge proceeded to the election of officers to serve the term above mentioned.

Bro. Heart was chosen Master; Bro. Warner, Sen. Warden; Bro. Judson, Jun. Warden; Richards, Treasurer; Simpson, Secretary; Watrous, S. D.; Higgins, J. D.

Ordered, that the Treasurer and Secretary settle the accounts of the last quarter as soon as convenient after the Festival of St. John.

Voted, That this Lodge meet and celebrate the Festival of St. John the Baptist, in conjunction with Washington Lodge No. 10, at West Point, on Monday next.

June 24th, 1782.

At an Entered Apprentice Lodge held by adjournment at the Assembly Room of the Connecticut Line, for the celebration of the Festival of St. John the Baptist. Present, as officers—Bro. Heart, W. M.; Warner, S. W.; Judson, J. W.; Richards, Treasurer; Simpson, Secretary; Watrous, S. D.; Higgins, J. D.; Hodge, Tyler; members—Munson, Avery, Chapman, Russell, Loomis, Skinner, Ensworth, Tiffany, Hosmer, Curtis; visitors—De Forest, Foot, Glenny, Seymour, Peckham, Hubbard, Greenman.

The Lodge was opened and proceeded to West Point, where they joined Washington Lodge, and commenced the procession from Gen. Patterson's House to the Collonade, each Lodge separate, where a dinner was provided, and an oration delivered by Bro. John Brooks of the Massachusetts Line.

After dinner, the Lodges having drank a number of toasts, the procession returned to Gen. Patterson's; the American Union Lodge then proceeded to the ball-room in the Connecticut Line, and closed in good time, to stand closed until Thursday, the 27th inst.

VERPLANK'S POINT, Oct. 2, 1782.

At a Lodge of Master Masons, held at the Block House on this point. Present—Bro. Heart, W. M., &c. Bro. Robert Allyn, Fellow Craft, was proposed to be made a Master, and on being balloted for and accepted, he was duly raised to that sublime degree. The Lodge was then closed, to await the call of the W. Master.

WEST POINT, April 23, 1783.

At a Lodge held this day, at Mr. Foot's on West Point. Present—Brs. Heart, W. M.; Judson, S. W.; J. Hart, J. W.; Tiffany, Treas.; Russell, Secr'y; Higgins, S. D.; Loomis, J. D.; Hobart, Tyler; members and visitors—Brs. Selden, Rose, Glenny, Leacroft, Guyon, Woodward, Miller, Steele.

The Lodge was opened, and Bro. Rose, an Entered Apprentice, was proposed, balloted for, accepted, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge closed, to stand closed until the W. Master should call them together.

This Lodge subsequently became a permanent body, and is now Lodge No. 1 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

There is no record of the proceedings of this Lodge later than April, 1783. It is possible, however, that General Samuel Holden Parsons, one of its most active members and Past Masters, retained the charter. He went to Ohio in 1785, and in January, 1786, he was one of the three commissioners who made with the Indians, near the mouth of the Great Miami river, a treaty, whereby the United States acquired a large and valuable tract of country. He returned to Middletown in 1787, and in 1789 he went to the "Western Reserve" to arrange for a treaty with the Indians. He subsequently lost his life while descending the rapids of Great Beaver creek. He was at the time a resident of Marietta, Ohio. The Western Reserve, being a part of the boundaries reserved by the State of Connecticut in the final settlement with the United States, was settled principally by residents of that State, some of whom were formerly members of St. John's Lodge, Middletown, from which American Union Lodge was originally organized.

On Oct. 22, 1791, a communication was received by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, dated Marietta, Ohio, May 5, 1791, signed by Benjamin Tupper, S. W., and Rufus Putnam, J. W. By order of the Lodge, addressed

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Masons in the State of New York:

The brethren of the Ancient Craft northwest of the river Ohio send greeting.

An extensive country having lately been opened northwest of the Ohio, to which many brethren from Europe, as well as the different States in America, have removed, who, bringing with them the knowledge of the sacred mysteries, are desirous of enjoying those inestimable benefits of Masonry which flow from its well-regulated Institutes, and anxious that the light which shineth in darkness might illumine their path in this Wilderness of the West, have therefore incorporated themselves into a Lodge under a warrant, by the name of the *American Union Lodge No. 1.* * * * We have thought it expedient to address the Grand Lodge of New York; have inclosed a copy of the warrant under which we work, together with our By-Laws and a list of the present officers.

Under the same warrant a Lodge was held in the Connecticut Line of the Army at different places in the course of the late war, and many worthy brethren from different States of America initiated into the sacred mysteries of our Craft.

We beg leave to observe that previous to opening this Lodge within the Western Territory, being fully impressed with the necessity of our strict adherence to the principles of Masonry, its Constitutions and most ancient customs in a matter of such magnitude as the opening of a Lodge in this exten-

sive country, and being sensible that our brethren in the Confederate States would naturally be led to inquire by what authority a Lodge had been erected in a country where no Grand Lodge existed, wherefore we entered into a full examination of the Rights of Masonry with every circumstance of its jurisdiction in America.

We found that previous to the late Revolution all Masonic jurisdiction in America was derived from Europe delegated to Grand Masters in and over certain districts. That since the war the Masonic bodies in the different States have considered themselves independent of Europe; have formed their Grand Lodges by electing a *Grand Master* and other officers necessary to compose the same; that this system has taken place where there were no Grand Lodges previous to the Revolution, as well as in those States where Grand Masters had been appointed from Europe; from hence we conclude, that as the Grand Lodges in the different States now acting by virtue of different powers derived from their being elected to those offices when jurisdiction could not extend beyond the limits of the States in and over which they had been elected, and that of course the Federal Territory was not within the jurisdiction of any of the present Grand Lodges in the respective States.

We then proceeded to examine the warrants, of which the inclosed is a copy, and found that the *Grand Master* who granted it was duly appointed Provincial Grand Master over all North America where no special Grand Master was appointed. That the warrant to Joel Clark, Esq., was amply sufficient for opening a Lodge in any part of this jurisdiction; that our present Master was duly invested with the same in the course of the late war, being his successor in office; that the powers contained in the warrant have never been revoked by the office from which they issued, but that they now remain in full force.

And as there was no particular Grand Lodge having jurisdiction at this time over the Western Territory, and as the said Territory was clearly within the jurisdiction of the Grand Master who granted the warrant at the time of its issuing, therefore we determined that the warrant referred to as above was fully and most amply sufficient for opening a Lodge within the Territory northwest of the Ohio.

Accordingly the Master with a due number of the former members being present, the Lodge was opened in ample form and incorporated agreeably to the ancient custom of the Royal Craft, and we have to request that we may be recognized as such in the different Grand Lodges in our sister States in America.

We have only to request that every impediment may be removed which might prevent the mutual exchange of good offices between the brethren of this and every habitable part of creation, and that nothing may prevent the light which shineth in the *East* from spreading its benign influence even to the going down of the sun.

Other military Lodges were organized, but none of them ever attained the prominence of the American Union Lodge. Hayden's "Washington and his Masonic Compeers" contains the following reference to them:

"Many military Lodges existed in the Army at this period, but the records of most of them are lost. So well established had these camp-lodges become, and so beneficial to the brethren, that in providing the necessary conveniences for the troops in their quarters on the Hudson at this time, an Assembly Room or Hall was built, one of the purposes of which was to serve as a Lodge Room for the military Lodges.* Washington himself

* West Point.

ordered the erection of the building. It was a rude wooden structure forming an *oblong square*, forty or sixty feet, was one story in height, and had but a single door. Its windows were square, unglazed openings, elevated so high as to prevent the prying gaze of the cowan. Its timbers were hewed, squared, and numbered for their places, and when the building was finished it was joyously dedicated and called the '*Temple of Virtue*.'

"This '*Temple*,' or '*Assembly Room*' as it was sometimes called, was not appropriated exclusively to Masonic purposes, but on the Sabbath it was used as a chapel for religious purposes, and at other times for meetings of officers of the army, and also for dancing and other festive amusements. The American Union Lodge met in this room on the 24th of June, 1782, preparatory to celebrating the Festival of St. John the Baptist."

PARTIAL LIST
OF THE
LODGES IN THE SEVERAL COLONIES,
PRIOR TO 1782.

- 1731, June 24. A Lodge meeting at "The Hoop," in Water street, in Philadelphia, Pa., known as No. 79 Ancients.
- 1733, April 30. Constituted August 31st, met at Bunch of Grapes Tavern, State street, Boston, Mass.
- 1734, June 24. Lodge in Philadelphia, of which Benjamin Franklin was Master, warranted by St. John's Grand Lodge of Boston, Mass.
1735. "Royal Exchange Lodge," met at Royal Exchange Tavern, King's street, Boston, Mass.
1735. "St. John's Lodge No. 1," met at same tavern, kept by Bro. Luke Vardy, Boston, Mass.
1735. Solomon's Lodge No. 74, Charleston, South Carolina.
1735. Lodge in Savannah, Georgia, warrant from Grand Lodge of England; in 1776 named "Solomon's Lodge."
- 1735, December 27. A Lodge warranted at Charleston, South Carolina, by St. John's Grand Lodge, Mass.
- 1736, February 5. Lodge warranted at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, by St. John's Grand Lodge, Mass.
1738. A Lodge at Charleston, South Carolina, warranted by St. John's Grand Lodge of Boston, Mass.
1741. St. John's Lodge at Norfolk, Virginia, warranted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.
1743. Prince George Lodge, at Winyan, South Carolina.
- 1749, February 15. St. John's Lodge No. 2, English Register, met at Royal Exchange. Boston, Mass. Known in 1768 as the "2d Lodge in Boston," and met at the British Coffee House in King's street. It united with St. John's Lodge No. 1, on February 7, 1783.
- 1749, December 27. St. John's Lodge, Newport, Rhode Island, warranted by St. John's Lodge, Boston, Mass.
- 1750, August 12. Annapolis, Maryland, warrant from St. John's Grand Lodge of Boston, Mass.

- 1750, November 12. Hiram Lodge No. 1, New Haven, Connecticut; warrant from St. John's Grand Lodge, Boston, Mass.
1751. Lodge of Fredericksburg, Virginia; dispensation by Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.
- 1753, January 12. St. John's Lodge, New London, Conn.; warranted by St. John's Grand Lodge, Boston, Mass.
- 1753, December 22. Royal Exchange Lodge, Norfolk, Virginia.
- 1754, March. Warrant granted by Grand Lodge of England for Wilmington, North Carolina.
- 1754, February 14. St. John's Lodge, Middletown, Connecticut; warrant from St. John's Grand Lodge, Boston, Mass.
- 1755, May 3. "Union Lodge," warranted for Charleston, South Carolina.
- 1755, August 1. "Swan Tavern Lodge," at Yorktown, Virginia; warranted by Grand Lodge of England.
- 1756, March 22. A Master's Lodge, warranted for Charleston, South Carolina.
- 1756, September 15. Beaufort (Port Royal), South Carolina.
- 1756, November 30. St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, Mass.; warranted by Grand Lodge of Scotland.
- 1757, January 18. Warranted by St. John's Grand Lodge, Boston, Mass. It met at "The White Horse Tavern," Main street, Providence, Rhode Island.
- 1758, June 7. Philadelphia Lodge.
- 1759, June 6. A Lodge No. 198, English Register, to be located at Leonardstown, St. Mary's county, Maryland.
- 1759, January 17. A Lodge warranted for the 14th Regiment of Foot, stationed at St. Augustine, Florida.
- 1760, March 25. A Lodge warranted for Marblehead, Massachusetts.
- 1761, May 13. St. John's Lodge No. 1, for Newark, New Jersey, by Provincial Grand Master of New York.
- 1761, July 15. No. 1 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Three warrants were granted to it; the first and second were lost; the third was dated June 20, 1764.
- 1761, October 10. No. 92 Ancients, warranted for Charleston, South Carolina.
1762. St. John's Lodge, Fairfield, Connecticut, by warrant from Provincial Grand Master of New York.
- 1762, June 24. Temple Lodge No. 1, warranted for Elizabethtown, New Jersey, by St. John's Provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.
1763. St. John's Lodge, Hartford, Connecticut, by warrant from Provincial Grand Master in Boston, Mass.
- 1763, February 8. St. Mark's Lodge, warranted for South Carolina.
- 1764, April 24. Zion Lodge for Detroit, Michigan.

1765. Washington Lodge No. 1, warranted by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.
- 1765, August 8. "Lodge No. 1, Maryland," Joppa, Maryland.
1765. St. John's Lodge, Norwalk, Connecticut, by warrant from Provincial Grand Master of New York.
- 1766, April 22. St. John's Lodge, Stratford, Connecticut, by warrant from Provincial Grand Master of New York.
1767. A Lodge was warranted for New Jersey by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.
- 1767, August 21. "Royal White Hart Lodge," Halifax, North Carolina.
- 1769, April 28. Warrant to Lodge in Wallingford, Connecticut, by St. John's Grand Lodge of Boston, Mass.
- 1771, July 10. Warrant to Lodge in Guilford, Connecticut, by St. John's Grand Lodge of Boston, Mass.
- 1771, July 13. Ancient York Lodge No. 169, Boston, Mass.
1771. St. John's Lodge No. 3, warranted for Newbern, North Carolina, by the Grand Lodge of England.
1771. No. 168, Scottish Register, in 17th Regiment Foot, Pennsylvania.
- 1773, November 6. Botetourt Lodge, warranted for Yorktown, Virginia, by Grand Lodge of England.
1773. Williamsburg Lodge, warranted for Yorktown, Virginia, by Grand Lodge of England.
- 1774, September 30. Lodge No. 190, Ancients, Charleston, South Carolina.
1774. "Unity Lodge No. 2," warrant from England, Savannah, Ga.
- 1775, August 1. Lodge at Yorktown, Virginia.
1778. Lodge at Detroit, Michigan.
- 1778, January 3. Lodge No. 204, at St. Augustine, Florida.
1779. Lodge warranted for New Jersey, by Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.
1781. Lodge warranted for New Jersey by Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.
- 1781, January 12. Lodge at Colchester, Connecticut, by Massachusetts' Grand Lodge ("Ancients").

Three additional warrants were granted to Lodges in the State of Connecticut from 1783 to 1787 by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts (Ancients), viz., King Hiram, at Derby; Columbia Lodge, at Norwalk, and Frederick Lodge, at Farmington. A warrant was also granted to a Lodge at Manchester, Vermont, by the same authority.

HISTORY OF MASONRY

IN THE

STATE OF NEW YORK.

THE limited scope of this work does not permit anything more than a mere outline of the early history of Masonry in the State of New York. For a more complete record the reader is referred to the EARLY HISTORY AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, published by R. W. John G. Barker, to whom the writer is indebted for the main facts contained herein.

The first official minutes of the existence of Freemasonry in the Province of New York is found in the patent issued by the Duke of Norfolk, June 5, 1730, to Daniel Coxe, constituting him Provincial Grand Master of the Provinces of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. By the terms of the patent, together with the authority to organize a Provincial Grand Lodge and constitute subordinate Lodges, it was enjoined upon him that he "annually cause the brethren to keep the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, and dine together on that day, and also recommends to be established a grand charity for the relief of the poor brethren of said Province." This custom was generally observed until 1827, and the Grand Lodge also appears to have selected the natal day of St. John the Baptist for the installation of officers and for due Masonic observance.

There is no evidence to show that BRO. COXE ever established any Lodges in the Province of New York. There were, however, Lodges in the Province previous to 1737, as the public press of that year makes frequent mention of assemblages of Masons held in New York city. The *New York Gazette*, under date of January 22, 1739, refers to an assemblage of this character as follows:

"Brethren of the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons are desired to take notice that the Lodge for the *future* will be held at the Montgomerie Arms Tavern, on the first and third Wednesday of every month.

"By order of the Grand Master.

"CHARLES WOOD, Secretary."

November 13th, 1737, CAPTAIN RICHARD RIGGS was deputed as Provincial Grand Master of New York by the Earl of Darnby, Grand Master.

During the year 1751 FRANCIS GEOLET was appointed Provincial Grand Master of New York under a patent from Lord Byron, Grand Master. Bro. Geolet served in that capacity two years.

Under the "Deputation" issued June 9, 1753, by John Proby, Baron of Carysfort, the then "Modern" Grand Master of England, to GEORGE HARRISON, appointing him Provincial Grand Master of the Province of New York, the latter was duly installed by Francis Geolet, December 26, 1753. Bro. Harrison held the office for eighteen consecutive years, during which period a number of Lodges were established, some of which are still in existence. The following Lodges, it is known, were warranted under his administration: St. John's No. 2, Prov. (English Registry 272), New York city, December 7, 1757; St. John's Independent Royal Arch No. 8, Prov., New York city, December 15, 1760; St. John's No. 1, Fairfield, Conn., 1762; Zion No. 1, Detroit (English Registry 448), April 24, 1764; Union No. 1, city of Albany (now Mount Vernon No. 3), February 2, 1765; St. John's No. 1, Norwalk, Conn. (now No. 6, Grand Lodge of Conn.), May 23, 1765; St. John's No. 1, Stratford, Conn. (now No. 8, Grand Lodge of Conn.), April 22, 1766; St. Patrick's No. 8, Johnstown, N. Y. (now No. 4), May 23, 1766; Masters' No. 2, city of Albany (now No. 5), March 5, 1768; King David's, city of New York, February 17, 1769; Solomon's No. 1, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., April 18, 1771. The following Lodges were located in the city of New York during his term of office, and were no doubt established by him at or prior to the dates appended thereto: Temple Lodge, 1758; Trinity Lodge, 1767; Union Lodge, 1767; King Solomon's Lodge, 1767; Hiram Lodge, 1769.

Frequent notices appear in the *New York Mercury*, from 1756 to 1767, of meetings of the Fraternity on St. John's Day.

Sir John Johnson succeeded George Harrison as Provincial Grand Master of New York. He received his commission in 1767 from Lord Blany, Grand Master of England, and was installed in 1771. He appointed Dr. Peter Middleton as his Deputy Grand Master, and his authority continued during the war. Sir John Johnson adhered to the royal cause and sought the protection of the British army. On July 3, 1773, he confirmed the warrant granted by George Harrison to Union Lodge at Albany, in 1765. He issued a dispensation to form a Lodge at Schenectady on June 21, 1774, and granted them a warrant September 14, 1774, under the name of St. George's Lodge No. 1, of Schenectady. St. John's Regimental Lodge, and Military Union Lodge, were warranted under his administration.

The Masonic Lodges in the Province of New York derived their authority from the Grand Lodge of England (known as Moderns); the occupation of New York city by the British army was the immediate cause of the introduction of Lodges holding warrants emanating from the Grand Lodges in Ireland, Scotland, and the Ancients of London. Little or no intercourse was held between them and the Provincial Lodges.

In the beginning of 1781 the Army Lodges in the city of New York took steps to form a Grand Lodge, or what is more probable, to continue and perfect the organization of one already established by them, as shown by the following documents on file in the archives:

“Minutes of Lodge 169, Ancient York Masons, held at their Lodge room, on Tuesday evening, the 23d January, 1781, being a Grand Lodge assembled in ample form.”

There were present twenty-nine Masters and Past Masters, representatives of the following Lodges, viz.: Nos. 133, 169, 210, Solomon's Lodge No. 212, Registry of England, 441, Registry of Ireland, and Zion's Lodge, U. D. Rev. William Walter of 169 was elected Grand Master, Bro. John Brownrigg, 441, Senior Grand Warden, and Rev. Bro. John Beardsley, 210, Junior Warden.

These brethren undoubtedly took measures to petition the Grand Lodge of England for a Provincial Grand Lodge warrant, which was issued Sept. 5, 1781, and on this authority the first regular records of our present Grand Lodge commenced Dec. 5, 1782. Its Provincial form continued under the Grand Mastership of M.: W.: Bro. Walter until Sept. 19, 1783, when he, being about to leave the city, together with many of the Grand Officers connected with the departing British army, resigned his office, and on his nomination the R.: W.: Bro. William Cook was elected and installed Grand Master. This was the beginning of the independent existence of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

The Grand Lodge for the Province of New York met on the 5th day of December, 1782, at the Assembly Hall at Roubalets, in the city of New York, and was opened in ample form by virtue of a warrant from the Grand Lodge in England, under the hands and seals of the Right Worshipful and Most Noble Prince John the Third Duke, and Marquis of Athol, etc., etc., etc., Grand Master of Masons, and the other Right Worshipful, the officers of the said Grand Lodge, according to the Ancient Constitutions, dated in London, the 5th of September, 1781, authorizing and empowering the Free and Accepted Ancient

Masons, who are, or hereafter may become inhabitants of the said Province, to congregate, form and hold a Provincial Grand Lodge in the city of New York, independent of any former dispensation, warrant or constitution, and appointing the Right Worshipful, the Reverend William Walter, Master of Arts, Provincial Grand Master, the Right Worshipful John Studholme Brownrigg, Esq., Provincial Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Reverend John Beardsley, Master of Arts, Provincial Junior Grand Warden, within the Masonical Jurisdiction of the said Province.

The following Lodges were represented at this Communication : Lodge No. 52, under the Constitution of England, held in His Majesty's 37th Regiment of Foot ; Moriah Lodge No. 133, held in His Majesty's 22d Regiment of Foot ; Lodge No. 169, Ancient York Masons, held in the city of New York ; Lodge No. 212, Ancient York Masons, held in the city of New York ; Lodge No. 210, Ancient York Masons, held in the city of New York ; Lodge No. 213, Ancient York Masons, held in His Majesty's 4th Battalion of the Royal Artillery, in the city of New York ; Lodge No. 215, Ancient York Masons, held in the 2d Regiment of Brandenburg Anspach ; Lodge No. 441, under the Registry of Ireland, held in His Majesty's 38th Regiment ; Zion Lodge, held by dispensation in His Majesty's 57th Regiment.

The warrant constituting this Provincial Grand Lodge, with a letter from the Grand Secretary, Brother Bearblock, were read by Brother Clarke, Secretary of Lodge No. 169, after which he proclaimed, with the usual solemnity, the Grand Officers appointed in said warrant.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, after delivering a suitable and affectionate address from the Chair, observed that it was a right inherent in him to appoint a Provincial Deputy Grand Master, and that, after mature consideration, he had resolved upon calling from among his fellows, Brother James McCuen, Past Master of Lodge No. 169, to fill that necessary and important office, which, meeting with the approbation of all the Lodges present, he was invested with the proper jewel and duly proclaimed.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master afterwards recommended the election of such officers as were necessary for completing the Grand Lodge, and rendering permanent and effectual their future proceedings, when the following brethren were unanimously appointed to the offices affixed to their names, respectively : Brother William Cock, Master of Lodge No. 212, Grand Secretary ; Brother James Clarke, Secretary of Lodge No. 169, Deputy Grand Secretary ; Brother Joshua Watson, Master of Lodge No. 210, Grand Treasurer ; Brothers John L. Chevalier Roome, No. 169, George Clarke, No. 210, Collom Hanfries, No. 212, Charles Morris, No. 213, Grand Deacons ;

Brothers Archibald McNeil, No. 169, Oliver Burdet, No. 210, Huggerford No. 212, Alexander Melvil, No. 213, Grand Stewards.

The several Lodges present paid their homage to the Right Worshipful the Grand Officers and surrendered their warrants to the Grand Master, in token of their submission to the Grand Lodge, who returned them back with the fullest assurance of their acting under them with that zeal, honor and prosperity which becomes the Ancient Craft.

In 1784, William Cock having resigned, Hon. Robert R. Livingston, Chancellor of the State of New York, was elected Grand Master. He held office until 1800, and, owing to his judicious selection, Masonry began to revive; energetic efforts were made to resuscitate the interests of the Fraternity, which had become much depressed owing to the war, and Lodges were established in many localities throughout the State.

The quarterly meetings were held by the Grand Lodge until 1826. The Grand Lodge, at an early date, defined its position in relation to its rights as a sovereign body in this State, and in 1786, it was resolved, "*That no Lodge can exist in this State but under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.*"

Many of the Lodges throughout the State, holding warrants previous to the organization of the Grand Lodge, still continued under them, and efforts were made to induce them to acknowledge the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, and accept warrants from it. These efforts were finally attended with success.

The "Grand Steward's Lodge" was organized in 1784. It is a noteworthy fact that on March 4, 1789, Grand Master R. R. Livingston administered the oath of office to our immortal Brother, George Washington, first President of the United States, and the bible used on that occasion is now in the possession of St. John's Lodge No. 1 of New York city.

In 1801, M.: W.: R. R. Livingston resigned, he having been appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to France, and Colonel Jacob Morton was elected Grand Master. He was succeeded, in 1806, by Dewitt Clinton, who held the office until 1819. He was succeeded by Hon. Daniel D. Tompkins, Vice-President of the United States, in 1820, continuing until 1821; in 1822, Joseph Enos; 1823, Martin Hoffman, Joseph Enos; 1824, Martin Hoffman, Joseph Enos; 1825, Martin Hoffman, Steph. Van Rensselaer; 1826, Elisha W. King, Steph. Van Rensselaer; 1827 to 1829, Stephen Van Rensselaer; 1830 to 1843, Morgan Lewis; 1844 and 1845, Alexander H. Robertson; 1846 to 1849, John D. Willard; 1850, William H. Milnor; 1851, Oscar Coles; 1852, Nelson Randall; 1853, Reuben H. Walworth; 1854, 1855, Joseph D. Evans; 1856 to 1859, John L. Lewis, Jr.; 1860, John W. Simons; 1861, Finlay M. King; 1862, John J. Crane; 1863, 1864, Clinton F. Paige; 1865, 1866, Robert D. Holmes; 1867,

Stephen H. Johnson; 1868, 1869, James Gibson; 1870, 1871, John H. Anthon; 1872, Christopher G. Fox; 1874, Ellwood E. Thorne; 1876, James W. Husted; 1877, Joseph J. Couch; 1878, Edmund L. Judson; 1879, Charles Roome; 1880, Jesse B. Anthony; 1881, Horace S. Taylor; 1882, Benjamin Flagler; 1883, J. Edward Simmons; 1884, William A. Brodie; 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, Frank R. Lawrence.

On December 23, 1799, a special communication of the Grand Lodge was held to take action in regard to the death of General Washington.

The Deputy Grand Master announced that the reason of convening this extra meeting of the Grand Lodge was the mournful intelligence of the death of their illustrious and much beloved Brother, GEORGE WASHINGTON, late President of the United States, etc.

Whereupon the following was decreed: The Grand Lodge, with the deepest and sincerest sorrow, announces to the Lodges under its jurisdiction, the death of their illustrious and much beloved Brother, GEORGE WASHINGTON, late President of the United States, and Commander-in-Chief of the Army. He closed his useful and honorable life at his seat at Mount Vernon on the night of the 14th instant, in the 68th year of his age.

It was resolved that all Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge "be clothed in mourning for the space of six months, and that the brethren also wear mourning for the same period."

A Committee was appointed to "erect, at the expense of the Grand Lodge, a monumental memorial to the virtues of our illustrious Brother, to be placed in the room occupied by the Grand Lodge for its sittings." A Committee was also appointed to "meet and concur with such other committees of our fellow citizens as shall be appointed to devise some public testimonials of respect and veneration to the memory of our departed Brother."

On December 30th, an extra meeting was called for the purpose of acquainting the officers of the respective Lodges of the form to be observed in the solemn funeral procession to be held in commemoration of our illustrious Brother, GEORGE WASHINGTON.

In the order of the Masonic Procession were: 1st, the Knights Templars in the form as directed by their presiding officer. 2. The Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge in this city. 3. Officers of the Grand Lodge. 4. Other Lodges. The Worshipful Brother Cadwallader D. Colden, in mourning, holding in his hand a short standard with a white pendant, trimmed with black, on which were written BROTHER WASHINGTON, THE GREAT, THE WISE, THE VIRTUOUS.

A resolution was adopted that the offer of the Grand Secre-

tary be accepted to assemble the Masonic Fraternity in the Reformed Protestant Church in Pine street, before 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, to proceed from there and join the grand procession, etc.

During the early history of our country imprisonment for debt was of frequent occurrence, and members of the Fraternity were often found among the unfortunate debtors who suffered the penalty of their misfortunes. On December 25, 1797, a petition was received by the Grand Lodge from a number of brethren confined in jail in New York city and county for debt, begging permission to congregate on the ensuing festival of St. John the Baptist, and to celebrate the day as a Lodge. A dispensation was issued *for that day only*, the presiding officers being named by the Grand Officers.

As early as 1802 the Grand Lodge considered the propriety of erecting a Masonic Hall in the city of New York, it being proposed at that time to form a Stock Company with a capital of \$15,000.

During a period from 1806 to 1831, a system of school instruction was organized, whereby poor and orphan children received instruction at the expense of the Craft. For this the Craft was indebted to Rt. Wor. Bro. Cadwallader D. Colden, who was for many years an officer of the Grand Lodge.

The State was divided into three Districts with a Grand Visitor over each, whose duty it was to visit the Lodges and collect the Grand Lodge dues. It was found, however, that the expenses attending the collection amounted to nearly half the receipts, and in 1821 the system was abolished.

In 1816 the constitution of the Grand Lodge being in need of revision, was again placed under charge for the necessary changes, also again in 1822, so that they might be clear, unequivocal and easy to be understood. The feature of this report and the depriving of all Past Masters (except one for each Lodge) of the right to vote in the Grand Lodge, led to the organization in 1823 of two Grand Lodges in this State, one located in New York, and one in the country, and any Lodge outside of the city was permitted to select the Grand Lodge from under whose jurisdiction it would hail. Each Grand Lodge met separately, and each was recognized as regular, and in friendly fellowship with other Grand Lodges of the Union.

From 1823 to 1827 about 140 Lodges were established, of which about 40 had been warranted by the city Grand Lodge, and the remainder by the country Grand Lodge, which, for several years, held its meetings in Albany. Both continued successful until the Politico-Anti-Masonic trouble of 1826, which threatened the destruction of the Fraternity in this State and led the two Grand Lodges, for self-protection, to make common

cause against the enemy; and on June 6, 1827, they formally agreed upon a settlement of all differences, which was known as the "compact of 1827." Under this compact it was agreed that there should be but one Grand Lodge, which should be located in the city of New York, and that the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master should be chosen from the city, and the Wardens from some portion of the State outside of the city of New York. Both Bodies met in Tammany Hall on June 7th, and perfected the terms of the union; M.:W.: Elisha W. King, presiding. Two hundred and twenty-eight Lodges were represented on this occasion.

The transactions of the Grand Lodge were published for the first time in 1817.

While the Fraternity grew in numbers they were financially weak, and at the annual meeting of 1818, there were but 28 Lodges represented out of 300 in the jurisdiction; one half of these had for many years paid no dues to the Grand Lodge, and frequent applications were made by Lodges to the Grand Lodge to compromise their dues.

In 1819 a Committee was appointed to look for and select a site for a Grand Masonic Hall in the city of New York. Three sites were recommended by the Committee: one on the corner of Grand and Elizabeth streets, 94 by 90, containing four lots, for \$4,600; one on the corner of Beekman and Nassau streets, 48½ by 104, for \$20,000; one on the corner of Grand and Broadway, 107 by 100, for \$18,000.

In 1821 various amendments to the Constitution and Rules were adopted, one of which gave the representatives of country Lodges and non-resident proxies their expenses at the rate of \$1.50 per day for attendance at the Grand Lodge, and a like sum for every forty miles traveled, provided that such compensation did not exceed the amount of dues from the Lodge represented. At the annual communication of 1822, 110 Lodges were represented, one half of which were by proxies, and 141 Past Masters were also represented by proxies.

At this time there was no Grand Lodge in the West, except Indiana, Missouri, and Ohio, and the Grand Lodge of New York granted warrants to be located in unoccupied Masonic territory of that section. Among these were three Lodges: Zion, Monroe, and Detroit; the first of which was organized in 1806, and this continued under the jurisdiction of New York until 1827, when the Grand Lodge of Michigan was organized. A warrant for the Lodge of Chosen Friends, on the Island of Demara, was issued in 1801; Louisiana Lodge, New Orleans, in 1807; Le Temple Benefesance, in Havana, Cuba, in 1809; also established the frontier Lodge of the far West by granting a warrant, December 3, 1824, to Menomama Lodge No. 374, at

Green Bay, then called Fort Hunter, within the territory now embraced in the State of Wisconsin.

RECEPTION OF GENERAL DE LAFAYETTE.

At a Grand Lodge of Emergency, held Sept. 20, 1824, the M.:W.: Grand Master, Martin Hoffman, announced that the Grand Lodge had assembled to welcome Brother Lafayette, who had kindly accepted the invitation to partake of a public dinner.

Brother Lafayette being announced in waiting was escorted into the presence of the Grand Lodge, the brethren unanimously manifesting the most intense enthusiasm by plaudits of heartfelt welcome. After a partial abatement thereof, and the reception by the M.:W.: Martin Hoffman, Grand Master, Brother Lafayette, the nation's guest, was introduced to the assembled brethren, when a renewal of the deep and sincere appreciation of the Craft was most heartily expressed. After the warm and fervent congratulations and greetings, the Grand Lodge was formed in procession, accompanied by their honored guest; the members of the subordinate Lodges and visiting brethren, proceeded to Washington Hall, where a sumptuous repast had been prepared, and the festive enjoyment continued until *low twelve*.

"ANTI-MASONRY" AND ITS EFFECTS.

The first mutterings of Anti-Masonry were heard in 1826. It became an element of political warfare, and from the pulpit, the rostrum, and every place of public resort, the Fraternity was denounced. It was not confined to this State alone, but all New England was in a blaze, and the fires of persecution were kindled in the far West, threatening the entire extinction of the Order. Families were severed; churches were rent in twain; crops and fields and buildings of members of the Brotherhood were laid waste, and in instances destroyed, and the very foundations of society were upheaved. The holding of Lodge meetings was often at the risk of life. In this state of things it was the opinion of most of those in the State to whom the brethren looked for advice, that the Lodges should close their communications until the storm had passed over; and the same opinion seems to have been entertained by our brethren in Vermont and Michigan, where nearly every Lodge ceased to work. Among those who advised the brethren to cease their labors were Chancellor Walworth and Governor Dewitt Clinton.

In 1826 there were about 480 Lodges in the State, with a

membership of 20,000. Under this excitement the number of Lodges was reduced in 1835 to 75, with an estimated membership of 3,000. This was owing in a great degree to the fact that the Lodges had been chartered in greater numbers than the exigencies of the country required, and had not sufficient vitality to withstand the storm which burst upon them.

From 1826 to 1839, the Grand Lodge eked out but a scanty existence; almost every Lodge in the northern and western border succumbed. In 1832 there were but 48 Lodges entitled to vote by reason of being in good standing. In some instances as many as 89 warrants were declared forfeited at one session. In 1834, out of the 264 Lodges in the State, but 69 were in good standing, the others being in arrears from three to seven years.

ORGANIZATION OF ST. JOHN'S GRAND LODGE.

In 1837 a new and unexpected trouble arose, causing a division in the Grand Lodge, which finally led to the organization of a separate Grand Lodge, known as St. John's Grand Lodge. The trouble commenced in June of that year, when a few of the brethren connected with the Lodges in New York city determined to revive the ancient custom of observing the feast of St. John the Evangelist, which was especially commanded in the patent issued by the Duke of Norfolk to Daniel Coxe in 1730. These brethren after having completed all their arrangements for the celebration were prohibited by the Deputy Grand Master from holding it. Notwithstanding the prohibition the festival was duly observed, and at a meeting of the Grand Lodge following, charges were preferred against the members of the Grand Lodge implicated, among whom was W. Henry C. Atwood, Master of York Lodge No. 367. They were tried before the Grand Steward's Lodge, and the charges and specifications being sustained and approved, they were expelled from all rights and privileges of Masonry, on July 30, 1837.

These brethren, with several others, protested against what they considered an "unjust, unconstitutional, and arbitrary proceeding," and on Sept. 11, 1837, a number of brethren, representing several city Lodges, met and organized a Grand Lodge known as "St. John's Grand Lodge." Grand Officers were duly elected and installed, and warrants issued to subordinate Lodges. During the thirteen years of its existence a number of warrants were issued both in and out of the city, and one Lodge at least, was warranted in Hoboken, N. J., which was afterwards healed by the Grand Lodge of that State.

In 1850, overtures were made for the settlement of existing

difficulties, which finally resulted, on December 27th of that year, in the union of the two Grand Bodies on terms mutually satisfactory.

The following Lodges, composing St. John's Grand Lodge, were received with their charters, and new warrants issued: Armorer No. 186, Darcy No. 187, Marsh No. 188, Cortland No. 189, Munn No. 190, Lebanon No. 191, Benevolent No. 192, Ulster No. 193, Piatt No. 194, Excelsior No. 195, Solomon's No. 196, York No. 197, Silentia No. 198, Harmony No. 199, Zeredatha No. 200, Joppa No. 201, Zschokke No. 202, Temple No. 203, Palestine No. 204, Hyatt No. 205, Empire City No. 206, Atwood, U. D., Worth, U. D.

ORGANIZATION OF THE PHILLIPS GRAND LODGE.

Other factions grew out of this same Body; and two years after the Union with the Grand Lodge, St. John's Grand Lodge was reorganized and continued a rather precarious existence until 1858, when they, with all disaffected brethren of other so-called Grand Bodies, came together and were properly healed. Little is known of the proceedings of St. John's Grand Lodge during the six years from 1852 to 1858. Three Lodges in Brooklyn were warranted by it during this period, viz., Zeredatha, Delta and Polar Star—afterwards known as Wyandonk, and now Stella.

In 1847-8, a division arose between the country Lodges and the Lodges comprised in the Metropolitan District, by which the latter were deprived of what they considered their "inherent rights." Article III of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, revised and adopted A. L. 5845, provided that the Grand Lodge should be composed of the Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Wardens, or the Representatives, legally appointed, of all the Lodges under its jurisdiction, *and the Past Masters, by election, and service of one year in the chair, of all Lodges under its jurisdiction.* Article VIII provided that the Grand Lodge should meet in the city of New York; and Article XXIII provided for the payment of \$1.50 for every thirty miles of travel going to and returning from the Grand Lodge, and a per diem compensation of \$1.50 for attendance to *one Representative only* from each Lodge out of the city of New York, for the Annual Communication, there being no provision in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge permitting Past Masters to be represented by proxy, or to draw pay for travel or attendance as such. Under these provisions the Past Masters being at a distance from the city were put to great sacrifices of time and money to attend the Grand Lodge.

The practical result of this was to give the city Lodges a

voting power in excess of their country brethren. To remedy this difficulty an Amendment was proposed to add a new Article to the Constitution as follows: "Article CVIII. All Past Masters under this jurisdiction, who shall have been duly elected and installed, and served one year in the chair, and in good standing, shall be entitled to be present at its meetings and participate in its deliberations, but *shall not as such be entitled to vote*. The Past Master of each Lodge, who shall have last passed the chair thereof, shall be *acting* member of this Grand Lodge, and as such shall be entitled to vote; so that each Lodge by its officers or proxy shall be entitled to three votes, and the last Past Master, if present, to one vote, making four votes in all."

After a full discussion the Grand Lodge, with almost entire unanimity, gave its affirmative vote thereto, and the amendments, appended to the printed proceedings, sent to the several Lodges throughout the State.

The Past Masters in the city of New York, as a class, adopted views unfavorable to these amendments, and opposed their adoption.

Under this aspect of affairs the Grand Lodge assembled at the city of New York, March 6, 1849, to hold its Quarterly Communication. Great excitement prevailed, and an attempt was made to organize before the arrival of the Grand Master. Order was finally restored, and M.: W.: Grand Master John D. Willard took the chair, and in the course of his remarks stated that "there are ninety-nine warranted Lodges in the State. * * * The whole number of warranted Lodges that are understood to have voted in favor of these amendments is something more than sixty, * * * that these amendments, having received the affirmative vote of this Grand Lodge at our June communication [1848], and having received in addition the affirmative votes of the majority of all the Lodges within this jurisdiction, were binding upon the Grand Lodge and upon the whole fraternity of the State."

A number of brethren, among whom were Past Deputy Grand Master Isaac Phillips and Grand Secretary James Herring, dissented from these views, and proceeded to the organization of another Grand Lodge, which was afterwards known as the "Phillips Grand Lodge." The following officers were then elected: R.: W.: Isaac Phillips, of New York, GRAND MASTER; W.: Joseph Cuyhe, of Johnstown, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER; W.: Thomas D. Ames, of Albany, SENIOR GRAND WARDEN; W.: David Booth, of Schodac, JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN; R.: W.: James Herring, GRAND SECRETARY; R.: W.: John Horspool, GRAND TREASURER; John Coffin, GRAND CHAPLAIN; W.: William Boardman, GRAND PURSUIVANT; Greenfield Pote, GRAND

TILER; Joseph M. Marsh, Robert Roberts, Nathaniel F. Waring, Second Class GRAND STEWARDS.

M.: W.: Isaac Phillips was annually re-elected Grand Master until 1852, when he was succeeded by Hon. Mordecai Myers, of Schenectady, who held the office until 1857, when Nathaniel Waring (of Fortitude Lodge No. 19, of Brooklyn) was elected Grand Master, continuing in office until the final union of the two Grand Bodies took place, on June 7, 1858. At that meeting W.: John N. Kennedy (who composed one of the Committee of Conference to arrange the terms of union) stated that "in accordance with the resolution adopted this morning, the Committee of Conference had had the provisions for a union properly engrossed, and presented them to this body interchangeably, signed by the two committees."

Some of the Lodges which first joined the Phillips Grand Lodge soon after withdrew, and gave their allegiance to the Grand Lodge presided over by M.: W.: John D. Willard. Under the terms of the "union" the members of the Phillips Grand Lodge were recognized according to their respective titles and positions under their former body, and all Past Masters previous to 1849 were allowed to have a vote in the Grand Lodge. Of the Brooklyn Lodges that followed and continued to adhere to the fortunes of the Phillips Grand Lodge, were Fortitude No. 19 and Hohenlinden No. 56.

GRAND LECTURERS.

The plan of securing uniformity of work by the appointment of eight Grand Lecturers throughout the State not proving to be a success, it was proposed by the new Constitution of 1854 to have a Grand Lecturer, and the first one appointed was R.: W.: A. Coloveloni, who was succeeded in 1856 by R.: W.: William H. Drew.

DIVISION OF THE STATE INTO DISTRICTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

From the time of the organization of the Grand Lodge up to 1855 it was the custom of the Grand Master or his Deputy to visit the subordinate Lodges and ascertain their condition. As the Lodges increased in number it necessitated a great sacrifice of time and labor on the part of the Grand Lodge officers, and many Lodges were necessarily neglected. In 1852 M.: W.: Joseph D. Evans suggested the plan of dividing the State into Masonic Districts, and appointing District Deputy Grand Masters. This plan was adopted by the Grand Lodge three years

later, and the State divided into ten Masonic Districts. In course of time it became necessary to subdivide and increase the number of Districts. The plan has worked admirably, and the deep interest evinced by the District Deputy Grand Masters in their work, and the general improvement in the subordinate Lodges, shows the wisdom and utility of this plan. The District Deputy Grand Masters are appointed annually by the Grand Master, and it is seldom that the same person is appointed for more than one term.

BOARD OF RELIEF.

During the first seventy years of its existence applications to the Grand Lodge for relief and assistance were numerous and frequent, and in one instance a petition was received from a Brother James Robardet, late of Albany, stating that he was by profession a teacher in the art of dancing, and requesting the Grand Lodge to recommend him for employment to such of the brethren in this city as may be inclined to employ a person of his profession."

In 1855 the matter of dispensing relief came before the Grand Lodge, and it was resolved to organize a Board of Relief for the city of New York, Brooklyn and Williamsburg. This example has been followed by the organization of similar boards throughout the State, and an opportunity is thus afforded of thoroughly investigating individual cases, and contributing to the necessities of those who were in real need. It continued for several years in Brooklyn, but has since been practically abandoned, each Lodge attending to its own cases of sickness or suffering.

HALL AND ASYLUM FUND.

"Tall oaks from little acorns grow."

If the projectors of this enterprise could have foreseen the final results of their humble beginnings, they would have stood appalled at the magnitude of the undertaking. But wonders—and it would almost seem as if miracles had been wrought since the little grain of "mustard seed" was planted more than forty years ago.

The Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund was founded in 1842, under the auspices of the Masonic Fraternity of this State, represented in Grand Lodge; the purpose being the erection of a hall in the city of New York, from the revenues of which, when fully paid for, should be established and maintained an Asylum for indigent Masons, their widows and orphans.

The first contribution to the fund was a single dollar, the offering of Bro. Greenfield Pote, Tiler of the Grand Lodge, a man in humble circumstances, who lived by the labor of his hands. This was the "widow's mite," and proved to be the "grain of mustard seed" which subsequently assumed such vast proportions.

The Fraternity was just emerging from the scenes of darkness and persecution which had overshadowed it for many years previous, and little progress was made during the first fifteen years. In 1855 the fund had reached only \$30,000. But little progress was made during the ten years following.

FAIR, 1866.—On Wednesday evening, December 6, 1866, a Fair was opened for the benefit of the Hall and Asylum Fund. Fifty-one Lodges were represented at the several tables. The largest amount realized from one table was \$3,110.17. The total amount realized from this source was over \$37,000, or an average of over \$700 for each table. The fair continued until Wednesday evening, January 9th, the total receipts amounting to \$60,567.54; the disbursements \$9,635.88; leaving a balance of \$50,931.66.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY CORNER TWENTY-THIRD STREET AND SIXTH AVENUE.

The annual report of the trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund, in June, 1867, showed the total assets to be \$204,552.18. Included in this was the property, consisting of five lots of ground, on the corner of Grand and Crosby streets, the original cost of which was \$120,000. This property was sold soon after for \$163,000. In 1868 six lots were purchased, on the corner of Twenty-third street and Sixth avenue, at a cost of \$340,000.

LAYING THE CORNER-STONE.

On June 8, 1870, the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone for the new Masonic Temple, corner of Twenty-third street and Sixth avenue, took place, under the supervision of a Committee of Arrangements composed of M.: W.: John W. Simons and twenty-four Rt. Worshipful and Worshipful brethren.

Under the direction of the trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund the buildings were removed from the ground at Twenty-third street and Sixth avenue, and the entire space was floored over, a covered space being provided in the East for the Grand Lodge, another in the North for the musicians, and stations West and South for the Grand Wardens. The stone, which is

of granite, and of massive proportions, was placed in the North-east corner, and was prepared for the services of the day under direction of Bro. John T. Conover, of Lodge No. 8.

The various Lodges participating in the procession met by appointment on West Fourteenth and other streets above, right resting on Fifth avenue, and were organized into divisions under the direction of R. W. H. Clay Preston, Marshal of the day, assisted by fifteen special aides. The Lodges were divided into ten divisions, making a total of 12,616. A beautiful anthem, composed by Brother Harrison Millard, was sung by St. Cecile Lodge No. 568. A number of articles were then deposited in the corner-stone by the Grand Treasurer, and the stone was lowered to its place. The usual test was then applied by the several officers of the Grand Lodge, with their respective jewels of office, when the Grand Master, preceded by the Grand Marshal and Grand Sword Bearer, advanced to the stone, took the trowel, spread the cement, and, with the gavel, struck three blows on the stone, saying: "We, James Gibson, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, do declare this stone to be plumb, level and square; to be well formed, true and trusty, and duly laid according to the ancient customs, usages and forms of our Craft." The ceremonies of consecration then took place. An oration was delivered by Rev. E. S. Porter, followed by a closing hymn and a benediction by Rev. R. L. Schoonmaker.

In their annual report to the Grand Lodge in June, 1871, the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund, state that "it is desirable to build without incurring debt, but to do so the contributions of the Craft must be more general and must be liberal. The first thing is to get the Hall finished, so as to make a revenue for the Asylum." At a subsequent session of the Grand Lodge, on June 9, R. W. James W. Husted, on behalf of the Committee on Hall and Asylum Fund, recommended a direct *per capita* tax upon every member of the Brotherhood for the ensuing five years.

The Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund made a report at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, in June, 1872, showing the total amount collected from 1843 to March, 1872, \$650,668.54.

FAIR OF 1873.—In 1872 a number of brethren, representing Lodges in the city of New York, organized themselves into an Executive Committee for the purpose of holding a Fair for the benefit of the Hall and Asylum Fund. They interested the ladies in the project and on March 15, 1873, the festival was formally opened, continuing for a period of four weeks, resulting in an addition to the fund of nearly forty thousand dollars.

DEDICATION OF THE MASONIC HALL.

On June 2, 1875, the Masonic Hall was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. It was the occasion of one of the grandest parades ever held in the city of New York, of the Masonic bodies; there were represented forty-one Commanderies from all parts of the country, the Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York, two hundred and fifteen Blue Lodges, including several visiting Lodges, twenty-four bands and drum corps, including Gilmore's. It also included the Governor of the State of New York, all the State officers, Mayor of the city, police, etc., the whole comprising 23,000 members of the Craft, divided into twenty-six divisions, under the command of R.: W.: Charles Roome as Grand Marshal. The dedicatory ceremonies were elaborate and impressive. M.: W.: John L. Lewis, Past Grand Master, was the Orator of the Day. At the close of the oration the Grand Marshal proceeded to the South and said: "In the presence of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, whose unnumbered blessings we humbly acknowledge; by order of M.: W.: Elwood C. Thorne, Grand Master of Masons; under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York and the Brethren owing it fealty and allegiance, I DECLARE THIS NEW MASONIC HALL DEDICATED."

This enterprise, like all others of a similar character, far exceeded the original estimate, the total cost of which, with the land, represents the sum of \$1,600,000. Up to the time of its dedication the total amount of *free will offerings* had amounted to \$800,000. A portion of the two years following was one of great financial depression, and the Trustees Report for 1885 showed the total bonded indebtedness to be \$485,549.55. A portion of the building had been rented, the net income from which amounted to about \$32,000.

The election of R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master Lawrence to the position of Grand Master, was the means of infusing new life and energy into the enterprise. He entered with his whole soul into the work and spared neither time nor money in his efforts to lighten the burden which rested so heavily on the entire Fraternity of the State.

In his address before the Grand Lodge in 1886 he said: "The construction of the building occupied several years. A period of widespread commercial disaster came and found it unfinished. The original estimates of its cost proved entirely inadequate and were largely exceeded. Although appeals were made from time to time for voluntary contributions and were responded to with great liberality it was found necessary, when the building was in course of construction to impose a tax upon

the entire fraternity for its support, and even then when finally completed it was incumbered by an enormous debt, which exceeded any sum contemplated by its original projectors as being involved in the consummation of the entire enterprise.

"For more than a decade of years we have been suffering the evils of this indebtedness and its burdens have rested heavily upon us. Great sums have been annually paid out for principal and interest, yet it has but slowly been diminished. * * *

"On the 31st day of October an appeal was sent to all the Lodges placing this subject earnestly before them, calling upon one and all to unite in an effort to relieve the fraternity from the fetters of debt; and requesting that contributions of money for this purpose be procured and forwarded to the Grand Master, from the funds of Lodges, through individual contributions and by other means. * * *

"Notwithstanding our most active exertions the work for a considerable time progressed but slowly. Many Lodges sent assurances of their willingness to pay their proportionate share of the debt if released from the *per capita* tax at present imposed. * * *

"Of the several methods which have been considered [for the extinguishment of the debt], that which seems least open to objection is a proposition to release from the existing *per capita* tax of fifty cents *per annum* every Lodge which shall pay upon the basis of its present membership a sum equal to its proportionate share of the whole indebtedness *
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On September 15, 1886, he issued the following *Edict* with the request that it be read in every Lodge at its regular Communication and spread in full on the Minutes:

Subdivision 10, 11, 12, Section 40, Constitution of the Grand Lodge:

"10. Whenever the indebtedness of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund existing on the first day of June, 1886, shall be fully paid, the annual payment required by Subdivision Nine, of this section, shall cease. Any Lodge which shall have paid all sums due from it to the Grand Lodge, may pay a sum equal to six dollars for each of its members upon the number of members reported by it as of December 31st, 1885, and upon so doing shall, from the end of the current year be released and exempted from the said annual payment now required by said Subdivision Nine.

"11. All sums paid by any Lodge or by any of its members, and included within the statements of the Grand Master dated respectively May 24, 1886, and June 1, 1886, and all sums hereafter voluntarily paid, or contributed by a Lodge or its members, to be applied to the payment of the indebtedness of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, shall be deemed payments

on account of the aforesaid per capita sum of six dollars ; and whenever such contributions, made by any Lodge or any of its members, shall amount in the aggregate to the aforesaid sum of six dollars for every member of said Lodge, upon the basis of its membership on the 31st of December, 1885, such Lodge shall from the end of the then current year be entitled to the exemption provided for in the last preceding Subdivision.

"12. No new charge shall hereafter be imposed upon the Lodge or their members for the benefit of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, except by an amendment to this Constitution, which shall not be valid until it shall have been submitted to and adopted by three-fourths of all the Lodges ; and this Subdivision shall in no wise be amended except by the vote of the same number of Lodges."

Rapid progress was made during the following year of his administration, and in his annual address to the Grand Lodge, in 1888, Grand Master Lawrence said: "The entire sum realized from the beginning of the work on Oct. 31, 1885, until July 1, 1887, a period of fourteen months, was \$208,866.79, and on the last day mentioned 235 Lodges had paid in full the amount necessary to entitle them to exemption from the fifty-cent tax. The debt was reduced one-half within a period of nineteen months. Under the law adopted in 1886, two of the districts, the Third and Twenty-seventh, now stand entirely free. In the early Spring of 1888, there was delivered to the Trustees the amount of \$101,500. The interest charges upon the property when these efforts commenced was \$33,000 per annum ; these are now reduced to less than \$5,000. The entire outstanding indebtedness is now but \$69,500, and the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund have no other obligations whatever than these bonds on the interest of which they bear. Even this indebtedness is apparent rather than real, for aside from the sum necessary in the hands of the Grand Master, the Trustees, as I understand, will report a cash balance of nearly if not quite \$30,000, being the amount of their rents and income recently received ; should this amount be applied to the payment of the debt it would leave the actual indebtedness less than \$40,000."

Thus it will be seen that the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund which commenced with one dollar in 1843, has increased in forty-five years to upwards of \$1,600,000, and with this amount there has been erected one of the finest edifices of the kind in the country, now free from all indebtedness, that shall stand as a perpetual monument to the generous and noble efforts of the Fraternity of this State ; the income from which will yield an annual revenue for some years to come, more than enough to sustain an Asylum which it is proposed to erect as soon as a sufficient amount is raised.

The property is held in trust for the equal benefit of the Fraternity by a corporation created by the Legislature of the State, known as the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund. The present Trustees are R.: W.: John R. Schleck and Ephraim W. Richardson, of Brooklyn, and John J. Gorman, of New York.

LADIES' MASONIC FAIR, 1887.—Referring to this enterprise, Grand Secretary Ehlers, in his report, says: "Early in the year 1887 a number of ladies, wives of the resident Grand Officers, conceived the idea of aiding the Grand Master in his noble efforts toward paying off the debt on the Masonic Hall by enlisting the sympathy and aid of the ladies of the Metropolitan District. The original intention of the ladies was to hold a Fair to raise money to assist the weaker Lodges in the payment of their proportion of the debt. But after mature deliberation this plan was abandoned, and it was decided that the entire proceeds of the Fair should be devoted solely to the erection of the Asylum, after the debt shall have been paid. Beginning with a series of informal conferences, resulting gradually in the formation of a 'Ladies' Executive Committee' and finally in the 'Ladies' Masonic Fair Association of 1887,' one of the grandest Fairs ever held in the city of New York was instituted and carried to a most successful and glorious close."

The Fair was opened on November 28, and continued for three weeks. It was packed from the day of opening until its close. Forty-eight Lodges were represented at the different tables, between which there existed a generous rivalry. Brooklyn vied with New York in her efforts to swell the amount of receipts. The largest amount realized from one table was that presided over by Crescent Lodge No. 402, of New York city, the total receipts of which were \$7,914.43. Of this amount \$2,166.80 was from the proceeds of the Fur Department of Mr. C. C. Shayne. Several Lodges not represented at the Fair contributed generously to the undertaking. The total amount raised was over \$76,000, of which \$75,000 were paid into the hands of the Grand Master toward the erection of an Asylum for indigent Masons, their wives and orphans.

LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE OF THE EGYPTIAN OBELISK,
OCT. 2, 1880.

On the 8th of September, 1880, invitations were sent by Lieutenant Commander Bro. Henry H. Gorringer, on his own behalf, by R.: W.: William Sherer, on behalf of Anglo-Saxon Lodge No. 137, F. & A. M., and by Mr. William Henry Hurlbert, on behalf of the public spirited gentleman (William H. Vander-

bilt, Esq.) who has enabled the city to become possessed of so valuable an ornament, to M.:W.: Jesse B. Anthony, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, inviting them to lay the corner-stone with appropriate Masonic ceremonies. Two days afterwards the Grand Master replied to each of the gentlemen, accepting the offer.

The ceremonies took place on the 20th of October following, under the supervision of R.:W.: Edward M. L. Ehlers, as Marshal of the day. There were fourteen local and three visiting Commanders, under the command of Grand Officers; one hundred and forty Lodges, the whole formed in eleven divisions. The Grand Lodge assembled in the Masonic Temple, where the column was formed, there being upwards of 9,000 Masons in the line. The column marched to the base of the Obelisk, opened ranks three deep and faced in. M.:W.: Jesse B. Anthony, *Grand Master*, then announced the object for which they were assembled, and the usual ceremonies of laying the corner-stone were then performed. At the conclusion, R.:W.: Edward M. L. Ehlers, the Marshal of the day, presented Bro. Henry H. Gorringe, Architect, to the Grand Master, who presented him the working tools of a mason, saying:

"Brother Architect: I again place in your hands the symbolic tools of the Craft, and intrust you with the superintendence of the work. Your past record in the details, incident to the successful removal and transportation of this Obelisk from its Eastern home to this Occidental shore is one of which you may well be proud, and you will permit me, as a brother, to congratulate you on the success of your labors, and on the skill evinced by you as a workman. You have achieved that which will hand down your name to the latest posterity, and it is a source of gratification to us, that as a Fraternity, joined in the mystic tie of a universal brotherhood, we shall, in a certain degree, share with you in this labor. We have watched your progress in this great undertaking with interest, and we look forward with confidence to that proud day when, having completed your task, you will celebrate the erection of the monolith on its original foundation. May the God of our fathers, who watches over all things, prosper and direct you."

An interesting and appropriate historical address was then delivered by the Grand Master, which concluded the ceremonies.

On Tuesday, June 7, 1881, the Grand Lodge celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of its organization. There were present the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and other Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Representatives and Members of the Grand Lodge, Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges, together with a number of distinguished brethren

from other jurisdictions, and members of the Craft with their wives and friends.

An able historical address was delivered by M.:W.: Jesse B. Anthony, Grand Master, reviewing the history and growth of Masons in the State of New York during the past century. This was followed by an oration by R.:W.: Frank R. Lawrence. The exercises were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music by distinguished artists and by the orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Leopold Damrosch.

On Aug. 5, 1884, the ceremonies of laying of the corner-stone of the Bartholdi Monument, "Liberty Enlightening the World," were performed by the Grand Lodge, with the usual Masonic ceremonies, M.:W.: William A. Brodie, Grand Master, with the several officers of the Grand Lodge, together with Past Officers and several District Deputy Grand Masters, being present.

PRESENT CONDITION OF MASONRY IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

There is probably no State in the Union where the Order is in a more prosperous condition at the present time than in the Empire State. While the Lodges have increased in numbers during the past twenty years, the continual "weeding out" process has reduced the numbers, thus producing a really healthier growth. In 1870, there were 650 Lodges, with a membership of 75,262, while in 1880 there were 715 Lodges, with a membership of 72,867, showing an increase of 65 Lodges, and a decrease in membership of 2,395. The annual report of the Grand Lodge Proceedings in June, 1888, showed the number of Lodges to be 717, divided into 29 Districts, with a total membership of 72,625, being an average of a little over 100 members to each Lodge.

MOST WORSHIPFUL JOSEPH DAVIS EVANS,

PAST MASTER OF ANGLO-SAXON LODGE NO. 137, PAST GRAND MASTER
OF MASONS IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK, PAST MASTER OF
MISTLETOE LODGE NO. 647.

The data for the following sketch was obtained by the writer from Most Wor. Bro. Evans, during the summer of 1888, and after his death was submitted to his son for corrections and approval. Some few changes and additions were made by him.

"Blessed are the peacemakers." Napoleon remarked on a certain occasion, "Alexander the Great, Charlemagne and myself

have conquered armies and subdued kingdoms by the force of arms; but this man (Christ Jesus) has conquered the world by the power of love." For nearly half a century Bro. Evans, in imitation of the Great Teacher, has exercised this potent influence among his fellow-men and taught them both by precept and example to subdue their passions, and cultivate those noble virtues that distinguish the rough from the smooth and perfect ashler, carefully prepared, evenly squared, and fitted for the Master's use; and now, while the evening shadows of a well spent life are closing around him, the setting sun casts over him a halo of light, reflecting back the sweet memories of the past, while "the still small voice" from beyond whispers, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."

Most Worshipful Brother Joseph Davis Evans, Past Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, Past Eminent Commander K. T., & Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33d Degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and an active member of the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, was born in the city of New York, of English parentage, his father and mother having left England in the early part of the present century. His father was a gentleman of the finest sensibilities, and while a young man traveled under the Rev. John Wesley, the great reformer and minister of the Methodist denomination. Being strongly imbued with Republicanism, as it was interpreted in that day, and of which the fathers of the American Revolution were the exponents, he came to this country. In the war of 1812 he was a participant, and shortly after peace was restored he removed with his family to Richmond, Va.

The subject of this sketch was, therefore, brought up and educated in the Old Dominion, and while young made preparations to study for the ministry in the Episcopal Church; but, owing to unforeseen circumstances, his views were altered, and he went into mercantile life, becoming, at the age of twenty-four, the head of a large importing house in the city of Lynchburg, Va. In 1848 he moved back to his native city and has since been engaged in business pursuits.

Bro. Evans was initiated, passed and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, in Marshal Lodge No. 39, in Lynchburg, Va., in 1842. In 1844 he removed to Richmond and affiliated with St. John's Lodge No. 36, in that city. Here he gladly availed himself of the opportunity which offered of learning the Masonic lectures from M.: W.: Levi L. Stevinson, the then Grand Lecturer in Virginia and a pupil of the famed Ritualist, Cushman, and became familiar with the same. In 1845 Bro. Evans became Senior Warden and subsequently Master, and on his leaving Richmond, in 1848, that Lodge presented

him with very complimentary resolutions, made him an honorary member, and gave him a Past Master's Jewel.

Shortly after his arrival here he became a resident of Brooklyn and affiliated with Anglo-Saxon Lodge, and in 1850 was elected and installed its Master, which station he ably filled until December, 1852, when he declined a re-election. On retiring from the East the Lodge presented him with an elegant gold watch and chain, which he still carries, as a constant reminder of his pleasant associations with Anglo-Saxon Lodge. At the funeral obsequies of the distinguished statesman and Brother Mason Henry Clay, held by the Grand Lodge in New York, in July, 1852, Most Wor. Bro. Evans delivered an able and eloquent address, which was afterwards published in pamphlet form. Reference is made to this matter in the general history of Anglo-Saxon Lodge. Being present at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, on the 5th of June, 1849, when the schism took place, he gave in his adherence to that body which acknowledged M.: W.: Bro. John D. Willard as Grand Master. Being an advocate of peace and harmony, his resolution in 1850 was the first looking to a reconciliation, and it was his amendment to the Constitution in 1857 which bridged the difficulty, uniting the fraternity in 1858. Although Anglo-Saxon Lodge, by a vote on Dec. 6, 1849, agreed to support that body presided over by M.: W.: Isaac Phillips, Bro. Evans, being then a member of the Lodge, exerted his influence to bring it back to the original body, and by a resolution adopted May 16, 1850, the Lodge again gave its allegiance to the Grand Lodge over which M.: W.: John D. Willard presided as Grand Master. Toward the close of 1859 Bro. Evans withdrew from Anglo-Saxon Lodge for the purpose of restoring peace and harmony among the members of Holland Lodge No. 8, which still adhered to the Phillips Grand Lodge, refusing to surrender its charter to the original body. With a number of the members of Holland Lodge he assisted in organizing Prince of Orange Lodge No. 16, and became its first Master. He aided in the organization of Hillgrove Lodge No. 540, warranted June 9, 1864, and was its first Master, and when it had arrived at maturity he, with other brethren, started Mistletoe No. 647, Brooklyn, which was warranted in June, 1867, serving as its Master from the date of its organization to the close of 1870.

In the Grand Lodge, in June, 1849, he was appointed Senior Grand Deacon; in June, 1852, he was elected Deputy Grand Master and re-elected in 1853. In June, 1854, he was elevated to the Grand Mastership and re-elected to that exalted station in 1855. At the expiration of the latter term of office the Grand Lodge presented him with a rich and beautiful tea set. While Grand Master he was a strong advocate of the Representative system, and through his instrumentality fraternal rela-

tions were established with the Grand Orient of France, of which Prince Lucien Murat was Grand Master, and other Grand Bodies.

One of the most important reforms ever adopted by the Grand Lodge was that of appointing District Deputy Grand Masters, by which the duties of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master were materially lessened. This was done at the urgent solicitation and through the repeated efforts of Bro. Evans.

During his administration as Grand Master Bro. Evans met with an accident in the breaking of his leg while on a visit to Milledgeville, Ga., that resulted in permanent lameness. He received at the time a number of letters from the Lodges over which he presided, tendering him their warmest sympathies in his sad misfortune.

After retiring from his office as Grand Master he continued his activity in the Grand Lodge up to the last few months preceding his death, and nearly all the Annual Reports of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for many years past contain some report from his pen, and at nearly every session he was Chairman of some prominent committee. He was the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, near the Grand Lodge of New York for over thirty years, and of the Grand Lodge of Maine for over twenty years, continuing to hold both positions up to the time of his resignation in 1887.

In Capitular Masonry Companion Evans was advanced and exalted in 1842 in Eureka Chapter No. 10, Lynchburg, Va. On his removal to Richmond in 1844 he joined Richmond Chapter No. 3, and was elected King. In Cryptic Masonry he explored the vaults in the Council at Lynchburg, in 1842.

In the Chivalric Order Companion Evans was created and dubbed a Knight Templar in the DeMolay Commandery No. 4, in 1842. In 1844 he affiliated with Richmond Commandery No. 2, and at the time of his departure for New York in 1848, was its Eminent Commander. In New York he adjoined Morton Commandery No. 4, and subsequently affiliated with Friendship Commandery No. 27, now known as DeWitt Clinton, of which he was a Warrant member.

In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, our Ill. Brother ascended to the 14th degree in New York city, and in 1856 was made Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32d degree, and an Emeritus member of Cosmopolitan Consistory, N. Y. In May, 1862, at the Annual Session of the Supreme Council, 33d degree, Northern Jurisdiction, held at Boston, Mass., in its Grand East, he was elected to the highest grade, that of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33d degree, and is still an active member of the Supreme Council. For two years he was President of the Grand Consistory, Northern Jurisdiction, and while in office established a system of legislative etiquette between

the Supreme Council and that body, which added much to its dignity.

He aided materially in effecting a union of the two rival Supreme Councils in 1866, in Boston. He held the position of "Grand Minister of State" in the Supreme Council at the time of his death and for several years previous. He represented the Supreme Council of Mexico near the Supreme Council of the United States for several years. In the Supreme Council as well as in the Grand Lodge he continued to take an active interest up to the day of his death. His last address was written in July previous to his death with the expectation of delivering it in the following September. It is said that he did not miss more than one meeting during the entire period of his membership with this body; nearly all the printed proceedings contain some report from him. He was an Honorary Member of the Aurora Grata Bodies as well as of several Blue Lodges. He was a great stickler for the maintenance of Freemasonry in its ancient simplicity and purity. The ancient landmarks of the Order never had a more devoted advocate. Many of his most noted writings are upon these subjects in one form or another. He also took special pleasure in portraying the beauties of Freemasonry; its ethics, brotherhood characteristics, etc.; endeavoring to impress vividly upon the minds of his readers the fact (often lost sight of) that the Order contains an abundance of material for fruitful study and elevation of character.

From the moment he entered upon the duties of an Executive Grand Officer until near the close of his administration, the divided state of the New York Craft gave him much annoyance, especially the attempt to procure the separation of the city from the country Lodges. All these movements were, by his firm, courteous and dignified conduct as a presiding officer, and his determined course, sustained by a majority of the Grand Lodge, defeated; and he preserved the unity of his jurisdiction until the time arrived, in 1858, for that general union, which all now rejoice in and wish to preserve intact.

While all admit the singleness of purpose and gentleness of manner of M. W. Bro. Evans, none can deny him great firmness in the execution of his duties when occasion calls for them. He was a good but not fluent speaker, but as an address writer he made the most favorable impression at home and abroad, and many of his suggestions were advocated with so much ability as to eventually lead to their adoption by the Grand Lodge. Besides his Annual Addresses as Grand Master he frequently, by request, acted as Orator on other occasions, acquitting himself most satisfactorily; while, as a writer, he has been a frequent and most appreciated *incognito* contributor to several of the leading Masonic journals. With the exception of the

Supreme Council and the ineffable and symbolic degrees, he has withdrawn from all other Masonic Orders; his advanced age compelling him to seek that rest which a long and active life of usefulness entitled him. M.·W.· Bro. Evans married early in life and raised an interesting family of five children, some of whom have followed in his footsteps. One of his sons, William A., is District Deputy Grand Master of Florida; another, James H., is a member of Mistletoe Lodge, Brooklyn, of which he has served as Senior Warden. James Evans, deceased, his eldest brother, was Past Grand Master of Masons in Virginia; Thomas D., another brother, is Past Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the State of Iowa.

Bro. Evans was equally prominent in civil and mercantile life. He was President of the New York Tobacco Board of Trade during the whole of its existence, covering a period of several years. In that capacity he participated actively in the struggle for the retention of the bonded warehouse system about the years 1871-2-3; and when starting for Washington to interview the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and other prominent Government officials in January, 1871, he slipped and broke his knee cap. He was the first President of the New York Naval Stores and Tobacco Exchange. He was for many years connected with the Church of the Messiah, in Brooklyn; was elected Vestryman in 1876, and Clerk in 1882. He held the latter position at the time of his death, which occurred Sept. 11, 1882, in the 82d year of his age.

MOST WORSHIPFUL JOSEPH J. COUCH,

PAST MASTER OF JOPPA LODGE; PAST GRAND MASTER OF MASONS
IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

Most Craftsmen when they have mastered the Ritual, consider their Masonic education complete, and are content to rest on their laurels; but to the earnest, thoughtful student in pursuit of "further light in Masonry," there is a mine of unexplored wealth hidden beneath the surface that will amply repay all the labor bestowed upon it. Bro. Couch, who was an earnest seeker after light and knowledge, commenced his Masonic journey in pursuit of its hidden mysteries nearly thirty years ago. He entered Joppa Lodge as an Entered Apprentice in the winter of 1859, and on March 30 of that year, was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason; he was soon after appointed Senior Deacon; was elected Junior Warden in 1860, Senior Warden in 1861, and Worshipful Master in 1862. He discharged the duties of the office with fidelity and zeal; but it was not



MOST WOR. JOSEPH J. COUCH,
PAST MASTER OF JOPPA LODGE NO. 201, PAST GRAND MASTER
OF MASONS STATE OF NEW YORK.

until 1869, when he was again called to the East, that he fully realized the necessity and importance of a more thorough preparation, and it required something more than a mere form of memorized words to teach the beautiful symbols on which Masonry is founded, and to unfold its hidden mysteries to the candidate in search of Masonic light.

His researches extended through the vast field of Masonic literature, and even beyond this to the symbols and traditions on which Masonry is founded. The knowledge thus acquired enabled him to depart from the stereotyped methods and beaten paths and to impress upon the candidate at each successive step the beauties of symbolic or Speculative Masonry. All his lectures were characterized by originality of thought and a marked individuality of expression. He was re-elected Master in 1869-70-71. During these several terms of office he represented Joppa Lodge in the Grand Lodge, also by proxy in 1872-3, and at all times took a conspicuous part in its deliberations. His forcible logic, sound reasoning, and convincing arguments on all subjects of importance led to his election in 1873 as Commissioner of Appeals. His knowledge of Masonic jurisprudence and familiarity with Masonic usage qualified him in a pre-eminent degree for this position. The office was a creation of the present Constitution and Bro. Couch was one of the first elected under it, continuing until 1876, when he was elected Deputy Grand Master, and in 1877 Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. His successful efforts in causing the rejection of the crude imperfect Constitution, presented to the Lodge in 1870, and in the preparation and final adoption of the present Constitution, are matters of record. He entered with his whole soul into the work; he saw the danger which threatened and imperiled the very existence of the Grand Lodge, pointed out the way of escape, took the helm and piloted them through the quicksands and shoals to a place of safety. The verdict of his Masonic brethren was, "Well done good and faithful servant." His reward was the highest gift that could be bestowed on any man in this or any other country, viz.: that of presiding over a body of Master Masons, comprising over seven hundred Lodges and numbering upwards of one hundred thousand men, bound by the strongest ties of friendship and love, and united in the great and noble purpose of elevating the human race to a higher standard of moral excellence and purity; of sowing the seed of charity and benevolence, and of ameliorating the sufferings of mankind. M.: W.: Bro. Couch is the eldest son of Reverend Paul Couch and Harriet Tyler Couch, of primitive New England stock; being descended, on his father's side, from the early settlers of Massachusetts, and on his mother's, from those of Connecticut. His father was a Congregational Clergyman in active ministry fully sixty years,

during which time he was pastor of the First Congregational Church in North Bridgewater (now Brocton), Mass., about twenty-five years, and for the same period immediately preceding his retirement was in charge of the First Congregational Church in Stonington, Conn. Bro. Couch was born at Newburyport, Mass., March 24, 1828, but lived through his boyhood alternately with his parents at Bethlem, Conn., and at North Bridgewater, Mass., and with his uncle, James Tyler, at Griswold, Conn. At the latter place he received a practical training in farm work, which served to invigorate and confirm a naturally good constitution. At the age of sixteen he took charge of one of the public schools in North Bridgewater, Mass., serving until the spring of 1845, when he went to Andover, Mass., entered the middle class of Phillips Academy, continuing through the academic course. After graduating he turned his attention to devising a Rock-drill to be operated by direct application of steam or compressed air. With the purpose of securing and perfecting this invention he went to Boston and secured employment as reporter on the "Evening Traveller," and also on the "Daily Advertiser," thus supporting himself while prosecuting his special purpose. Patents were issued to him for this invention in 1849 and 1852. These patents covered the basis principle of the Rock-drills most extensively used at the present time, a fact fully recognized by the persons employed by the State of Massachusetts, to procure a machine suitable for tunneling the Hoosic Mountains; and as a consequence these patents were purchased and incorporated in the machine that finally accomplished that great work. Bro. Couch has been for several years past connected with the New York Custom House in different capacities, as Deputy Naval Officer of the port and for the past three years as Comptroller.

MASONRY ON LONG ISLAND,
FROM 1787 TO 1827.

HISTORY OF THE
THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT,
COMPRISING 31 LODGES.

There is no record found of any Lodges on Long Island which had an existence previous to 1776, and the introduction of Masonry in this locality was probably through brethren who had received the degrees in the Military Lodges that accompanied the Continental Army during the War of the Revolution. The first effort to erect a Lodge on the Island, as appears by the Grand Lodge Reports, was in 1787, when, at the June session of the Grand Lodge, "the Right Worshipful Past Senior Grand Warden McDavitt presented a petition from a number of respectable brethren at Jamaica, on Long Island, praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge, under the title of JAMAICA LODGE," which was granted. The renumbering of the Lodges by the Grand Lodge had not then taken place, and it is not shown in the reports whether any number was ever given it. At the Meeting of the Grand Lodge, September 5th, 1887, Rt. Wor. Bro. Samuel Kerr informed the Grand Lodge that "a warrant had been granted the Lodge at Jamaica, where the Grand Officers attended and installed their officers: that they meet the second Tuesday of every month."

This Lodge had but a brief existence, for, at the Meeting of the Grand Lodge, January 16th, 1793, "Worshipful Bro. Wright informed the Grand Lodge that the Master of Jamaica Lodge, formerly held at Jamaica, on Long Island, had surrendered the warrant of said Lodge to him, and that he had delivered it to the Grand Sentry."

On January 16th, 1793, "a petition was read from Moses

Blackly and sundry other brethren of Oyster Bay, on Long Island, praying for a warrant to erect a Lodge in that town." Whether the warrant was ever granted does not appear.

On March 22d, 1793, HUNTINGTON LODGE No. 26, at Huntington, Suffolk Co., L. I., was warranted. This Lodge was first represented in the Grand Lodge March 2d, 1796, and continued to be represented at intervals for some years afterwards through Past Master Wright. It finally became embarrassed, and was several years in arrears to the Grand Lodge. The following record appears in the Grand Lodge Reports, December 2d, 1818: "That the warrant of Huntington Lodge No. 26, together with the book of minutes, had been surrendered; from which it appeared that that Lodge had not met since the 2d of August, 1806, and that, by information derived from the Worshipful Ruluf Duryee, the late Master, the funds and property of the same were dispersed and lost."

SUFFOLK LODGE No. 60, of Smithtown, Suffolk Co., was warranted March 7th, 1797, application having been made December 7th, 1796. At the June Session of the Grand Lodge in 1818, the number was changed to 57, but the Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1888 show the number as 60, and the present membership 94.

At the June Meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1797 application to erect Lodges "in the Town of Hempstead, Queens County, on Long Island, and in the Town of Brooklyn, in Kings County, also on Long Island," were received. These were, probably, ST. ALBAN'S No. 62, of Brooklyn, and MORTON No. 63, of Hempstead. St. Alban's surrendered its charter two years later, and assisted in organizing Fortitude Lodge.

MORTON LODGE No. 63 was warranted June 23d, 1797. This was doubtless a prosperous Lodge, as it is still in existence and has always paid its Grand Lodge dues promptly.

At the session of December 4th, 1799, "a petition was read from St. Alban's Lodge, lately held at Brooklyn, praying a warrant to form a Lodge under the title of FORTITUDE LODGE." The prayer of petitioners was granted. From an entry in the Minute Book of Fortitude Lodge it appears that it was made up of Mechanic's No. 1 and St. Albans No. 62. A careful search through the records of the Grand Lodge fails to show any "Mechanic's Lodge No. 1," earlier than 1800. Wood's Lodge No. 153, of New York City, warranted in March, 1807, surrendered its warrant in March, 1815. At the March session of 1816 "a peti-

tion from a number of brethren of Wood's Lodge No. 153, stating that their charter had been forfeited in consequence of not having worked under it for the last eighteen months, and praying that the same might be renewed and their past dues remitted or compounded in such a manner as this Grand Lodge might think fit, and that the said Lodge be hereafter known by the name of MECHANIC'S LODGE No. 153." * * * The petition was granted, and it was subsequently known by that name. It is possible that "Mechanic's" is the name of a Lodge that had surrendered its charter previous to the organization of the Grand Lodge, but the number (1) cannot be accounted for. Fortitude Lodge is credited, February 26th, 1800, with \$25 for Warrant, and on August 27th, 1800, "The Worshipful Master of Fortitude Lodge No. 84 paid the sum of \$15, due by St. Albans Lodge, which was dissolved." At this same session "The Right Worshipful George N. Clussman, Master of Fortitude Lodge No. 84, at Brooklyn, Kings County," was represented in the Grand Lodge as "Junior Grand Warden *pro tem.*" On June 19th, 1806, "An application was made by Fortitude Lodge No. 84, praying that the Grand Lodge would compromise their dues for twenty-five dollars, which they offered to pay." The petition was granted, and the amount paid March 4th, 1807. Fortitude Lodge was occasionally represented in the Grand Lodge for a number of years, and on June 6th, 1823, Samuel S. Birdsall, Master of Fortitude No. 84, was present as Senior Grand Warden. When the country Lodges withdrew from the Grand Lodge, in May, 1823, and formed a separate Grand Lodge, Fortitude was among the number.

HAMPTON LODGE No. 111, Sag Harbor, L. I., was warranted July 9th, 1804. In September, 1807, application was made to the Grand Lodge for a remission of dues. Its Grand Lodge dues were finally paid up to 1818, and no further record appears.

NEWTOWN UNION LODGE No. 174 was warranted October 1st, 1808. Its Grand Lodge dues were paid up to August, 1818. The name is not found among the "seceders" of 1823.

An interesting event took place in Brooklyn during the war of 1812-14, showing the patriotism of the Fraternity. The following record appears in the record of the Grand Lodge Proceedings of August 22, 1814.

The Most Worshipful Master informed the Grand Lodge that it had been convened for the purpose of giving the Fraternity an opportunity of evincing their patriotism in the present important crisis of public affairs.

Whereupon on motion

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will perform one day's labor on the Fortifications at such time as shall be assigned by the Committee on Defense, that the respective Lodges in this city and the Fraternity in general be earnestly requested to co-operate in this laudable work, and that the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden, the Assistant Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, Brothers Simson, Riker and Nich's Roome, be a committee to make the necessary arrangements for carrying the same into effect."

On September 1, 1814, appears the following: "This being the day assigned by the Committee of Defense for receiving the services of the Craft on the Fortifications at Brooklyn, pursuant to a resolution passed on the 22d ult., the Grand Lodge having first opened in a room in the City Hall, proceeded thence with the brethren of the before named Lodges in grand procession to the Fortifications, having been joined at Brooklyn by Fortitude Lodge No. 84 and Newtown Union Lodge No. 174, and having diligently labored through the day, returned in like manner to the City Hall, where the Grand Lodge retired to a room in the same and was duly closed. The other Lodges taking part in the affair were St. John's No. 1, Ind. Royal Arch No. 2, St. Andrew's No. 3, St. John's No. 6, Hiram No. 7, Holland No. 8, Trinity No. 10, Phoenix No. 11, L'Union Francaise No. 14, Abrams No. 15, Washington No. 16, Adelphi No. 18, Erie No. 19, Fraternal No. 31, Morton No. 50, Mount Moriah No. 132, and Benevolent No. 142."

In the proceedings of Sept. 17, 1814, appears the following: "The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master called the attention of the Grand Lodge to the propriety of their offering to contribute another day's labor on the fortifications erecting on Brooklyn Heights, and the more especially as one of the Forts had, in honor of the Craft, been called **FORT MASONIC**, towards the completion of which it was understood when this Grand Lodge was at labor on the first instant and that they would employ another day; whereupon it was unanimously

"Resolved, Further, that a committee consisting of the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, the Right Worshipful Past Grand Treasurer Simpson, the Worshipful Assistant Grand Secretary, the Worshipful Richard Riker, and the Worshipful Nicholas Roome be a committee to tender the services of the Fraternity to the Committee on Defense and to take such other measures as may be necessary to carry the same into effect and to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for whatever expenses may be incurred in consequence thereof."

On September 19th, 1814, ten Lodges again assembled at the City Hall, New York, and proceeded thence with the brethren

in general procession to FORT MASONIC, at Brooklyn, and having diligently labored on the Fort through the day, returned in like procession to the City Hall, where the Grand Lodge retired to a room in the same and was duly closed.

The application for a warrant to erect a Lodge to be known as HOHENLINDEN No. 338, was received December 10th, 1821, and at the session of March 6th, 1822, was ordered to be filed. This Lodge withdrew from the Grand Lodge in 1823 and assisted in organizing the "Country Grand Lodge."

On June 7th, 1826, a petition was received by the Grand Lodge from Ethan Esterbrook, Master; Samuel C. Hart, Senior Warden; and Stephen Ball, Junior Warden, to hold a Lodge in the village of Brooklyn, county of Kings, by the name of NAVAL LODGE No. 391, recommended by Lodges No. 81 and No. 339. Nothing further is known in regard to this Lodge. It probably surrendered its charter as the same number is now represented by Salem Lodge.

The above embraces all the Lodges organized on Long Island previous to 1827, so far as appears on the records of the Grand Lodge.

Of those organized previous to 1827 there still exists the following, *viz.*: Suffolk No. 60 (warranted March 7, 1797); Port Jefferson, Suffolk County, Morton No. 63 (warranted June 23, 1797); Hemstead, Queens County, Fortitude No. 19 (warranted December 4, 1799); Hohenlinden No. 56 (warranted December 10th, 1821).

The First, Second and Third Masonic Districts, as at present formed, comprise all the Lodges on Long Island; 17 in the First District, 20 in the Second and 31 in the Third; 68 in all, with a membership of 8,068, according to the Report in Proceedings of Grand Lodge, in June, 1888.

The bitter and relentless persecution waged against the Fraternity for a number of years following hindered its growth, and the Order was not again revived to any extent, in what is now known as the THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT, until 1848, when a number of Brethren belonging to various Lodges in the city of New York, who found that their residences in the city of Brooklyn prevented that regular attendance in their respective Lodges, which was both desirable and attractive, organized ANGLO-SAXON LODGE No. 137. From that time forth the Order increased in numbers, keeping full pace with the increase in population, and necessitating the frequent erection of new Lodges, until there are now in Brooklyn Western District, known as the Third Masonic District, thirty-one Lodges, all of which are in a prosperous condition.

DIVISION INTO DISTRICTS, AND APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY
GRAND MASTERS.

The necessity of dividing the several Lodges in the State into separate Masonic Districts originated with M.: W.: Joseph D. Evans, of Anglo-Saxon Lodge No. 137, in 1852, but was not finally put into practice until 1855. The State was then divided into ten Districts. The FIRST DISTRICT comprised Suffolk, Queens, Kings, Richmond, Rockland, Orange, Sullivan, Westchester, Dutchess, Putnam and Ulster counties. At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, in June, 1856, a Resolution was adopted authorizing the Grand Master to appoint District Deputy Grand Masters after the close of the session, and to apportion the Districts.

SECOND DISTRICT.—In 1857 a subdivision was made by which "Suffolk, Queens, and the remainder of Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties were included in the Second District.

THIRD DISTRICT.—In 1859 another division was made, placing Richmond and Kings counties in the Third District, and Suffolk, Queens, Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties in the Fourth. The first appointment from Brooklyn of a District Deputy G. M. was HENRY W. KARN, to take charge of the Third District.

In 1860 the THIRD DISTRICT comprised Richmond, Kings, Queens and Suffolk counties. DANIEL T. WALDEN was appointed D. D. G. M. for 1860–61.

In 1861 S. H. MILLER received the appointment for the same District.

In 1862 the same division, with BRADLEY PARKER as D. D. G. M.

In 1863 Wor. JAMES M. FULLER, of Commonwealth Lodge No. 409, received the appointment.

In 1864 the position was filled by CHARLES W. WILLETS.

In 1865 the same division of counties occurred, but the THIRD was changed to the FOURTH DISTRICT, with NATHANIEL GLADDING as D. D. G. M.

In 1866 the same District and same counties, with JOHN H. OAKLEY as D. D. G. M.

In 1867 the same division, CORNELIUS A. MARVIN receiving the appointment.

In 1868 another division of Districts was made, the FOURTH DISTRICT comprising Kings County alone, with GEORGE W. HARRIS as D. D. G. M.

In 1869 the same division, and R.: W.: G. W. HARRIS was reappointed.

In 1870, same division, with the appointment of JUDSON CURTIS.

In 1871, same division, with the appointment of ENOCH GEORGE.

In 1872 another division was made, limiting the FOURTH DISTRICT to Kings County, south of Fulton Street, Brooklyn. Wor. JOSEPH B. JONES, of Central Lodge No. 361, was appointed D. D. G. M.

In 1873 the FOURTH was changed to the THIRD DISTRICT, which included Kings County, west of Washington avenue, while the territory east of Washington avenue, Brooklyn, was included in the Second District. JAMES M. ROWAN was appointed D. D. G. M. for the Third Masonic District.

In 1874, THIRD DISTRICT, same division, HENRY S. KNAPP, D. D. G. M.

In 1875, THIRD DISTRICT, same division, HENRY S. KNAPP, D. D. G. M.

In 1876, THIRD DISTRICT, same division, JOSEPH SHORT, Jr., D. D. G. M.

In 1877, THIRD DISTRICT, same division, JOHN H. BURTIS, D. D. G. M.

In 1878 the THIRD DISTRICT combined Kings County, west of Washington avenue, including Kings County Lodge No. 511, of Flatbush, and Acanthus No. 719. WILLIAM SHERER received the appointment of D. D. G. M.

In 1879, THIRD DISTRICT, same division, ROBERT BLACK as D. D. G. M.

In 1880, THIRD DISTRICT, same division, FRED. H. WIGHT, D. D. G. M.

In 1881, THIRD DISTRICT, same division, FRED. H. WIGHT, D. D. G. M.

In 1882, THIRD DISTRICT, same division, JOHN W. RICHARDSON, D. D. G. M.

In 1883, THIRD DISTRICT, same division, RUFUS T. GRIGGS, D. D. G. M.

In 1884, THIRD DISTRICT, same division, SYDNEY F. WALKER, D. D. G. M.

In 1885, THIRD DISTRICT, same division, JOHN KENDALL DUNN, D. D. G. M.

In 1886, THIRD DISTRICT, same division, THEODORE A. TAYLOR, D. D. G. M.

In 1887, THIRD DISTRICT, same division, PETER L. SCHENCK, M.D., D. D. G. M.

In 1888, THIRD DISTRICT, same division, MARION GRIMES, D. D. G. M.

The THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT now includes the following Lodges, viz.: Fortitude No. 19, Hohenlinden No. 56, Anglo-Saxon No. 137, Joppa No. 201, Montauk No. 286, Brooklyn

No. 288, Lexington No. 310, Star of Bethlehem No. 322, Central No. 361, Long Island No. 382, Commonwealth No. 409, Delta No. 451, Zeredatha No. 483, Stella No. 485, Kings County No. 511, Nassau No. 536, Greenwood No. 569, Bedford No. 574, Cosmopolitan No. 585, Altair No. 601, Crystal Wave No. 638, Adytum No. 640, Mistletoe No. 647, Cambridge No. 662, Orion No. 717, Acanthus No. 719, Ezel No. 732, Sanctorum No. 747, Aurora Grata No. 756, Covenant No. 758, Minerva No. 792—making 31 in all, with a total membership, as shown by the Grand Lodge Report in June, 1881, of 4,128.

The following "Memorandum relating to the Adoption of the Constitution, and Statistics of the Grand Lodge" should properly come under the head of the "History of Masonry in New York State," but, as the brethren of the Third Masonic District were mainly instrumental in preparing the present Constitution, and exercised a potent influence in its final adoption, it is due to them that it should be included in and form a part of the History of the Third Masonic District:

MEMORANDUM RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

In 1860 a general revival of masonic interest began in the State of New York. The differences that years before had disrupted the craft had just been satisfactorily adjusted and the final act of harmony concluded by bringing the rival organizations together in a United Grand Lodge. The general rejoicing incident to this reunion was the signal in the subordinate Lodges for more earnest attention to legitimate work. Much time was devoted by them to the acquirement and practice of the standard work, revised and promulgated by the Grand Lodge. This was done at first through the medium of district conventions, under the instruction of the Grand Lecturer, and with the assistance of brethren specially qualified for the purpose. This brought together the more active brethren of the Lodges comprised in the district, and promoted a more intimate union among all the members. The interest manifested by the craft attracted those outside; the membership of the old Lodges grew rapidly, and many new Lodges were instituted. For a time the interest of all centred on the reception of new candidates and their advancement through the several degrees pertaining to the symbolic Lodge. At length, however, and largely on account of the rapid growth of membership, questions of administration and jurisprudence began to multiply, and it became necessary for those in authority to make a careful study of the laws and regulations provided for the government of the organization.

When attention was once turned in this direction, and a careful examination made of the conditions and special provisions of the law, the result was far from satisfactory. The discussion that followed, however, assumed proportions that eventually caused a radical revision of the constitution. This was accomplished during the annual session of the Grand Lodge in 1873. It is with the conditions and events that preceded and lead up to the completion of this important undertaking, and particularly with the part taken by the masons of the third district, that we are at present concerned.

The Constitution of 1854, which was superseded by that of 1873, contained many incongruities. It consisted largely of compilations from the "ancient constitutions or general regulations" of 1721, and "the old constitutions or Ahiman Rezon" of 1739, including a number of isolated propositions denominated "Ancient landmarks." There was also incorporated an indefinite body of unwritten laws, together with various "other duties and rights" set forth in the "ancient charges." The ancient landmarks, usages, customs and traditions which belong to the domain of speculative masonry were thus merged in the conventional law designed for the present government of the organization. Through the material used, and the method adopted in its construction, the result was an inconsistent blending of delegated and inherent powers in the person of the Grand Master, and of mutable and immutable conditions in the provisions of a constitution, wherein that which was written was expressly modified by that which was not written.

Whenever there was occasion to find authority for some contemplated action the brethren were apt to be mystified rather than assisted by vaguely qualified provisions of the constitution and much unsatisfactory discussion was had, particularly about the Ancient Landmarks or unwritten laws, as to what they were in fact, and in what way or to what extent they served to modify or supersede the plain provisions of the written law. The Lodges soon discovered, however, that in cases of doubt or difficulty it was more convenient and far more satisfactory to apply for a special ruling or dispensation from the Grand Master than to find their authority in the law. These applications steadily increased in number and variety, and were in fact gradually effecting a revolution in the system of masonic government, the conclusion of which would be the reference of all questions to the Grand Master, and the acceptance of his decisions and special dispensations as the only operative law of the jurisdiction. Brethren who had given more than a passing attention to the conditions of government in the fraternity, appreciated the situation and steadily advised against a practice of such objectionable tendency; but so long as the Grand Master acted only in response to special application, and generally

in a way to satisfy the Lodges in their present purposes, there was little inclination manifested to look beyond, and take account of remote contingencies. The fact that the occasion was pressing and the method convenient was sufficient for those immediately interested.

In 1865, M. W. Robert D. Holmes was elected Grand Master, and held the office for two years. He made it a special feature of his administration to assert and maintain the powers and prerogatives of the Grand Master. In the views presented by him these powers were divided into two distinct classes, inherent and conferred. The one comprised such as attached before the present system of government through the medium of Grand and subordinate Lodges was established; the other, such as were subsequently conferred by authority of the constitution or act of the Grand Lodge. Powers of the first class were inherited from a remote antiquity, and therefore indefeasible, while those of the second, being a part of the present system of government, were subject to modification or withdrawal.

Unused prerogatives might lapse in time, and therefore, for the express purpose of asserting and maintaining the independence and supremacy of the Grand Master, he had chosen to revive and exercise his right in person to make masons at sight. This was a bold act and yet well calculated for the purpose. That the Grand Master may make masons at sight, and may grant a dispensation to a Lodge for the same purpose, was enumerated as a landmark in the Constitution of 1854. By the same authority, Landmarks were declared to be "the only part of masonic law or rule of government, that may never be altered or disturbed." This right itself could not, therefore, be called in question, but to exercise the power in the way it was done, involved a suspension or disregard of other express provisions of the constitution. Thus the question of supremacy was raised in such manner and by an authority so high that it could not be ignored. The same constitution provided that "all governmental powers, whether Executive, Legislative or Judicial, not expressly delegated by the Grand Lodge, are inherent in, and reserved to it, as the supreme Governing body," and further, that, "these powers and privileges are supreme and exclusive within its jurisdiction, over all that appertains to ancient Craft Masonry." The question of supremacy, therefore, was one wherein the Grand Master and Grand Lodge would be the contestants; for if the Grand Master had the inherent right to disregard the law, his would be the highest authority, and the supremacy of the Grand Lodge would be ended. At the time neither party appeared ready to press the issue to a conclusion. One was satisfied with the assumption of his prerogative, and

the other willing to wait for further developments. This was the situation at the close of the Grand Lodge in 1867.

The events of that session aroused the attention of many brethren who had given little heed to the subject before. In the third district particularly the conditions that made a serious conflict of authority in the government possible, furnished material for discussion on many occasions when brethren met to consider matters of interest to the craft. Through these oft repeated conferences, it was discovered that a large and influential number favored a thorough revision of the constitution as the best remedy for the conflicting conditions in the government. The same sentiment was entertained by brethren in other districts. It does not appear, however, that any formal step was taken in this direction until 1871, when M.: W.: John H. Anthon, Grand Master, appointed a committee to draft a new constitution and report the same to the Grand Lodge at the annual communication in 1872. Copies of the draft were sent to the Lodges just previous to the annual meeting, but not in time for anything more than a cursory perusal. This, however, was sufficient to show that radical changes would be required to satisfy many brethren who had given earnest attention to the subject. At the meeting of the Grand Lodge it also appeared that the committee had prepared a long list of amendments to be presented with the original draft.

The report of the committee was presented by the Grand Master with a commendatory address, the principal points of which were, in effect, that he had selected the committee with great care and could vouch for their work; that he had carefully examined the supplemental amendments, and approved the proposed constitution as it would read with those amendments duly incorporated; that the text was too voluminous, and the allotted time too short to admit of the consideration and passage of its various provisions separately, and that upon his general statement and approval of its contents he proposed to take the vote of the Grand Lodge upon the adoption of the constitution as a whole, including all amendments offered by the committee.

The Grand Master then stated the question and, as no one appeared ready for debate, was proceeding to take the vote when Wor. Joseph J. Couch, Representative from Joppa Lodge, obtained the floor, and earnestly protested against the summary disposition which the pending motion was calculated to make of this most important matter. Basing his argument upon the fundamental principle that the free will and consent of the fraternity was the only legitimate source of authority in masonic government, he insisted that the validity of all powers and prerogatives, exercised by Grand Lodge or Grand Master, depended on such consent; that the constitution was the proper

instrument to express and convey the same, and consequently it should be in form and fact an unquestionable act and deed of the fraternity; that as such act and deed it should be taken and accepted by all concerned as the fundamental law of the Jurisdiction, upon which the entire superstructure of the government must rest; that when thus constructed, having the free will and consent of the eighty thousand or more free and accepted masons for support, with its powers wisely distributed through the system of Grand and subordinate Lodges, and with its chosen Grand Master as the executive head, the government would be broad-based and enduring as the great pyramid; but that any proposition to substitute for the principle of consent a theory of transmitted powers, no matter how great their antiquity, would end like an attempt to poise the pyramid upon its apex. That in reference to the matter under consideration, it did not appear that the proposed constitution was in any sense an act of the fraternity. It emanated from the Grand East and the urgent plea for instant adoption came from the same quarter. The Grand Master had given his gracious assurance that it was all right; but under the circumstances attending its preparation, it was simply impossible for Representatives on the floor to have any accurate knowledge of its contents. An affirmative vote, under such conditions, might be construed as an act of absolute confidence, or even of implied subordination, on the part of the Grand Lodge, but could never be accounted an authorized expression of the free will and consent of the fraternity.

There were present the Representatives of about seven hundred Lodges, who by repeated and emphatic tokens of approval made it perfectly clear that Bro. Couch had fairly voiced the overwhelming sentiment of the Grand Lodge. The vote on the pending motion was never taken; but instead thereof a Resolution was adopted calling a convention to consist of delegates elected by the Craft, for the purpose of framing a new constitution. Each masonic district was entitled to one delegate. The work of the convention was to be printed, and copies distributed to all the Lodges at least six months before the next Annual Communication, to the end that their Representatives might come to the Grand Lodge fully instructed and prepared to complete the undertaking.

R. W.: Joseph Short, Jr., of Stella Lodge, was elected to represent the masons of the Third District in this convention. He was intimately associated with those brethren who for years had given particular attention to questions relating to masonic government; had long observed the practical working of the constitution of 1854, saw clearly the conflicting elements which it contained, and was convinced of the necessity for a radical reconstruction. Fully appreciating the responsibilities of the

position, he accepted the trust, and entered upon the discharge of his duties with earnest purpose and careful preparation.

The convention met at Syracuse in the autumn of 1872, and performed its work with commendable promptness and fidelity. In due time the Lodges were supplied with copies of the proposed constitution, and a general examination and discussion of its provisions followed. The fraternity throughout the State manifested a deep interest in the work, but the brethren in Brooklyn were distinguished for the comprehensive and systematic method adopted by them to obtain a consension of judgments upon the various provisions of the new constitution, and also upon such amendments as might be offered. In addition to the canvass of the subject, among the brethren in their several Lodges, arrangements were made for a series of meetings of representatives of all the Lodges. These meetings, held at convenient times through the winter and spring of 1873, were fully attended by Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and other influential brethren, and in fact constituted an informal convention or general assembly of the Craft in the district. In the preliminary discussion particular attention was given to the elements or essential principles of government, and the separation of these from the body of precepts and rules of conduct, that belong to the ethics of masonry. This was necessary to remove the confusion that existed in regard to the definition of the word constitution, for it had come to have a double meaning in masonry. In one sense it was simply a compendium of the constituent elements of speculative masonry, and in another it was an act establishing the government of a particular jurisdiction. By accepting the latter as the correct definition for their present undertaking and agreeing upon the principle that the government should be founded solely upon the free consent of the fraternity, and that the constitution, as the instrument of conveyance, should define the nature and extent of such consent, the brethren established a test to be applied to the several parts of the proposed constitution. Having reached a substantial agreement upon the general theory of government, they proceeded with an examination in detail of the various provisions as they came from the convention. These were freely canvassed and various amendments proposed. In the final action an agreement was reached upon the amendments needed to make the work of the convention more satisfactory to the brethren represented in these meetings. These were ordered to be printed, and Wor. Joseph J. Couch, of Joppa Lodge, was designated to take charge and see that the requisite motions for their adoption were made in the Grand Lodge.

These meetings were of great service to the Craft as a means

of concentrating their attention upon important matters that suffered from neglect, and of special advantage to their representatives who were thus enabled to enter the Grand Lodge fully instructed and prepared to exert a united and effective influence in perfecting and completing this important undertaking. It was also a great satisfaction to find that the most significant amendments proposed by the conference of Brooklyn Masons met the approval of the Grand Lodge and were incorporated in the new Constitution.

The work taken up by the Masons of New York, through their representatives in the Grand Lodge at the memorable session of 1872, prosecuted by their convention, perfected by free discussion among themselves, and finished by their representatives in the Session of 1873, was more than a simple revision; it was a new departure, being, in fact, the establishment of a constitutional government in place of one having indeterminate and mixed authority. It has already been shown that the Constitution of 1854 contained elements that were conflicting in this regard. These were eliminated from the new Constitution by the enacting and amendatory clauses. The one declares that "Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York * * * do ordain and establish the following Constitution and Statutes," and the other that "all former written Constitutions are hereby repealed and all General Regulations and decisions heretofore made and adopted are also hereby repealed."

All necessary powers and discretions are given to the Grand Lodge and Grand Master, but they are all subject to the consent of the Fraternity and are so understood by every Grand Master who obligates himself faithfully to maintain and execute the law, and every brother may understand that the Constitution of 1873 is now the paramount law for the Grand Lodge and Grand Master as well as for the subordinate Lodges and brethren.

HALL AND ASYLUM FUND.

The efforts of the Grand Lodge to pay off the enormous debt of the Hall and Asylum Fund were nobly responded to by the Lodges of the Third Masonic District, which was the first in the State to pay the full amount of the per capita tax. The total amount paid by the thirty-one Lodges of this district directly and indirectly towards this fund will probably exceed *twenty-five thousand dollars*. It has been justly named the BANNER DISTRICT of the State. The Lodges of this District were well represented at the Ladies' Fair held in New York in the Fall of 1887 and helped materially to swell the large amount that was raised on that occasion.

CHARITY AND BENEVOLENCE.

It would be difficult to aggregate the amount paid by the Lodges of this District for charitable and benevolent purposes since the organization of the first Lodge in Brooklyn, as many of the Lodges have failed to keep an accurate account of the same. A large proportion of the Lodges in this District have been organized since 1850, and out of the thirty-one Lodges now in existence the amount paid by them will probably exceed \$300,000. Some Lodges, organized since 1860, have paid out for charitable purposes over \$10,000. One Lodge paid the family of a deceased brother over \$8,000. Another Lodge paid out of its own funds to the sufferers from the Chicago fire \$1,000 and raised \$1,000 more by private subscription. The same Lodge paid toward the support of the widow and orphans of the deceased member of a sister Lodge several hundred dollars, nearly three hundred dollars being in one year. Applications from almost every part of the habitable globe have been made to the Lodges in this District, which were almost invariably responded to. During the War of the Rebellion several of the Lodges voted to support the families of the brethren who had volunteered in defense of their country, and large amounts were paid out for that purpose. One Lodge voted \$500 towards a fund to encourage enlistments.

In addition to all this thousands of dollars have been paid out by the brethren of the several Lodges for the purchase of ornaments and jewels for presentation to officers and members who have proved themselves worthy of these honors. It is no exaggeration to say that the Fraternity of the Third Masonic District have been prodigal in their liberality and it is doubtful if any system of benevolence in the State of New York can show an equal amount disbursed in the cause of charity and benevolence.

MASONIC AID AND BENEFIT ASSOCIATIONS.

The frequent appeals made to the Lodges in this District from worthy distressed brethren and from the families of deceased members has led to the formation of other organizations from time to time for the purpose of combining and systematizing efforts in this direction. A Board of Relief was organized many years ago, composed of representatives from the several Lodges of this District. Much good was accomplished for a time, and the Lodges were relieved, in a measure, from the labor and trouble of looking after individual cases among their own members. Other organizations, however, have taken the place of this. One, known as THE MASONIC MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION, was organized June 3d, 1884, by Wor. Bro. Edward

Baker, of Delta Lodge, and others, "to afford relief to members in case of sickness or accident." An initiation fee of "\$2 for all persons under fifty years of age, and \$5 for all persons between the ages of fifty and sixty years" is charged. The membership dues are fifty cents a month, and the benefit payment to each member, in case of sickness or accident, is \$7 a week during the period of disability. This is now in a flourishing condition, and has the hearty support of the Fraternity.

On April 3d, 1867, an organization was started in Brooklyn, known as the BROOKLYN MASONIC MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION, the objects of the Society being "to provide and maintain a fund for the benefit of the mothers, widows and orphans of each of its members, upon his death, the family of each beneficiary to receive at his death the sum of one thousand dollars. An entrance fee is charged according to the age of the applicant: those under 40 years, \$3.10; over 40 and under 50 years, \$5.10. In addition to this, assessments are made on each member in case of death."

The Association was quite prosperous for some years, but other co-operative societies, on a more extended basis, have since been organized, and, as the assessments of the old organization increased, quite a number dropped out and joined the new Associations. It has, however, been well supported by the Fraternity, and numbers of widows, who would otherwise have been left destitute, have been well provided for.

HISTORY OF FORTITUDE LODGE NO. 19.

Fortitude, now the oldest Lodge in Brooklyn, was made up, as appears by their Minute Book, of two other Lodges, which had previously surrendered their charters. These were known as Mechanics No. 1 and St. Albans No. 62. The first record of any meeting for the organization of a new Lodge took place in the autumn of 1799, when a few of the former members of St. Albans and Mechanics Lodges met at Hunter's Hotel, where the *Eagle* office now stands, kept by one Martin Boerum, a former member of St. Albans. Bro. Boerum had already "confiscated" the property of St. Albans for rent (which was considered regular in those days), and had all the materials ready for the erection of a new Lodge. There were present at this first meeting Brothers George A. Clussman, Martin Boerum, Daniel Rhodes, Frederick Cleveland, Henry Eckford, Thomas

Thomas, Samuel Thorn, John Martin, John McKinney and Nathaniel Hempstead.

They agreed to apply for a Warrant, and to purchase the effects of the late St. Alban's Lodge. In the selection of a name they showed the spirit which animated them by calling it "Fortitude," the first of the "Perfect Points" and the noblest of the "Cardinal Virtues." In the application which followed George Clussman was named for Master, Daniel Rhodes for Senior Warden and Henry Eckford for Junior Warden. The Warrant was issued under date of December 4th, 1799, signed by M.:W.: Bro. (Chancellor) Robert R. Livingston, the then Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. The number of the Lodge was then 84. Owing to the surrender of the warrant of other Lodges, the number of Fortitude was changed, in August, 1819, to 81, and on September 19th, 1837, it was changed to its present number, 19. The small silver jewels used by the Lodge at that time, scarcely perceptible ten feet distant, are now to be seen among the relics of the Grand Lodge at the Masonic Temple.

The first regular meeting of the Lodge under the Warrant was held at Hunter's Hotel, December 23d, 1799. On January 20th, 1800, Andrew Stout was initiated, passed and raised, being the first candidate who received the degrees in Fortitude Lodge.

This being the only Lodge in Brooklyn at the time, the meetings were well attended, and the first year ten candidates were initiated, passed and raised, all of whom remained with the Lodge—except one. The first annual meeting for the election of officers took place December 15th, 1800, when George A. Clussman was elected Master; William Carpenter, Senior Warden; John McKinney, Junior Warden, and Nathaniel Hempstead, Secretary.

The Lodge continued to flourish with great success until about the year 1828, when it fell under the political influence of Anti-Masonry, and for more than two years only a sufficient number could be got together to keep it going. Another serious trouble occurred in 1831. The great cholera epidemic of that year decimated its numbers, and weakened its finances so the Grand Lodge, which had previously held quarterly meetings, met only once that year. The Brethren were greatly discouraged, and were on the point of surrendering their Warrant, but the Grand Lodge officers came over in a body and urged them to persevere in their good work, at the same time agreeing to remit all past dues, which had accumulated for two or three years. Thus fortified and strengthened, the brethren commenced their labors with renewed energy and enthusiasm, and in due course of time established a substantial edifice, that subsequent trials and adversities failed to move; and Fortitude

Lodge stands to-day a living monument to the perseverance and *fortitude* of the noble band who stood by it in the hour of adversity.

During its existence the Lodge has taken part in many notable events.

In December, 1799, soon after its organization, it took part in the funeral ceremonies of General Washington; and, in 1824, when General de Lafayette visited this country, Fortitude Lodge helped to swell the ranks of the thousands who turned out in procession to do him honor.

When the Lodge was organized the dues, which were two shillings, were paid at each communication. This continued for several years. The cost of initiating, passing and raising a candidate was \$15, or \$5 for each degree. Notwithstanding its limited financial resources during its early struggles, it has given liberally to charitable purposes, the aggregate amount paid during the ninety years of its existence exceeding \$42,000. Its membership has increased annually, and in one year—1853—one hundred and twenty-one were initiated, passed and raised.

In 1813 the Lodge removed to the corner of James and Main streets; in 1823 it moved to Du Flon's Military Garden, where the Court House now stands. A room was built and dedicated to Masonic purposes, which remained there for nineteen years. In 1842 the Lodge removed to Stevens' Hotel, on Fulton street, thence to Thornby's Hotel on Liberty street, and finally to its present location, corner of Court and Joralemon streets.

Many Masons highly honored in the Fraternity, not only in Brooklyn, but throughout the State and Nation, were first brought to light in this Lodge. Among these was Rev. John Ireland, who was Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge, New York, and the *first* Chaplain in the U. S. Navy. He died in 1819, and was buried by the Grand Lodge with Masonic honors. Rev. Evan M. Johnson, a member of this Lodge, was likewise Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. His name was interwoven with the Fraternity during its darkest days in this State, and when anti-masonry, with its hydra-headed followers, was forcing many of the most prominent Masons in this State to "hide their lights under a bushel," he defended the Order boldly, both in and out of the pulpit. In an address he delivered at the demise of the Most Worshipful Master, Elisha W. King, he exposed the political objects of the anti-masonry party in the State, and characterized its followers as not only enemies of the country, but "wolves in sheep's clothing." The great cause of religion and benevolence owes this worthy brother a debt of gratitude for his noble, fearless and self-sacrificing efforts. In 1851 Wor. Bro. Nathaniel F. Waring, of this Lodge, was exalted to the eminent position of Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. A sketch

of this worthy Brother appears among the biographical sketches of this Lodge.

The Lodge still enjoys a good degree of prosperity, and stands eleventh in point of numbers of the thirty-one Lodges in this District. The Annual Report of the Grand Lodge for 1888 shows the total membership of Fortitude to be 155.

For the foregoing facts the writer is indebted to Bro. A. J. Hicks, Secretary of this Lodge, who spent years of patient labor and earnest effort to bring to light facts that had long been obscured in darkness. Bro. Hicks has furnished a number of historical sketches to the daily journals and periodicals of the country, none of which have ever given him credit or even mentioned his name in this connection.

PARTIAL LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF FORTITUDE LODGE.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—George A. Clussman, 1799, 1800, 1801; William Carpenter, 1802; Richard M. Malcolm, 1803; David Rhodes, 1804-5; Losee Van Nostrand, 1806-7-8-9; Isaac Nichols, 1810; John Titus, 1811-12; John Harmer, 1813-14; Garrett Duryea, 1815-16; Abraham Van Nostrand, 1817; James Boyd, 1818; John Hammell, 1819; Wm. M. Fanning, 1820-21-22; Samuel S. Birdsall, 1823; Levi Porter, 1824; John Van Duyne, 1825-6; David Storms, 1827; John F. Walton, 1828; John B. Johnson, 1829-30; Samuel Doxey, 1831-32; Nathaniel F. Waring, 1833-4; John Van Duyne, 1835-6; Samuel Doxey, 1837; James H. Patterson, 1838; John A. Fricke, 1839-40; Luke C. Ryder, 1841; John C. Stephens, 1842; John E. Goodchild, 1843; Edward C. Frequet, 1844; John A. Fricke, 1845; John A. Pease, 1846; Nathaniel F. Waring, 1847-8; Platt Powell, 1849-50; Henry J. Willets, 1851; John T. Brush, 1852; Richard C. Underhill, 1853; James Howe, 1854; John August, 1855; Andrew Dezendorf, 1856; B. Frank Browne, 1857; John Leech, 1858; John Matthews, 1859; John P. Carey, 1860-61; William Taylor, 1862-3-4-5; Alexander Barr, 1866-7-8; T. C. Mayher, 1869-70; Stephen Owen, 1871; T. C. Mayher, 1872; Alexander Barr, 1873-4; Thomas A. Craig, 1875-6-7-8; A. A. Johnson, 1879-80; J. P. Estmead, 1881-2; Wm. McDonald, 1883-4; George C. Gill, 1885-6-7; John F. Boyce, 1888.

SENIOR WARDEN.—Andrew Dezendorf, 1848; Henry J. Willets, 1849; J. C. Smith, 1850; J. P. Brush, 1851; H. W. Murphy, 1852; J. H. Howe, 1853; John August, 1854; John Leech, 1855; B. F. Brown, 1856; John Leech, 1857; E. M. Dezendorf, 1858-9; A. B. Jones, 1860-61; Stephen Owen, 1862; T. A. Craig, 1863; Alexander Barr, 1864; Thos. R. Jones, 1865; Joseph B. Cowles, 1866-7; T. C. Mayher, 1868; Alexander Barr, 1869; Stephen Owen, 1870; Thos. R. Jones, 1871; T. A. Craig, 1872; Peter

Fenn, 1873; Thomas Gurnan, 1874; J. P. Estmead, 1875; Thos. Gurnan, 1876; Robert Bain, Jr., 1877; A. A. Johnson, 1878; Wm. McDonald, 1879-80; L. R. Peno, 1881; J. O. Stoothoff, 1882; Geo. C. Gill, 1883-4; John S. Boyce, 1885; John F. Shaw, 1886; Rudolph Mielke, 1887; Wm. H. Tintle, 1888.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—D. H. Harris, 1848; S. T. Roberts, 1849; John Leech, 1850; H. W. Murphy, 1851; R. C. Underhill, 1852; John August, 1853; John P. Greyson, 1854; E. M. Dezendorf, 1856; A. Demarest, 1857; A. L. Dezendorf, 1858; J. P. Cary, 1859; W. Taylor, 1860-61; D. Parmenter, 1862; C. L. Kerby, 1863; S. Shirley, 1864; J. B. Cowles, 1865; T. C. Mayher, 1866-7; A. McLeod, 1868; Thos. Alston, 1869; F. Williams, 1870; T. Gurnan, 1871; Wm. Weston, 1872; T. Collett, 1873; T. Canfield, 1874; A. Dickinson, 1875; R. J. Ross, 1876; T. Leavens, 1877; R. J. Ross, 1878; A. Pendleton, 1879; J. S. Boyce, 1880; J. P. Beatty, 1881; D. M. Webster, 1882; S. L. Harris, 1883-4; Martin Miller, 1885; Rudolph Mielke, 1886; W. H. Tintle, 1887; J. Milton Dimmick, 1888.

TREASURER.—P. Powell, 1848; J. A. Freake, 1849; J. A. Pease, 1850-51-52; J. G. McKenzie, 1853; P. Powell, 1853-4-5-6; J. Vaugn, 1857; H. A. Osborn, 1858; J. Leech, 1859 to 1864, inclusive; M. H. Roberts, 1865; Stephen Owen, 1866 to 1869, inclusive; A. J. Hicks, 1870-71-72; Wm. Home, 1873 to 1878, inclusive; John Crummey, 1879-80; A. Pendleton, 1881-2; Henry Block, 1883 to 1888, inclusive.

SECRETARY.—John A. Pease, 1848-9; H. W. Murphy, 1850; R. C. Underhill, 1851; J. H. Howe, 1852; J. P. Gryson, 1853; B. F. Brown, 1854-5; H. J. Willets, 1856-7-8; S. A. O. Brien, 1859 to 1864, inclusive; R. B. Leach, 1865-6; M. D. Lawrence, 1867-8; J. P. Eastmead, 1869 to 1873, inclusive; J. A. O. Stoothoff, 1874-5-6-7; A. J. Hicks, 1877 to 1888, inclusive.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

It is fortunate for this Lodge that a brief record has been preserved of its first Master, Senior and Junior Wardens. Of the long list of noble Brethren, who stood by the Lodge in her darkest hours little is known. Their names are inscribed on the books of Fortitude Lodge, but their deeds are recorded in the Celestral Lodge above.

That so few biographical sketches of a later date should appear in the history of this Lodge is lamentable; but during

several visits to the Lodge the writer failed to meet the old members and Past Masters ; a number were written to requesting a personal interview at their places of business, but failed to respond. To hunt them up at their places of residence was impracticable, as it would require several weeks of labor, at a cost not justified by the limited sale of the work.

WOR. GEORGE A. CLUSSMAN, the first MASTER of this Lodge, was a prominent physician of the village of Brooklyn, and had a large and successful practice. He was highly esteemed as a citizen and beloved by his brother Craftsmen. The records show that he presided at every communication during his term of office, and after his retirement he was a constant attendant at the meetings of the Lodge, assisting and encouraging the Brethren in their labors.

DANIEL RHODES, the first SENIOR WARDEN, of the Lodge, served in this position until 1800, declining a re-election. He was born in Queen's County, served in the War of 1812 as a member of a Company known as the "Katy-dids." He kept a grocery store on the corner of Garrison and Front streets. He died of yellow fever in 1819.

HENRY ECKFORD, the first JUNIOR WARDEN of this Lodge, was distinguished as the greatest ship-builder in the country. He built the line-of-battle-ship Ohio, and most of the large armed vessels of the South American States. He subsequently went to Turkey, where he had the entire confidence of the Ottoman Government, and was successful in his negotiations and business arrangements with that Government. A contemporaneous writer says of him, "To Bro. Eckford may be traced that eminence in naval architecture for which this country is justly celebrated." He was a man of untiring industry, strict integrity, possessed of all the virtues that adorn the Christian and Masonic character. He served as Junior Warden of this Lodge until 1800, declining a re-election. He continued an active member up to the time of his death.

WOR. GEORGE C. GILL,

PAST MASTER OF FORTITUDE LODGE.

Though comparatively young as a Craftsman, Bro. Gill has been one of the most conspicuous lights in masonry in this Masonic District for many years past, and is looked upon by the members of Fortitude Lodge as one of its strong pillars. He took his three degrees in this Lodge in 1881, and at once devoted himself to the study of speculative masonry. He made

such rapid progress that in a little over a year from the time of his entrance, he was taken from the floor and made Senior Warden, ; he served in this position during 1883-4, and served as Worshipful Master during the years 1885-6-7. In the long list of those, who for nearly a century past, have filled this position, only two others have been elected for three consecutive terms, out of the fifty-three Worshipful Masters who preceded him. This fact alone is an evidence of his superior fitness, great administrative ability, as well as of the qualifications of mind and heart that have endeared him to the brethren. The number and character of those admitted as members, the peace and harmony that prevailed in the Lodge, supported in all his undertakings by the hearty co-operation of his brethren, mark his administration as one of the most important and successful in the history of Fortitude Lodge. He has been equally successful and prominent in his connection with the higher orders of Masonry. He has taken the several degrees in the Scottish rite up to the 32d in Cerneau Consistory No. 1, of New York, and in 1886 assisted in organizing Brooklyn Consistory No. 24 ; was elected its first Lieut. Commander, and in 1887 was elected Commander-in-Chief. At the annual meeting of the Supreme Council held in Baltimore June 24, he received the 33d degree, an honor conferred only on those whose distinguished services in the order have merited the favorable consideration of the Supreme Council. He is a member of the N. W. Masonic Ins. Co., and of the Masonic Ins. Co. of Cleveland.

Bro. Gill is a native of New York city, born February 20, 1839. With only limited opportunities he improved every moment of his time in the effort to acquire an education. After leaving the public school he attended the evening class at Cooper Institute where he made rapid progress, and thus laid the foundation for his subsequent successful career. He subsequently entered the employ of R. Hoe & Co., manufacturers of printing machinery, where he has spent the past thirty years of his life, about seventeen of which he has been foreman of one of the departments. He became a resident of Brooklyn about twenty-six years ago, and in 1862 married Hester Croffut of this city ; six children have been born to them—one deceased.

WOR. JOHN S. BOYCE, MASTER OF FORTITUDE LODGE.

Bro. Boyce is a worthy successor of the long list of Craftsmen who have filled the important position of Worshipful Master of Fortitude Lodge No. 19. While he is popular and well liked by the brethren, his promotion is due to merit alone.

He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and March 21, 1872, he was taken from the floor and elected Junior Warden; in 1880, served as Senior Warden, and in 1884, and Master in 1888; and in the Fall of 1888, was re-elected Master for the ensuing year.

Bro. Boyce is a native of Germantown, Columbia Co., N. Y., born June 16, 1841. His education was limited to the district school, but he made the most of his advantages. He chose the occupation of steamboat engineer for which he qualified himself by several years experience on the North river. In 1862, soon after the breaking out of the war, he entered the government transport service as second assistant engineer on the steamer Charles C. Leary. This steamer was engaged in transporting a siege train from Bermuda Hundred to Fort Fisher at the time of the storming of the latter place. At the close of the war Bro. Boyce entered the merchant service as third assistant engineer of the Star of the South, he went from there to the George Washington of Cromwell's Line as second assistant, and was afterwards fourth assistant engineer of the Pacific Mail Steamer Henry Chauncey. He was afterwards connected with the steamship Eagle as third assistant engineer, and subsequently promoted to second assistant. In 1867 he entered the employ of the Brooklyn Eagle Publishing Co. as chief engineer, and with the exception of three years in which he engaged in steamboating on his own account, he has been continuously with that Company. He was one of the charter members of the National Marine Engineers Benevolent Association No. 61 of Brooklyn, and became its first Vice-President. In 1859 he married Miss Matilda Marshall of Madlin, Dutchess Co., N. Y. Four children have been born to them, one of whom is a brother mason.

WILLIAM H. TINTLE, SENIOR WARDEN.

Bro. Tintle became thoroughly familiar with *operative* masonry long before he was initiated into the mysteries of *speculative* masonry, and, though he has served less than three years in the latter, he has become thoroughly familiar with the working tools, and is now a skilled and accomplished Craftsman. After serving a suitable time as Entered Apprentice, and passed to the degree of Fellowcraft in Fortitude Lodge, he was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason March 4, 1886. He served as Junior Warden in 1887, and at the annual election of that year, he was elected Senior Warden to serve for the ensuing year. He has already given evidence of superior ability, and is worthy and well qualified for further advancement.

Bro. Tintle was born at Echo Lake, Passaic County, N. J.,

February 24, 1839, but removed in childhood to Newark, where he received a good common school education. He afterwards removed to Somerset, N. J., where he became an *operative mason*, and continued to follow that occupation until he was twenty-two years of age. He became a resident of Brooklyn in 1862, and soon after established the meat business. By his uniform kindness and fair dealings he won hosts of friends, and has among his patrons some of the best families in Brooklyn whom he has served for more than a quarter of a century. He has distanced many of his competitors, and is probably as well-known in his line of business as any man in Brooklyn. In 1865 he married Miss Caroline Brown of Griggstown, N. J., by whom he had six children, four deceased. His wife deceased in 1876, and in 1880 he married Jane Gibson of Rocky Hill. Two children have been born to them; one deceased.

J. MILTON DIMMICK, JUNIOR WARDEN.

The masonic record of Bro. Dimmick is without a parallel in the history of Fortitude Lodge. He received his Master Mason's degree June 2, 1887, and in December of the same year was taken from the floor and elected Junior Warden.

He was born in Cayuga County, N. Y., March 11, 1858: removed from there to Broome Co., N. Y., at the age of eight years, remaining until he was seventeen when he removed to Jersey City, and subsequently to Brooklyn.

A. J. HICKS, SECRETARY.

Since the erection of Fortitude Lodge no name has been more indelibly impressed on its records than that of Bro. Hicks. With an unselfish devotion to the cause of masonry, and without hope of reward or even appreciation of his brethren he applied himself to the task of rescuing from oblivion the valuable records of this Lodge, and placing them in a proper light before the world. It is drawing no invidious comparison to say that he has done more for this Lodge than any other member since its organization.

Had Bro. Hicks enjoyed even fair educational advantages he would have made his mark in the world. He is a man of remarkable force and determination of character, with a clear logical mind and an indomitable will and perseverance that amounts almost to pugnacity. He has conducted a number of important cases before the Lodge of parties under indictment for a violation of their masonic obligations, and in one important case which was decided against him he appealed to the Grand Lodge and argued the case before the Grand Master, and

succeeded in getting a reversal of the verdict and a retrial of the case before his Lodge. He is well informed on masonic jurisprudence, and fully competent to try any case that might come before the Lodge.

Bro. Hicks is descended from an old and well-known Quaker family of Long Island, who have been identified with its history from its earliest settlement. His father, though a Quaker, took part in the war of 1812, and was an ardent and devoted patriot. Bro. Hicks was born at Little Neck, L. I., May 10, 1831. His educational advantages were limited to the little country school. At the age of fifteen he removed to Brooklyn and learned the trade of making gold pen and pencil cases. In 1858 he started in this business for himself and carried it on successfully for ten years. During this period he took an active part in politics. During the years 1866-7, he filled the office of Supervisor of the 11th Ward, and at the same time received from President Johnson the appointment of Assessor. This position he held for two years, to the close of Johnson's administration. He started the coal business in 1868, which he has since continued to follow.

He joined Fortitude Lodge by initiation in 1863, and has since been one of its staunchest supporters. He declined to accept any of the elective positions except that of Trustee and Treasurer. In February, 1877, he was elected Secretary to fill a vacancy, and in December of that year was regularly elected and has been annually re-elected since. He is an active member of the Brooklyn Masonic Mutual Relief Association. In 1857, Bro. Hicks married Miss Kate R. Pelletreau of Brooklyn, a descendant from one of the early French settlers of Long Island. Seven children have blessed the union, two of whom are deceased.

THEO. A. THORNE.

One of the first duties inculcated in masonry is fealty to the government to which a Mason owes allegiance; and a Brother who has voluntarily offered his life in defense of his country is entitled to honorable mention in the archives of the Lodge with which he is connected. Although Bro. Thorne is one of the youngest members of Fortitude Lodge, having received his third degree April 5, 1888, the Lodge is honored in adding his name to her roll of membership. When the tocsin sounded the call to "arms," to preserve the Union, he was but fourteen years of age, but his ardent temperament and strong love of country, could not brook parental restraint, and as he determined to enlist, his parents reluctantly gave their consent. On Sept. 13, 1862, (before he reached his sixteenth year) he enlisted in Company B, 176th Regiment N. Y. Vols. He was ordered

with his regiment (which was attached to the 19th Army Corps) to Orleans Parish, Louisiana, from whence they were soon after sent to the Bayou Teche, in a hostile country, surrounded by enemies on every side. He contracted a poisonous type of swamp fever and neuralgia there from which he has never fully recovered. He was almost constantly engaged with his regiment in skirmishes, besides several important engagements, notably those of Thibodeauxville and Brashear City. In the latter, which took place June 23, 1863, the Federals were defeated with a loss of \$2,000,000 in property and several prisoners. Young Thorne was captured, but soon after paroled, sent to Algiers, thence to Ship Island, where he remained until he was exchanged the following September. He was then ordered with his regiment to Bonnet Carre, and continued in service until February 15, 1865, when he was honorably discharged.

Bro. Thorne was born in Brooklyn, Dec. 25, 1847. He removed in childhood with his parents to New York, and was educated at the 24th street public school. He commenced his business life as a boy with A. T. Stewart & Co. He came to Brooklyn in 1882, and started in the Real Estate business in which he has been eminently successful. He was married in 1875 to Miss Georgiana Frost of Katonah, N. Y. They have one child living, having lost two. Bro. Thorne is deeply interested and actively engaged in charitable work. He is Secretary of the Naval Temperance Union which meets on the United States training ship Vermont. He is a member of Atlantic Lodge No. 50, I. O. O. F., of which he is the presiding officer, and although not at any time a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, he has always taken an active and substantial interest in the wants of sick and distressed army comrades.

The great grandfather of Bro. Thorne lived near the border, between Canada and the United States during the revolution, and were subject to frequent raids from the Hessians, and his wife who was a very spirited woman, was said to have driven these raiders from her door with a cudgel.

HISTORY OF HOHENLINDEN LODGE No. 56.

The first meeting of Master Masons for the erection of a Lodge, subsequently known as Hohenlinden No. 338, was held at Capt. A. Young's Steamboat Hotel on June 1st, 1821. There were present Rev. Mr. Ireland, John Titus, L. Van Nostrand, Wm. Phillips, R. Malborne, Dr. I. N. Smith, E. Worthington, Sen., Col. A. J. Barbarin, Capt. A. Young and George S. Wise.

At this meeting a committee was appointed to advise with other masonic brethren and ascertain what steps were necessary to obtain a Dispensation.

On June 5th, 1821, another meeting was held at the same place, when the committee reported that "they called on several Masonic Brethren, among them the Assistant Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State, who very kindly proffered every information desired, and also his personal friendship and support; he suggested the propriety of reviving St. Alban's Lodge No. 60, which is now unoperative; that the expense would exceed but little if any that of obtaining a new warrant; that it would place us at the head of at least 350 Lodges; * * * that the Lodge was not in a state of disgrace, the warrant having been voluntarily surrendered" * * *

Other meetings were held at the same place, and on the 28th of June, 1821, a Petition was prepared requesting that "the name and number of St. Alban's Lodge No. 60, now unoperative, be granted us, or such other name and number as the Grand Lodge may deem meet; the Lodge to be located in the vicinity of the Navy Yard and village of Brooklyn." * * * The Petition states further "that the population of the town of Brooklyn exceeds seven thousand inhabitants;" and that "a number of officers of the Navy have pledged themselves to associate with us," &c. It recommends that "Erastus Worthington be the first Master; George Washington Rogers, Senior Warden; and Ralph Malborne, Junior Warden." The Petition was signed by the following brethren, viz.: "Isaac Nichols, P. M., John Ireland, R. A. M., Erastus Worthington, R. A. M., \$6.75; Ralph Malborne, R. A., \$8; Alex. Robinson, Order of High K. Templar, \$10; Wm. Phillip, M. M. M.; Aimé J. Barbarine, M. M. M., \$5; J. G. T. Hunt, R. A., \$5; I. N. Smith, M. M., \$40; James McGowan, M. M., No. 6, Union D. C.; Abrahathar Young, M. M., \$5; John Titus, P. M., \$5; Geo. W. Rogers, M. M., \$5; John Floys, M. M., \$25; Robert S. Tatem, Mark M. Mason, \$5; D. L. Jones, M. M.; A. B. Amerman, Royal Arch Mason; M. C. Perry, M. M., \$5; George S. Wise, Mark M. M., \$40; Joseph Sprague, M. M., \$5; M. P. Mix, R. A., \$5; Oshea Wilder, R. Arch; David Anderson, M. M.; N. Howland, M. M., S. A. and P. M., \$5; Peter Barr, M. M. M.; C. K. Lawrence, Royal Arch Mason, \$5; Norris L. Martin, M. M.; Thomas Walden, P. M. and R. A. M.

The Petition was recommended by Newtown Union Lodge No. 174; and on the 26th of June, 1821, a Dispensation was issued signed by Daniel D. Tompkins, Grand Master, and E. Hicks, Grand Secretary.

The jewels were completed July 18, 1821. The Lodge continued to meet on the 2d and 4th Mondays of each month at "Capt. A. Young's Steamboat Hotel," under the name of St.

Alban's Lodge No. 60, until December, 1821. On December 4 of that year, application was made to the Grand Lodge for a Warrant "to enable them to continue their work and give more stability to the Lodge by renewing the old Warrant of St. Alban's Lodge No. 60, or by granting them a new Warrant, by such name as they shall be entitled to," &c. The following record appears on the Minute Book under date of December 10, 1821: "The Warrant was granted by the Most Worshipful His Excellency Daniel D. Tompkins, Vice-President of the U. S., Grand Master; the R.: W.: General John Brush, Counsellor of Law; Dep. G. M. the R.: W.: John Heigh, Esq., Counsellor of Law, Sen. G. Warnen; the R.: W.: Richard Hatfield, Esq., Counsellor of Law, Junior G. Warden; Dated 5th day of December, 1821; year of Masonry 5821."

The officers were duly installed at this time under the name of Hohenlinden Lodge No. 328. This number remained the same until June 7th, 1839, when it was changed to No. 56.

The Lodge met for a number of years at Military Garden, where the City Hall now stands. In July, 1842, it removed to No. 3 Front street; in 1848, to Liberty street; for several years at 16 Court street; was eleven years at 306 Fulton street, and from thence removed to 40 Court street, its present location.

The fees for membership were originally fixed at \$20, and for some years the dues were required to be paid quarterly at the rate of \$2.50.

During the early years of its existence the Lodge was made up largely of officers from the U. S. Navy, and was probably restricted somewhat in its membership, as in 1842 it appears that there were but twenty-five active members. Of late years, however, the Lodge has been in a more prosperous condition, and in the report to the Grand Lodge in June, 1888, the total membership in good standing was 175.

No aggregate has been obtained of the annual contributions, but it amounts to several thousand dollars. The contributions to benevolent purposes of late years have been equal to most of her sister Lodges in this District.

Hohenlinden Lodge has participated in most of the public masonic ceremonies during the past few years, the details of which do not appear on the minutes. It joined in the obsequies of the lamented President Lincoln, held in New York, in 1865. It took part in the ceremonies of laying the cornerstone of the Masonic Temple, New York, in 1870, and of the dedication of the same in 1875. It also took part in the dedication of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, in 1874, remaining there three days as guests of Apollo Lodge. At the dedication of the Masonic Temple in New York, Apollo Lodge in turn became the guests of Hohenlinden. The Lodge also joined in the

ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the Egyptian Obelisk at Central Park, in September, 1880.

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF HOHENLINDEN LODGE, FROM
1821 TO 1888 INCLUSIVE.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER—Erastus Worthington, June, 1821, U. D.; George Washington Rogers, 1821; E. Worthington, 1822; W. R. Malbone, 1823; W. A. Young, 1824; J. G. T. Hunt, 1825; Joseph Sprague, 1826-7; G. L. Thatcher, 1829-30; J. Lawrence, 1831; Stephen Haynes, 1832; R. Tolford, 1833; J. Sprague, 1834; A. Demarest, 1835-6-7-8; T. J. Regnals, 1839; J. Sprague, 1840-41; Wm. Cumberson, 1842-3-4-5; John Harron, 1846-7; J. Rogers, 1848; J. M. Twiss, 1849; J. Harron, 1850; N. B. Morse, 1851; C. E. Lester, 1852; J. Herron, 1853; J. Robinson, 1854-5; Wm. Van Voorhis, 1855-6; J. M. Weeks, 1858; E. Pell, 1859; Bradley Parker, 1860-61; J. W. Osborn, 1862-3-4-5; D. T. Gray, 1866-7; Enoch George, 1867-8-9, 1870-71-72-73; Ira L. Brackett, 1874-5; James Prichett, 1876-7; Munson S. Brown, 1878; Amos Crowell, 1880-81; Fred'k Waters, 1882; W. V. Babcock, 1883-4; Wm. Beattie, 1885-6; Loftin Love, 1887-8.

SENIOR WARDEN—G. W. Rogers, June, 1821, U. D.; W. R. Malbone, 1821; G. W. Rogers, 1822; A. Young, 1823; T. J. T. Hunt, 1824; J. Sprague, 1825; A. Demarest, 1826-7-8; J. Lawrence, 1829-30; S. Haynes, 1831; R. Tolford, 1832; C. M. Brainard, 1833; J. W. Osborn, 1834-5; R. Tolford, 1836; G. Rogers, 1837-8; J. C. Fanning, 1839; S. Haynes, 1840; J. W. Osborn, 1843-4-5; B. Lewis, 1846; J. Rogers, 1847; J. M. Twiss, 1848; Edward Dougherty, 1849; N. B. Morse, 1850; J. E. Lester, 1851; J. Phillips, 1852; J. Robinson, 1853; L. Donnelly, 1854; W. Demarest, 1855; J. Jameson, 1856; J. Weeks, 1857; E. Pell, 1858; J. Harron, 1859; J. W. Osborn, 1860-61; W. V. Babcock, 1862-3; F. S. Woodward, 1864; C. Baker, 1865; E. George, 1866-7; R. F. Toombs, 1868; A. H. Osborn, 1869; T. Parcells, 1870; W. V. Babcock, 1871; Ira L. Brackett, 1872-3; J. Prichett, 1874-5; G. Patterson, 1876-7; A. Cornell, 1878-9; F. Waters, 1880-81; W. J. Beattie, 1882-3; Henry J. Twaits, 1884; Loftin Love, 1885-6; E. T. Salisbury, 1887-8.

JUNIOR WARDEN—W. R. Malbone, 1821, U. D.; A. Young, 1821; W. R. Malbone, 1822; T. J. T. Hunt, 1823; J. Sprague, 1824; A. Demarest, 1825; G. L. Thatcher, 1826-7; J. Lawrence, 1828; S. Haynes, 1829-30; R. Tolford, 1831; J. W. Harman, 1832; J. W. Osborn, 1833; A. Demarest, 1834; R. Tolford, 1835; J. W. Osborn, 1836-7-8; O. H. Powell, 1839; R. Tol-

ford, 1840; G. Wright, 1841; N. V. Morse, 1842; J. V. McClane, 1843; A. Demarest, 1844-5; L. Robe, 1846-7; E. Dougherty, 1848; E. Thomas, 1849; J. E. Lester, 1850; J. Phillips, 1851; J. Robertson, 1852; L. Donnelly, 1853; E. Pell, 1854-5; J. Weeks, 1856; E. Pell, 1857; J. W. Osborn, 1858-9; W. V. Babcock, 1860-61; F. S. Woodward, 1862-3; E. S. Gray, 1864; E. George, 1865; R. W. Toombs, 1866; A. H. Osborn, 1867; T. B. Kolyer, 1868; T. Parcells, 1869; W. R. Leonard, 1870; Ira L. Brackett, 1871; H. J. Janton, 1872; J. White, 1873; Munson S. Brown, 1874; J. White, 1875; J. Leavens, 1876; A. Bonfield, 1877; Fred'k Waters, 1878-9; W. J. Beattie, 1880-81; H. J. Twaits, 1882-3; Loftin Love, 1884; E. T. Salisbury, 1885-6; R. W. Fielding, 1887-8.

TREASURER—A. Robinson, 1821, U. D., 1821-2; J. Sprague, 1823; J. H. Smith, 1824-5; J. H. Duffon, 1826 to 1835, inclusive; J. Sprague, 1837-8-9; J. H. Duffon, 1840-41-42; J. F. Sprague, 1843-4-5; A. Demarest, 1846-7-8-9, 1850; A. Brown, 1851; G. Thatcher, 1852-3; J. Harron, 1854 to 1857; W. Demarest, 1858; J. Harron, 1860 to 1866; J. M. Weeks, 1867 to 1872; J. S. Bogart, 1873 to 1879; Ira L. Brackett, 1880 to 1888, inclusive.

SECRETARY—G. S. Wise, 1821, U. D.; A. J. Barbarin, 1821; A. S. Wise, 1822; E. Worthington, 1823-4-5-6; Z. Cooper, 1827; N. B. Moore, 1828; W. Rockwell, 1829; B. C. Matthias, 1830; G. L. Thatcher, 1831-2; S. Haynes, 1833; R. Tolford, 1834; S. Jarvis, 1835-6; R. Tolford, 1837; G. L. Thatcher, 1838; J. Boram, 1839; W. Cumberson, 1840; T. F. Reynolds, 1841; J. W. Osborn, 1842; A. S. Wright, 1843-4-5; W. Cumberson, 1846; D. S. Lewis, 1847; W. Cumberson, 1848; J. W. Osborn, 1849; W. Cumberson, 1850-51-52-53; J. Jameson, 1854-5; T. W. Nobles, 1856; C. Demarest, 1857; A. Campbell, 1858 to 1866 inclusive; J. W. Osborn, 1867 to 1871 inclusive; Fred. Marschalk, 1873 to 1877 inclusive; C. T. Bauchman, 1879-80; Samuel Love, 1881-2-3-4-5; F. Marschalk, 1886; J. A. Williams, 1887-8.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

The omission of biographical sketches of Past Masters and other prominent members of this Lodge is due to the same causes mentioned under this head in the history of Fortitude Lodge; also to the fact that sketches of some members were written and sent to the parties for correction and never returned.

WOR. IRA L. BRACKETT, P. M. AND TREASURER.

Bro. Brackett is one of the oldest living members of Hohenlinden Lodge; he was made a mason in this Lodge in 1863. He served as S. M. C., J. D. and S. D., as Junior Warden in 1871, Senior Warden in 1872-3, and Worshipful Master in 1874-5. On retiring from the East in 1875, he was presented by the Lodge with an elegant gold watch in token of faithful services rendered.

In 1880 he was elected Treasurer, and has been annually re-elected since. He is a member of Nassau Chapter No. 19, R. A. M.; of Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T., and of Magnolia Lodge, I. O. O. F.; of Long Island Council and other benevolent organizations.

Bro. Brackett was born in Brooklyn, July 12, 1837. He has been engaged as boss cooper for the past twenty-five years.

He married Miss Lydia A. Brown, daughter of the famous Capt. Richard Brown, who sailed the yacht America some twenty-five years ago and brought the cup to this country. They have two daughters and one son.

WOR. WILLIAM J. BEATTIE,

PAST MASTER OF HOHENLINDEN LODGE.

The administration of Bro. Beattie as Worshipful Master of this Lodge was eminently successful, and a source of congratulation to him and the brethren. He was initiated, passed and raised in this Lodge in 1876, was soon after appointed S. M. C., and in 1880-81 was elected Junior Warden; in 1882-3, Senior Warden; in 1885-6, Worshipful Master. On retiring from the East in 1886 he was presented with an elegant gold watch and chain by the Lodge; the presentation was made by R. W. Rev. Charles H. Hall. There were present on this occasion quite a number of prominent masons of this 3d Masonic District. Bro. Beattie did not cease his labors on retiring from the East, but for upwards of twelve years he has been conspicuous for his efforts, not only to promote the interests of this Lodge, but of the Craft generally. He is an excellent manager, and takes an active part in all public entertainments connected with the Lodge. He is a member of the North Western Masonic Ins. Association.

Bro. Beattie was born in Ireland, January 27, 1852; was educated at public and private school; came to New York in 1868, where he remained for three years, and in 1871 removed to Brooklyn. He was engaged in the tea business for a number of years. He was in the Department of City Works for four years. He has taken—and still takes—an active part in poli-

tics, and is a member of the Kings Co. Republican Executive Committee. In March, 1879, he married Miss Florence B. Gray, daughter of Capt. Gray, of Milwaukee, Wis. They have a family of two sons.

LOFTIN LOVE, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

As Worshipful Master of Hohenlinden Lodge Bro. Love has fully maintained the reputation this Lodge has enjoyed, for good and efficient officers, for more than half a century. His practical knowledge of the masonic ritual, added to executive and administrative ability of a high order, with an experience of nearly eight years as a faithful Craftsman, have rendered his administration a success equal to any of his predecessors. He was initiated, passed and raised in this Lodge in 1881; served as Senior Deacon for two years, and in 1884 was elected Junior Warden, in 1885-6 Senior Warden; served as Worshipful Master in 1887, and at the annual meeting in December of that year was re-elected for the ensuing year.

Bro. Love was born in Belfast, Ireland, January, 1852; came with his parents to this country in 1864; settled in Brooklyn, where he availed himself of the excellent educational advantages of this city—enjoyed equally by the rich and poor. He accepted a subordinate position in the Corn Exchange Bank in 1866, and was advanced by degrees through the different grades to that of Cashier, which position he now holds. The success he has achieved is due to his own unaided efforts, depending on neither friends nor influence for his advancement. His connection with the bank, covering a period of nearly a quarter of a century, is the best evidence of his business qualifications.

In his social and fraternal relations he exhibits those noble traits of character that endear him to all his associates. He has done much to advance the cause of masonry, and promote the interests of Hohenlinden Lodge. He is a frequent visitor to sister lodges in this district, and seeks continually to promote that peace and harmony on which our institution is founded.

J. A. WILLIAMS, SECRETARY.

Bro. Williams was made a Mason in Hohenlinden Lodge on June 1, 1882. He served as J. M. C. two years, as S. M. C. two years; Secretary, 1887-8.

Bro. Williams was born in New York city, January 5, 1849. He has been connected with the German-American Bank, No. 50 Wall st., since its organization in 1870, and is now paying-teller. In 1873 he married Miss Emma, daughter of Vincent

Martling, Esq., of Brooklyn. They have had five children; two deceased.

He is a member of Gowanus Lodge No. 239, I.O.O.F.; of Acme Council, Royal Arcanum, No. 594; Onward Lodge, Knights of Honor, No. 1443; Progressive Council, A. L. of H., No. 23; Court U. S. Grant, Ancient Order of Foresters, No. 7259; and of the Bank Clerks' Mutual Benefit Association, of New York.

FERDINAND MARSCHALK, TILER.

King David said: "I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." For some years past Bro. Marschalk has carefully guarded the entrance to this and other Lodges, but for more than twenty years he has carefully guarded the secrets of freemasonry committed to him, and exemplified its teachings in his daily life; and no brother in Hohenlinden has a warmer place in the hearts of his brethren than this self-denying, faithful brother. He was made a mason in this Lodge in 1866, and the same year was elected Secretary, continuing in this position for fifteen consecutive years. In he was appointed Tiler. His recollection of the many that "pass and repass," in this and other Lodges, makes him a reliable encyclopedia to which the brethren can constantly resort for information, and he was honored with a place on the historical committee, to assist in compiling the history of the Lodge. He served for thirteen years as Secretary of Nassau Chapter No. 109, R. A. M.; served as Grand Tiler in Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T. He is a member of Council No. 4, R. & S. M., also a 32d degree member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, New York Consistory. He has been Captain of the Guard in the Rose Croix Chapter, the Lodge of Perfection, and Princes of Jerusalem; he is also a member of the Brooklyn Masonic Mutual Ins. Association and North Western Masonic Insurance Association.

Bro. Marschalk was born in Brooklyn, March 26, 1836, received a good common-school education, and for many years followed the occupation of ship joiner. For the past twenty years he has filled the position of book-keeper for a New York builder. He served three terms as a member of the old Volunteer Fire Department, and was Secretary of Engine No. 9 for fifteen years. He married, in 1861, Eliza J. Davis, of New York city, by whom he has had two children; one deceased.

HISTORY OF ANGLO-SAXON LODGE NO. 137.

“A number of brethren of the degree of Master Masons, many of whom belonged to various Lodges in the city of New York, but who found that their residences being in the city of Brooklyn prevented that regular attendance in their respective Lodges, which was both desirable and attractive, but who were still very wishful to attend to their duties as Masons without inconvenience to themselves, their respective pursuits and their families, conceived the plan of establishing a new Lodge in Brooklyn, which from its contiguity to their homes would render it possible to attend the meetings without inconvenience;” and believing that the good of Masonry required this effort to be made, agreed to meet together to take such measures as would be necessary to obtain the desired end; for that purpose several meetings were held and the subject was fully and freely discussed in good feeling and harmony.

The first meeting of these Masonic Brethren was held at the new house of Alexander Tomsey, on Liberty street, Brooklyn, on Monday evening, March 13, 1848. There were present at this meeting the following Brethren, viz.: B. H. Downing, James Sheward, W. C. Burnet, Fred. Simpson, M. Mottram, John E. Goodchild, Henry Jessop, Alexander Tomsey, and James Foster.

At this meeting it was “Resolved that we apply to the R.: W.: Grand Lodge of the State of New York for a Dispensation to open a new Lodge under the denomination of Anglo-Saxon Lodge,” and that we nominate the following Brethren as our officers in the petition: John E. Goodchild, *Worshipful Master*; James Sheward, *Senior Warden*; and Henry Jessop, *Junior Warden*.

A subscription was raised to defray the necessary expenses, and the sum of \$45 was subscribed.

Another meeting was held in May following, at which time the name of Bro. J. Franklin was added to the original number of founders, making ten in all.

At this meeting it was “Resolved, That the By-Laws and Rules of Albion Lodge No. 26 be adopted for the government of Anglo-Saxon Lodge, so far as they can be applicable, and do not conflict with our resolutions, until said Lodge be duly organized and make Rules and By-Laws of their own.”

It appears from this that these brethren were mostly if not all from Albion Lodge No 26. Another meeting was held on June 14th following, when it was “Resolved, That the adjoining fee be Ten Dollars; the Initiation Fees for the three degrees be Twenty-five Dollars, and the Yearly Dues be Six Dollars.” Bro. Goodchild having presented to the Lodge a petition for a

Warrant, duly signed by the officers of Fortitude Lodge No. 19, reported that the R.: W.: Grand Lodge had granted Anglo-Saxon Lodge their Petition and ordered a Warrant to be issued accordingly." At a meeting held on June 26, 1848, the following officers were duly installed by R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master Coles, assisted by other officers of the Grand Lodge, and the Warrant bearing date June 16, 1848, was delivered to the Lodge: John E. Goodchild, *Worshipful Master*; James Sheward, *Senior Warden*; Henry Jessop, *Junior Warden*; B. H. Downing, *Secretary*; Matthew Mottram, *Treasurer*; W. C. Burnet, *Senior Deacon*; Fred. Simpson, *Junior Deacon*; Alexander Tomsey and James Foster, *Masters of Ceremonies*. The following extracts taken from an address delivered by M.: W.: Bro. Evans, on the occasion of a "Lodge of Sorrow" held on the 12th of March, 1857, to express the sentiments of Anglo-Saxon Lodge regarding the death of their late Bro. John E. Goodchild, give additional and interesting data concerning the erection of the Lodge and its founders.

"This Lodge was formed under most auspicious circumstances. The petitioners were men of high respectability. They were from Briton's thrifty isle and attached to Albion Lodge in the city of New York. Their residence being in Brooklyn, of course a Lodge near their homes would not only be more convenient but would enhance the interest and pleasure of their meetings, with more likelihood of connecting with them their more intimate associates. * * * They were bound by a two-fold cord of love; first, by natural and social ties, and again by the Mystic tie. Captain Goodchild was one of them and had entwined himself around the hearts of his fellows and justly secured their confidence. He was foremost in bringing this Lodge into existence. His superior skill pointed him out as best fitted to set the Craft to work and give them proper instructions for their labor. He was accordingly selected as the Master Workman to beautify and adorn the Temple he was rearing, and the sceptre of honor was placed in his hands. During his Mastership many who are now honored members of the fraternity and connected to this Lodge by the additional tie of membership, received from him their first instructions whereon to build their future moral and masonic edifice. He was, as it were, their Masonic Father, and became deeply rooted in their affections. He was a wise governor and active Mason; a proficient workman and faithful instructor. He was courteous in his demeanor and dignified in his deportment, never with tyranny exercising the power vested in the Master's sceptre or abusing the privileges of the high office he held. As a mason he lived in the faithful discharge of his duty, as a man he was above reproach, and as a friend he had the warmth of a brother. Those loved him most who knew him best; his hand was ever

open to relieve the distressed, and in this particular 'his left hand knew not what his right hand did.' It has been discovered that in many cases his charities have been done in secret, though open to the penetrating eye of the Great Jehovah they were hidden from the eyes of men, thus establishing the fact that the true principles of charity were implanted and found congenial soil within his bosom. In the course of Providence, Brother Goodchild found it necessary to make the far West his home. The separation told severely upon those with whom he had been closely allied, and many a hearty wish was expressed for his success. He too felt saddened with the recollection that he was parting with old friends to make and try new ones. Although separated from the Lodge of his choice at the time when nature most needed careful and affectionate attentions, yet he was enabled to feel the full strength of the common tie which bind our hearts together in the kind offices performed for him by the brethren in his new home. He found the Masons there brothers to him indeed. They watched over him in his last illness and after death laid his body in the tomb. These attentions of Masonic brothers may afford some slight gratification to those nearest his heart, although they may not alleviate to any degree their deep affliction."

The first candidate proposed for admission was Mr. Charles Pardley, who was regularly initiated Entered Apprentice at a communication held July 20, 1848. A room in the house of Bro. Tomsey was leased by the Lodge and the regular communications were held there until November 7th, 1848. A "vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. B. H. Downing for his presentation of a Bible to the Lodge, and likewise to Bro. Mottram and Simpson for the presentation of a Masonic Chart and frame."

The customary observance of St. John's Day was kept up by this and other Lodges of Brooklyn as late as 1849. On Dec. 6th of that year a special committee was appointed to meet with a committee from Fortitude and Hohenlinden Lodges to arrange for a mutual celebration of the day with appropriate ceremonies.

The Constitutional Amendment adopted by the Grand Lodge, at the Annual Communication, June 5, 1849, depriving Past Masters of their "Chartered Rights," and which led to the organization of a separate Grand Lodge, was strongly opposed by Anglo-Saxon Lodge in a series of resolutions adopted at a regular communication held Dec. 6th, 1849, and the Lodge decided to "support that body over which Most Worshipful Isaac Phillips now presides as Grand Master, and that to this body only can we owe allegiance."

At a communication held April 4th, 1850, a resolution was passed disapproving of the acts of the Phillips Grand Lodge in

“restoring to membership certain individuals who have been for a long time under expulsion for unmasonic conduct.”

On May 16th, 1850, the following Preamble and Resolution, relating to the two existing Grand Lodges of New York was adopted: “Whereas, A majority of the Grand Lodges of the United States to whom was submitted the question of the troubles affecting the Grand Lodge, having decided that the Grand Lodge of which John D. Willard is Grand Master, is the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

“Resolved, That this Lodge recognize such Grand Lodge for the State of New York and accordingly owes its allegiance to it.”

A special communication of the Lodge was held in conjunction with Joppa Lodge, on the evening of July 19th, 1852, to take suitable action in regard to the death of the distinguished statesman and illustrious Brother Mason M.: W.: Brother Henry Clay, Past Grand Master of Masons in the State of Kentucky. R.: W.: Joseph D. Evans of this Lodge presided. After announcing the object of the meeting he alluded in a touching manner to the many virtues and brilliant attainments of the deceased. A resolution was then adopted that “Anglo-Saxon Lodge in conjunction with Joppa Lodge accept the invitation of the M.: W.: Grand Lodge and unite with them in the funeral ceremonies, and that we meet for that purpose at the corner of Broome and Crosby streets, New York, in full regalia, on Tuesday next at half-past one o’clock P. M.

In addition to the usual donations for its own members in sickness or distress the Lodge has never failed to respond to the appeals from other quarters. During the prevalence of the yellow fever in the South in 1855, a movement was inaugurated by Anglo-Saxon Lodge and a committee appointed to co-operate with sister Lodges in Brooklyn to raise subscriptions for our suffering Brethren, their widows and orphans in Norwalk and Portsmouth. On October 18th, 1855, this committee reported the following donations: Montauk, \$25; Long Island, \$10; Joppa, \$50; Central, \$30; Marsh, \$30; Star of Bethlehem, \$25; Lexington, \$25; Anglo-Saxon, \$50; Brooklyn, \$25; making a total of \$270.

The Lodge has participated in most of the public ceremonies of a Masonic character since its organization. It was well represented at the laying of the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple in New York, on June 8th, 1870, also at the dedication of the same on June 2, 1875. The most notable event with which Anglo-Saxon Lodge has been connected was the laying of the corner-stone of the Egyptian Obelisk, in Central Park, on Sept. 8th, 1880. This interesting relic of Egyptian antiquity was taken from its original site in Egypt and brought to this country by Lieutenant-Commander Gorringe,

U. S. N., a member of Anglo-Saxon Lodge. It was through the liberality of Wm. H. Vanderbilt, Esq., who bore all the expenses of its removal, that it was finally brought to this country, it having been presented to the U. S. Government some years previous.

Anglo-Saxon Lodge has been more highly honored in its list of distinguished members than any other Lodge on Long Island. The first and most prominent of these was M.: W.: Joseph D. Evans, Past Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, who continued in active membership from the first year of the organization of the Lodge until the close of 1859, and was subsequently made an Honorary Member. Wor. Bro. Daniel T. Walden, who was Master of this Lodge in 1854, became the first District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District, which then comprised the whole of Long Island. Wor. Bro. Nat. Gladding, Wor. Bro. William Sherer and Wor. Bro. Sydney F. Walker, Past Masters of this Lodge, also received that distinguished honor. In 1866, Lieut.-Commander Henry H. Gorringe, U. S. N., who brought the Egyptian Obelisk to this country was made a Master Mason in Anglo-Saxon Lodge. R.: W.: William Sherer, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, in the State of New York, is a Past Master of this Lodge. In the character of its membership Anglo-Saxon has maintained the same standard which characterized it at the beginning. It started as a social organization, with a limited membership, and the annual increase in members has about equaled the loss from death and other causes. The total membership as reported to the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication was but 119.

The close of the present year shows a small increase. From 1848 to 1851 the Lodge held regular Communications at the house of Bro. Alexander Tomsey, on Liberty street. In 1851 they removed to Masonic Hall, Freeman's Building, remaining until 1856; they then removed to the corner of Montague and Court streets and occupied that Hall for twenty-three years, sub-letting the room to other Lodges. In 1879 they removed to Music Hall, corner of Fulton and Flatbush avenues, continuing until 1882, when they removed to 38 and 40 Court street. They remained there for four years, until May, 1886, when they rented a hall over the Criterion Theatre. On the first of May, 1888, they removed to their present quarters in the Aurora Grata Cathedral, on Bedford avenue, corner of Madison street, probably the finest Masonic Hall in the State of New York. On September 11th, 1888, the Lodge was called to mourn the loss of its distinguished Brother and life-long friend Most Worshipful Joseph D. Evans, who passed from his Lodge on earth to the Celestial Lodge above, after a long life of usefulness, at the ripe age of eighty-one years, one month and fourteen days.

He outlived most of his contemporaries. He could say with the Apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course; I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day." The last sad rights were performed by the Grand Lodge assisted by his brethren of Anglo-Saxon and Mistletoe, with representatives from other Lodges. The funeral ceremonies were conducted quietly without any attempt at display, which is doubtless as he would have wished it.

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF ANGLO-SAXON LODGE, FROM 1848
TO 1888 INCLUSIVE.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—J. E. Goodchild, 1848 to 1850; Joseph D. Evans, 1851-2; W. N. Woodcock, 1853; D. T. Walden, 1854-5; P. E. Walden, 1856; G. G. Joyce, 1857; J. E. Jenkins, 1858; D. T. Walden, 1859; J. E. Jenkins, 1860-61; D. T. Walden, 1862; R. Oliver, 1863; L. McMullen, 1864; N. Gladding, 1865 to 1870, inclusive; C. J. Aldis, 1871; W. Sherer, 1872; D. B. Davidson, 1873; W. Sherer, 1874; Hoyt Palmer, 1875; E. T. Mackay, 1876; W. Sherer, 1877-8; D. T. Walden, 1879; W. Sherer, 1880; J. A. Babcock, 1881; S. F. Walker, 1882-3; F. R. Vermeule, 1884; S. E. Weaver, 1885; P. H. Bowne, 1886; J. E. Morse, 1887-8.

SENIOR WARDEN.—James Sheward, 1848-9; E. J. Tuckerman, 1850; W. N. Woodcock, 1851-2; W. J. Smith, 1853; D. P. Barnard, 1854; W. J. Gilbert, 1855; G. G. Joyce, 1856; J. E. Jenkins, 1857; L. McMullen, 1858-9-60; D. T. Hines, 1861; R. Oliver, 1862; F. C. Niebuhr, 1863-4-5; L. L. Laidlaw, 1866; J. R. Cordner, 1867-8; Frank Arnold, 1869; C. T. Aldis, 1870; W. Sherer, 1871; D. B. Davidson, 1872; L. C. Bond, 1873; H. Palmer, 1874; E. T. Mackay, 1875; L. C. Bond, 1876; J. A. Babcock, 1877; D. B. Davidson, 1878; W. T. Ramsbotham, 1879; S. F. Walker, 1880-81; F. R. Vermeule, 1882-3; S. E. Weaver, 1884; P. H. Bowne, 1885; J. E. Morse, 1886; W. C. Humstone, 1887-8.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—H. Jessop, 1848; B. H. Downing, 1849; D. T. Walden, 1850; D. P. Barnard, 1851; Charles Padley, 1852; James Bright, 1853; W. E. Gilbert, 1854; P. E. Walden, 1855; Edward Walden, 1856; L. McMullen, 1857; W. A. Atterbury, 1858; D. S. Hines, 1859-60; T. Terry, 1861; F. C. Niebuhr, 1862; B. F. Wyman, 1863; D. S. Hines, 1864; G. N. Conklin, 1865; Frank Arnold, 1866-7-8; G. H. Jennings, 1869; A. Cranston, 1870; D. B. Davidson, 1871; L. C. Bond, 1872; W. T. Ramsbotham, 1873; E. T. Mackay, 1874; S. I. Boone, 1875;

W. W. Bragg, Jr., 1876; A. K. Sloan, 1877-8; R. H. W. Rowe, 1879; J. Y. Murkland, 1880; R. B. Atterbury, 1881; S. E. Weaver, 1882-3; P. H. Bowne, 1884; J. E. Morse, 1885; J. E. Watt, 1886; J. Norwood, 1887; Joseph Aspinall, 1888.

TREASURER.—M. Mottram, 1848-9; W. T. Smith, 1850; John Warde, Jr., 1851-2; J. Howe, 1853-4; W. N. Woodcock, 1855-6-7-8; John Marsden, 1859; W. N. Woodcock, 1860 to 1865, inclusive; R. Oliver, 1866 to 1872, inclusive; W. Sherer, 1873; A. K. Sloan, 1874-5; H. W. Post, 1876 to 1882, inclusive; W. T. Ramsbotham, 1883; R. B. Atterbury, 1884; W. E. Knickerbocker, 1885; H. A. Moore, 1886-7-8.

SECRETARY.—B. H. Downing, 1848; D. T. Walden, Jr., 1849; W. N. Woodcock, 1850; Chas. Padley, 1851; W. J. Smith, 1852; H. B. Rose, 1853; G. Cooper, 1854; T. T. Outerbridge, 1855-6-7-8; H. Y. Browne, Jr., 1859; T. T. Outerbridge, 1860; G. N. Conklin, 1860-1-2-3-4; W. Conklin, 1865 to 1885, inclusive; S. F. Walker, 1886-7; W. T. Ramsbotham, 1888.

R. W. D. T. WALDEN,

PAST MASTER OF ANGLO-SAXON LODGE.—PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

Bro. Walden is now the patriarch of Anglo-Saxon Lodge by right of succession, he being the oldest Past Master living, Bro. Evans, who preceded him, having recently severed his connection with the Earthly to join the Celestial Lodge above. He was brought to light on December 7, 1848. He was Junior Warden in 1850, and Master in 1854-5, and again in 1859 and in 1862 and 1879. He represented Anglo-Saxon Lodge in the "Phillips Grand Lodge" at its Quarterly Communication in March, 1850, and in June following sat in the Grand Lodge of New York, Anglo-Saxon Lodge having in the interim returned to its former allegiance. In March, 1856, he was appointed Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, near the Grand Lodge of New York. In 1858 he received a Dispensation from Grand Master John D. Lewis to "constitute in Form Morton Lodge No. 469, of Hempstead, L. I., and install its officers; and in 1860 he was duly authorized to constitute in Form Island Lodge No. 511. In 1860-61 he served as District Deputy Grand Master for the Third Masonic District, which then comprised Richmond, Kings, Queens and Suffolk Counties. While holding this position he laid the corner-stone of the Brooklyn Court House, and for the occasion organized a Grand Lodge, over which he presided, appointing his own subordinates. He was exalted in Orient Chapter No. 109, which then met in New York City, of

which he became High Priest; he also received the Council degrees, R. and S. M., by communication. He passed to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He organized the Masonic Relief Association of Brooklyn, and was for some years its President.

Bro. D. T. Walden was born in New York City, April 28, 1824. He was the *twin* brother of Philip E. Walden, who was at one time Master of Anglo-Saxon Lodge. Both were educated at private school, and afterwards at Swinburn's famous school at White Plains. Bro. D. T. Walden read law for seven years with Alexander W. Bradford, of New York. He was admitted to the bar at Utica, in 1845, and commenced practice at once in New York. He was Assistant Corporation Attorney under T. E. Tomlinson, with whom he formed a copartnership, under the firm name of Tomlinson, Walden & Brigham. This continued until 1864, when he became associated with Wm. G. Sterling, as Sterling & Walden. Judge Sterling retired in 1880, since which time Bro. Walden has conducted his own affairs.

WOR. PHILIP E. WALDEN,

PAST MASTER OF ANGLO-SAXON LODGE.

The record of Bro. D. T. Walden, the *twin* brother of Philip E., contains most of the facts connected with the early life of both. Bro. Philip E. Walden was raised in Anglo-Saxon Lodge in 1848, just previous to his brother D. T. He was Junior Warden in 1855, Master in 1856, but left the city before completing his term of office. He commenced his business career in the American Exchange Bank, New York. He subsequently went to California. On his return he was for a time in the Appraiser's Office. He went to New Orleans in 1856, and became Assistant Collector of that port. At the breaking out of the war he espoused the cause of the South. While on a visit to his family, after the capture of New Orleans, he was arrested and brought before General Butler, who, because of his refusal to produce the books, sent him to Fort Jackson, where he was kept at hard labor for thirteen months. His release was finally obtained by his brother, who was just as firm in his allegiance to the North. He soon after went to Bermuda, where he died of yellow fever in 1864, leaving a wife and three children—all natives of New Orleans.

WOR. J. E. JENKINS, PAST MASTER OF ANGLO-SAXON LODGE.

Of the many brethren who were contemporaneous with Wor. Bro. Jenkins in Anglo-Saxon Lodge, scarcely half-a-dozen now remain. The others have long since passed to that "un-

discovered country." Bro. Jenkins received the working tools and entered upon his labors as a Master Mason on February 8, 1855. He became a skillful Craftsman and a Master Builder. Of the materials prepared by him for this noble edifice, but "two living stones" now remain, viz.: Bro. Thomas S. Tice and James Thoubboran. The individuality of Bro. Jenkins was indelibly stamped upon his work and on the Lodge. He commenced his labors first as Junior Deacon, and then as Senior Deacon. Passing the South, he entered the West in 1857, and the following year found him in the East. He was retired for one year, and again elected in 1860-61. As a presiding officer he was quick, prompt and decisive, and while he enforced strict discipline and decorum during Lodge hours, when the Lodge was called from labor to refreshment he was the whole-souled, genial, warm-hearted Brother, with a kind word for all and a grip that was magnetic in its power, and never to be forgotten. His laugh was contagious, his heart beat responsive to every call for help, and his purse-strings were always loose. It is more than fifteen years since he ceased from active labor, yet the happy hours he spent with the friends of his youth in Anglo-Saxon Lodge still linger in his memory as a sweet fragrance to cheer and comfort his declining years.

Bro. Jenkins was born at Hudson, on the Hudson river, March 28, 1827. He completed his studies at the age of fourteen, and spent some six years in a country store. He came to New York to try his fortune forty-one years ago. For nearly fourteen years he was a clerk in one of the oldest shipping houses in New York. In 1861 he started in the Freight Brokerage business on his own account, which he has conducted successfully for more than a quarter of a century. He wears a spotless escutcheon, and is well known in business circles, where he is highly respected for his probity and honor. He became a resident of Brooklyn in 1851.

Bro. Jenkins is well preserved for a man of his years. His form is erect, his step is firm and elastic, and he still devotes at least one-third of the twenty-four hours to his business, forgetting not, in his hours of rest and labor, the needy and suffering around him.

WOR. LEWIS McMULLEN,

PAST MASTER OF ANGLO-SAXON LODGE.

Although Anglo-Saxon Lodge is the third oldest Lodge in Brooklyn, it was still in its infancy when Bro. McMullen knocked at the door for admittance. Thirty-four years have passed since then, and his locks are whitened with the snows of many winters, yet his mental faculties remain unimpaired, and

he is still hale, hearty and strong for one of his age. He was made a Master Mason in this Lodge, Nov. 2, 1854; served as Junior Warden in 1857, as Senior Warden in 1858-59-60, and as Worshipful Master in 1864. There are but few brothers now living who sat under his instructions at that time. His was a quiet and peaceful administration, the Lodge having just emerged from the trouble incident to the formation of two Grand Lodges, in which Anglo-Saxon Lodge bore a conspicuous part. Bro. McMullen had no desire to explore beyond the precincts of Capitular Masonry. He was exalted in Orient Chapter, in which he served for a time as Treasurer.

The father of Wor. Bro. McMullen came to New York early in the present century, and was an ardent patriot during the War of 1812-15. He was attached to an artillery company, and stationed at the old Red Fort, at the foot of Hubert street, on the North River.

Bro. McMullen was born in New York City seventy-two years ago, within five blocks of his present place of business. He was educated at Borland and Forest's school, on Warren street, where some of the most prominent men of New York were prepared for college; among these was Hon. Hamilton Fish, Sr. It was difficult to obtain access to the school, as the number of pupils were limited to two hundred. Bro. McMullen entered upon a mercantile career immediately after completing his education. He was connected with the hardware business for about twenty-two years. In 1852 he was appointed Examiner in the U. S. Appraiser's office, New York, and held that position for thirty-three consecutive years. On April 23, 1885, he was appointed, by President Cleveland, Appraiser of the Port of New York. Although the appointment was violently opposed by the politicians, it met the general and hearty approval of the business community, who were thoroughly familiar with the worth and ability of the appointee.

Bro. McMullen was married, in 1842, to Alethea Augusta Wood, of New York. They have raised a large family of children, only four of whom are now living, five having deceased. He has occupied for thirty-six years the same house in Brooklyn.

R.: W.: WILLIAM SHERER,

PAST MASTER OF ANGLO-SAXON LODGE.—GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF R. A. M. OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

Bro. Sherer received his first instructions in Masonry from Wor. Bro. J. E. Jenkins, who is still living, and a member of Anglo-Saxon Lodge. Bro. Sherer is justly proud of his alma mater, having risen from the position of an humble Craftsman

to the highest office in the State of New York in Capitular Masonry. He was initiated, passed and raised in Anglo-Saxon Lodge, in 1868, receiving his Third degree on December 10th; served one term as Senior Deacon; as Senior Warden in 1871, Worshipful Master in 1872, Treasurer in 1873; elected Master in 1874, again in 1877-78 and in 1880, serving five terms, altogether, as Master of this Lodge. As a workman he had few equals and no superiors. He presided with dignity, grace and ease, and his lectures were deeply impressive. Many of his pupils now living can testify to the thoroughness of his work. He was exalted in Constellation Chapter No. 209, R. A. M., in 1872, passed through the several chairs, and was High Priest in 1872-3. He has been a member of the Grand Chapter for several years; was Grand R. A. C. one year, Grand Lecturer two years, G. C. H. for four years, Deputy Grand High Priest one year; was elected Grand High Priest in the winter of 1886, and is now serving his second term. He was Knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T., in which he served one year as Captain General, and was compelled to decline further honors for want of time. He has taken the 14th degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and is a member of Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, of Brooklyn. He is a member of Brooklyn Council No. 4, R. and S. M., and was Thrice Illustrious Master three years in succession. He served as Dist. Deputy G. M. of the Third Masonic District in 1878, under the administration of M.: W.: Edmund L. Judson; was reappointed to the same position, but declined. For the past eight years he has been a member of the Commission of Appeals of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. He was "conducted across the burning sands" in Mecca Temple Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of Winona Council No. 905, A. L. of H., in which he passed through the several chairs, and is now Grand Commander of the Grand Council of the State of New York. He is also a member of the National Provident Union.

Bro. Sherer is a native of Mead Co., Kentucky, born Sept. 3, 1837. He removed early in life to Virginia, thence to Pennsylvania, and to Brooklyn in 1851, where he completed his education. He commenced his business career in 1852, in a wholesale drug house. In 1855 he entered the employ of the Metropolitan Bank, where he remained for nearly eight years. In 1863 he accepted a position in the U. S. Sub-Treasury, New York, where he has already spent over a quarter of a century. He is at present Cashier and Acting Assistant Treasurer.

He has been twice married, first in 1859; his wife deceased in 1870, and in 1872 he married Miss Adelaide Clark, of Oneida County, N. Y. He has raised a family of nine children, eight of whom are still living. Bro. Sherer served ten years in the Volunteer Fire Department of Brooklyn, and was President of

Engine Company No. 17. He was also a member of G Company, 23d Regiment, N. Y. S. M., in 1862, in which he served for two years. He was Commissary Sergeant under Col. Ellwell. He was for a number of years an active member of the Mercantile Library Association (now Brooklyn Library), and added largely to its membership by his personal solicitations among school boys. He was director of that institution for two years, and has always taken the deepest interest in its welfare and prosperity.

WOR. EDWIN T. MACKAY,

PAST MASTER OF ANGLO-SAXON LODGE.

Wor. Brother Mackay was the presiding officer of Anglo-Saxon Lodge during a period when peace and harmony existed, not only in his own Lodge, but throughout all the Lodges of the Third Masonic District, and he had the pleasure of welcoming a number of distinguished brethren who were frequent visitors at the Lodge. His administration was highly commendable, and he was well supported by the brethren. His work was characterized by that thoroughness for which Anglo-Saxon Lodge has always been distinguished. He was raised in this Lodge January 12, 1871; served as J. M. C., Senior Deacon, and was elected Junior Warden in 1874; Senior Warden in 1875, and Master in 1876. He was subsequently exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209.

Bro. Mackay is a native of New York city, born January 21, 1839. He was an ambitious boy, and made the most of his educational opportunities. He had a thorough mercantile training in the house of Lathrop, Ludington & Co., New York. He commenced with this firm in 1859, and remained with them until 1865. In January of that year, he accepted a position as cashier of the United States Telegraph Company. After the consolidation of this with the Western Union Company in 1868, he was appointed Auditor of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company. This Company also merged into the Western Union, and on November 1, 1878, he was appointed Assistant Auditor of the Western Union Telegraph Company, with which he still continues his connection. He became a resident of Brooklyn in 1860, and October 2, 1882, he was married to Miss Sarah E. Williamson of Baltimore; two children have been born to them.

JAMES A. BABCOCK,

PAST MASTER OF ANGLO-SAXON LODGE.

The personal record of Bro. Babcock is associated with some of the most pleasing and interesting events connected with the

early history of Masonry in this country, dating back to an era previous to the American revolution. He can boast of a very noble ancestry, indeed, such an one as is enjoyed by few masons here or elsewhere, and in which he justly takes a laudable pride. The principles that govern our Order have been transmitted to him through three succeeding generations, from both paternal and maternal sources. His great-grandfather, Christopher A. Babcock, was a surgeon in the Connecticut line in the war of the revolution, and was a warm personal friend of, and attached to, the staff of General David Wooster (the founder of Hiram Lodge No. 1, of New Haven, Conn.), who was killed at Ridgefield, Conn., while leading an attack against General Tryon, April 27, 1777. Dr. Babcock was initiated into St. John's Lodge of Fairfield, Conn., by General Wooster. Samuel Cooke, the maternal great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, being Master of the Lodge at the time. Dr. Babcock subsequently became a member of Union Lodge, Danbury, Conn., and was held in high esteem by the brethren, and at his death the Lodge voted a silver medal, which was presented to his only son, William A. Babcock (Bro. Babcock's grandfather), then but twelve years of age, in recognition of the distinguished services of Dr. Babcock "as a patriot, as a surgeon, and as a Brother Mason." This son afterwards became a member of Hiram Lodge No. 1, of New Haven, Conn., and attained some prominence in that body. His son (the father of Brother Babcock) entered Hiram Lodge No. 1 early in life, filled most of the minor offices, and became its Master, and was finally made Grand Master of Masons of the State of Connecticut. He was present at the initiation of his son in Anglo-Saxon Lodge in the winter of 1855, and gave at the time a history of the medal referred to. Samuel Cooke (the maternal great-grandfather of Bro. Babcock of Anglo-Saxon Lodge) was a distinguished Brother Mason, and, as said Master of St. John's Lodge of Fairfield, Conn., was also presented with a silver medal on which is inscribed the characters of a Mark Master Mason. Both of these medals are now in possession of Bro. Babcock of Anglo-Saxon Lodge, and are highly treasured by him. The history of these medals, together with an interesting historical sketch of their former owners, was read by Brother Babcock before a large assemblage of Bro. Masons in the rooms of Anglo-Saxon Lodge.

Bro. Babcock was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Anglo-Saxon Lodge, February 1st, 1855. He was an active worker, and filled the several subordinate positions in the Lodge for some years. In 1877 he was elected Senior Warden, and in 1881, became Master of the Lodge. His administration was characterized by the same peace and harmony which had characterized that of his many distinguished

predecessors, and he fully maintained the reputation of Anglo-Saxon Lodge for the excellency of its work and good government.

Bro. Babcock was born in New Haven, Conn., May 16th, 1831, his ancestors being among the most distinguished officers of the American Revolution. He was educated in the rudimentary branches at Lancasterian School, New Haven, Conn., and was prepared for college at Roger's Academy, Fair Haven, Conn. He was prevented by circumstances of an unfortunate nature, from entering Yale College. He turned his attention to telegraphy, which was then in its infancy, and became the first operator in the State of Connecticut under the Morse system. This led to his connection with the silver-plating business which was cotemporaneous with telegraphy. He was one of the pioneers in the business. He came to New York in 1850, and started in a small way, and eventually built up a large and successful business. Though overtaken by misfortune later, he is still full of life and energy, and continues to pursue the same calling with apparent ultimate success. He was married, January 30th, 1866, to Miss Ida A. Gates, daughter of Edwin Gates, Esq., a prominent Brother Mason of Brooklyn, and Past Master of Stella Lodge, as well as an honorary member of the Supreme Council of the 33d and last degree of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America. Bro. Babcock has one daughter and two sons, and is surrounded with the comforts of a peaceful and happy home.

R. W.: SYDNEY F. WALKER,

PAST MASTER OF ANGLO-SAXON LODGE.—PAST DIST. DEPUTY
 GRAND MASTER THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT, *and Representative of the M.: W.: G.: L.: of Canada near the M.: W.: G.: L.: of New York.*

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do with thy might;" is a scripture injunction which Bro. Walker has followed all his life. Thorough, earnest, energetic, with mental and physical qualities equally balanced; with a will, power and tenacity of purpose that forces success in every undertaking. His masonic experience commenced with Anglo-Saxon Lodge, having been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason March 7, 1878. He acted as Junior Warden for 1879, was elected Senior Warden for 1880-81, and Worshipful Master for 1882-3. On the second of November, 1882, *M.: W.: Daniel Spry, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada*, appointed Bro. Walker to be their Representative near the Grand Lodge of New York, which appointment received the

approval of M. W. Benjamin Flagler, Grand Master, and the commission is still held by him; was appointed Dist. Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District in 1884, by M. W. Grand Master William A. Brodie. In October, 1884, he was presented by the members of Anglo-Saxon Lodge with an elegant District Deputy's jewel and apron, the presentation having been made by R. W. William Sherer. Was appointed, in October, 1885, Chairman of Committee to raise the Lodge's portion of the Hall and Asylum Fund debt, and concluded the task successfully during the following year. He was elected Secretary in 1886-7, serving without reward or compensation, and on his retirement from office was presented, jointly with his wife, with a beautiful and elaborately engraved silver tea service; the W. Bro. Jerome E. Morse made the presentation in a few well chosen words; recounting the self-sacrificing spirit and devotion to the work that has characterized Bro. Walker in all his efforts on behalf of Anglo-Saxon Lodge, as well as the cause of masonry in general. With no ambition except to serve the Lodge in any capacity where he could be most useful, he accepted the appointment of Marshal at the annual election of 1887. He was appointed Chairman of the Committee to compile a History of this Lodge and entered upon the work with his characteristic zeal and energy. Bro. Walker was exalted in Constellation Chapter No. 209, R. A. M., in 1880, was Secretary in 1881-2, and E. King in 1888. He was Knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 14 in 1883. He has taken the several degrees in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U. S. A.; he took his degrees in Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, January 27, 1879; was J. W. of that body in 1883; took his degrees in Aurora Grata Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and Aurora Grata Rose Croix Chapter in 1879; was S. W. of the Chapter in 1884 and 1885; served as M. W. and P. M. of the Chapter in 1886-7-8; he received his 32d degree in the New York Consistory in 1883; was made a Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33d and last degree for the N. M. J. in the city of Boston, Sept. 20, 1888. He is a member of Kismet Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Oasis of Brooklyn, and was the first member proposed and initiated in that Temple after its organization. Took the degree of the Shrine, Aug. 24, 1887, and was elected Recorder the same night. He is a trustee of Aurora Grata Association, and was one of the organizers of Aurora Grata Club, the only Masonic Club in the State of New York.

Bro. Walker was born in Caledonia, Canada, Aug. 22, 1850; he received a good public school education, and commenced his business career as a drug clerk; he served four (4) years at this, and two years in the wholesale dry goods business. He

came to New York in 1870, and since that period has held a position of great responsibility and trust in the Jessup and Moore Paper Company of New York. He was married in 1874 to Miss Clara M. Christopher of New York, by whom he has four children.

WOR. FITZ RANDOLPH VERMEULE,

PAST MASTER OF ANGLO-SAXON LODGE.

It is said of Rome in the days of her splendor, "In that day to be a Roman was greater than a King." To have one's name enrolled on the books of Anglo-Saxon Lodge among the many distinguished and eminent Master Masons, who have been, and of whom some are still members, is a great honor, but to have filled the Master's chair and presided over that body is a greater honor than could be conferred by any prince or potentate on earth. Bro. Vermeule was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in this Lodge, May 17, 1880; elected Senior Warden in 1882; re-elected in 1883, and in 1884 was elected Worshipful Master, receiving on the first ballot *the entire vote of all the brethren present*. Of his fitness and eminent qualifications for the position no stronger testimony could be given, and this evidence of their confidence and esteem was an honor for which Bro. Vermeule had just reason to feel proud. With such confidence and the unwavering support of the brethren, his administration could not be otherwise than successful. That he proved worthy of their confidence is best shown by the records. He occupies at this time the very honorable position as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Chaplain of the Lodge; living in the full enjoyment of his highest Masonic aspirations, with the confidence, love and esteem of his fellow craftsmen, not only in his own Lodge, but among his fellow-men and brethren wherever known.

Bro. Vermeule is descended from the pioneer settlers of the State of New York, as will be seen from the following extract taken from the genealogical record: "In 1699 Adrian (or Adriaan) Vermeule came to Rev. Henry Selyns in New Amsterdam, with a letter from the clergy in Holland, recommending him highly for the position of 'Voorleser' (at that time school-master and town clerk) at Haarlem. He came from Flushing (Vlissingen). He was accepted and filled this position to the entire satisfaction of the consistory until 1707, when he was discharged with recommendation for the like position at Bergen, N. J." It will be seen from this that Bro. Vermeule comes of the sturdy old Holland stock, and from them inherited the virtues which adorn his life, and the natural ability to which he owes his success in business. He was born in Plainfield, N. J., January 8, 1825. In 1847 he entered upon a mercantile career,

which has been one of almost invariable success. His first venture was with his brother in the dry goods business at New Brunswick, N. J. In 1849 he went to St. Louis, Mo., with the clothing house of Webster Marsh & Co. (a Plainfield house). After remaining with them for six years he opened a merchant tailoring business in St. Louis under the firm name of Vermeule & Crapo; this continued until 1869. He then came East and joined his brother in the manufacture of India-rubber goods. This is now known as "The Goodyear India-rubber Glove Manufacturing Company," No. 503 to 505 Broadway, New York, of which his brother is President, and in which he occupies an important position. The same will-power, force and energy of character have been displayed throughout his mercantile career. He was married in 1852, to Miss Amanda, daughter of Dr. Benjamin Brassell of Nashville, Tenn.

WOR. S. E. WEAVER,

PAST MASTER OF ANGLO-SAXON LODGE, 1885.

Bro. Weaver was made a Master Mason in this Lodge on June 3, 1875. In 1881-2, he was Junior Warden; Senior Warden in 1884, and Master in 1885. He is Past Grand Master of Lodge No. 50, I. O. O. F.; Past Chancellor of Alpha Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

Bro. Weaver was born in Syracuse, N. Y., February 6, 1838. He learned the hat business with his father. He came to New York in 1859, and has been for several years past in the employ of Balch, Price & Co. of Brooklyn.

WOR. PHILIP H. BOWNE,

PAST MASTER OF ANGLO-SAXON LODGE.

Bro. Bowne did not commence his journey towards the East until he had reached the meridian of life, but from the time he crossed the threshold representing the ground floor of King Solomon's Temple, he made rapid progress. He became thoroughly imbued with the teachings of symbolic Masonry, familiarized himself with the ritual, penetrated the rich mines of masonic lore, drank from its fountains of knowledge, and soon qualified himself, not only as a skilled Craftsman, but as a Master Workman, fully competent to take charge of the Craft and direct them in their labors. He entered Anglo-Saxon Lodge in the spring of 1882, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason April 14, 1882, served one year as Senior Deacon, and in 1884, took charge of the Craft in the South; served as Senior Warden in 1885, and as Worshipful Master in 1886. His Middle Chamber work and his lecture in the Third Degree

were excellent, and his manner earnest and impressive. As a brother he was warm-hearted and sympathetic, and looked well to the care of worthy distressed brethren and their families. His progress in Capitular Masonry was no less marked than in the Blue Lodge. He was exalted in Constellation Chapter No. 209, R. A. M., served as Principal Sojourner, Scribe, King, and, in 1887, was elected High Priest, a position he still holds. He has recently entered the Ancient Accepted Scottish Body, and advanced to the 18th degree; is a member of Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Aurora Grata Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Aurora Grata Chapter, Rose Croix, and of the New York Consistory. He is at present Orator of Rose Croix Chapter. Is also a member of the Brooklyn Association of Past Masters.

Bro. Bowne was born at Flushing, L. I., May 7, 1832; educated in the rudimentary branches at public school, completing his education in New York at a school kept by the Society of Friends; and at the age of twelve years removed to New York city. He commenced his business life as clerk in a hardware store, and subsequently entered the American Exchange Bank. He received an appointment as clerk in the Coupon Division of the U. S. Sub-Treasury in 1864, and for twenty-two years past has been Chief of this Department. He married Miss Sara H. Moulton, a native of Maine, and the same year removed to Brooklyn, where he has since resided.

Bro. Bowne has a fondness for literary pursuits, and is a frequent contributor to the periodicals of the day. He is quite talented as an elocutionist and as a public speaker, having frequently appeared before large audiences in different parts of the country. He has written a number of poems, possessing great literary merit, some of which have been delivered in public. He is quiet and domestic in his habits, a fond husband, a kind neighbor and a true Brother Mason.

WOR. JEROME E. MORSE,

PRESENT MASTER OF ANGLO-SAXON LODGE.

Bro. Morse, the subject of this sketch, is in every way worthy and well qualified to fill the exalted position of Master of Anglo-Saxon Lodge, and to maintain the reputation that the Lodge has enjoyed among the fraternity for more than forty years. No event of importance has occurred during his administration to call forth the latent powers of mind and heart that have distinguished him in civil life; but that he has governed well, as a skillful Craftsman, and preserved peace and harmony in the Lodge, is evidenced by the fact that he has the unqualified support and confidence of the brethren. He completed his pilgrimage as a Master Mason of Anglo-Saxon Lodge May 21, 1883. He served one year as Senior Deacon; was elected Junior Warden

in 1885; Senior Warden in 1886, and Worshipful Master in 1887-8, by a unanimous vote in each case. He was exalted in Constellation Chapter No. 209, R. A. M.; was Knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T., in which he served one term as Captain General.

On his maternal side, Bro. Morse is of Scotch ancestry, and is descended from the famous Macduff, immortalized by Shakespeare. On his paternal side he came of a family distinguished for their courage, their patriotism and their unswerving devotion to the principles of civil and religious liberty. His father was Major-General of militia in Massachusetts before the war, and was one of the chief promoters of the excellent militia system of that State; was actively engaged in fitting out troops in the early part of the war, after which he took command of the 21st Mass. Regiment, and later was made Military Governor of Annapolis, Md.

Bro. Jerome E. Morse was born at Leominster, Mass., February 23, 1846; was educated at the Leominster High School, and in 1862 entered the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.; was graduated in 1866, as Midshipman; was promoted to Ensign, Master and Lieutenant. He was for several years in active service on the U. S. Sloop-of-war Pawnee, U. S. frigate Guerriere, gunboat Wasp, monitor Dictator; commanded the monitor Manhattan for a time and afterwards served on the U. S. Receiving Ship Vermont, N. Y. Navy Yard, and on the U. S. Corvette Omaha, in the Pacific Ocean.

In 1874, in consequence of defective eye-sight, he was placed on the retired list as a Lieutenant, corresponding with Captain in the Army. During his years of active service in the Navy he visited nearly every part of the world, and acquired all the principal foreign languages. Since his retirement he has been engaged in the manufacture of dynamite, and is now Vice-President and Treasurer of the Hecla Powder Company, 239 Broadway, New York, and is also Treasurer of several other important corporations.

WALTER C. HUMSTONE,

SENIOR WARDEN, AND W. M. ELECT, OF ANGLO-SAXON LODGE
No. 137.

It would seem strange to the uninitiated that a man with such large and extensive business connections, and great responsibilities, could find time to meet the claims and obligations imposed by masonry, but when these were assumed by Bro. Humstone he fully realized the important step he was taking, and determined to devote a certain portion of his time, as well as his means, to strengthen the brotherhood and maintain

the principles of our Order. He was entered, passed and raised in Anglo-Saxon Lodge, in 1874; served as S. M. C. in 1875. For ten years following he was absent from home most of the time on business, and unable to take an active part in the work of the Lodge. In 1886 he again entered upon the work with the same zeal and enthusiasm that characterized his entrance into the Order. At the annual election in December, 1886, he was elected Senior Warden and the following year was re-elected. At the annual election in December, 1888, he was unanimously elected Worshipful Master, the ability and devotion displayed by him as Senior Warden justly entitling him to a seat in the East. He was exalted in Constellation Chapter No. 209, R. A. M., but has given little attention to capitulary masonry.

Bro. Humstone was born in the old town of Esopus, Ulster County, N. Y., June 1st, 1849. With no other educational advantages than those afforded by the public school, he started on his upward career as messenger boy in a telegraph office, his first connection being with the New York-Albany-Buffalo Telegraph Co. [since absorbed by the Western Union], at their office in Poughkeepsie. He soon became a skillful operator, and in 1866 came to New York as night operator at the old 30th Street Station of the Hudson River Railroad, and subsequently became Manager of the Brooklyn office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, in 1868-9; he then entered the service of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company, as Manager of the New York office. In 1875 he went West as Superintendent in the same Company, at Cleveland and Chicago, remaining until winter of 1879, when he returned to New York and was for six months connected with the Bell Telephone Company as General Superintendent. The same year he renewed his connection with the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company, as General Superintendent, continuing during 1879-80. Soon after the consolidation of this Company with the Western Union, in 1880, he received practical testimony to his ability and discretion by the appointment to special service in connection with the American Cable Company in Europe, and to other important service in America, all of which he rendered with gratifying prudence, industry and success.

In February, 1883, he was appointed to his present responsible position as Superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company, with headquarters at New York.

In addition to his duties as Supt. of the Western Union, he has several other connections of a similar character. He is General Manager of the Adirondack, Lake George and Saratoga Telegraph Company, Vice-President of the Commercial Telegraph Company and American District Telegraph Company, both of Troy; President of the Eastern District Messenger

Company, President of the Brooklyn District Telegraph Company, Limited; and of the District Telegraph and Messenger Co. of Connecticut. He is also a Director in a number of other companies. He first became a resident of Brooklyn in 1867, and, after several years' absence, took up his permanent abode here in 1880. In 1872 he married Miss Mary Millard, daughter of Luther G. Millard, Esq., of Pittsfield, Mass. One child, a daughter, was born to them; since deceased.

HON. JOSEPH ASPINALL,

SENIOR WARDEN OF ANGLO-SAXON LODGE 137.

If, in his masonic connections, Bro. Aspinall exhibits the same ambition, pluck and energy that has characterized his public career, it will not be long before his influence will be felt throughout the State, and he will be called to fill a higher position than an officer of the Blue Lodge. The energy and zeal exhibited during his brief masonic experience, coupled with his rapid promotion, betoken a brilliant career for the future. He took upon himself the obligation of a Master Mason in this Lodge, in February, 1887. He was soon after called to fill the chair of Senior Deacon, as *pro tem.*, and became so proficient in the work that, at the annual election in December following, he was elected Junior Warden, an event of rare occurrence. He was exalted the following year in Constellation Chapter No. 209, R. A. M., and took all the degrees in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite up to the 32d. He is connected with the Aurora Grata Consistory, Brooklyn.

Bro. Aspinall was born in Brooklyn, June 9, 1854. He was educated in the rudimentary branches at Public School No. 25, and was prepared for college at a private school on High street. He entered Columbia College, and was graduated in the class of 1875. During his collegiate course he read law with his uncle, W. H. Hollis, Esq., of Brooklyn. He was admitted to practice at the General Term of Court held at Poughkeepsie in 1875, and soon after became associated with his uncle in Brooklyn. He has been connected with several important cases, and has an extensive practice. He is attorney for the National City Bank of Brooklyn, and acted as attorney for the executors of the will of the late J. D. Studwell, President of the Bank. In 1880 he represented Long Island heirs of the Hyde estate, in the Court of Chancery, London, England. He has taken a prominent part in politics, and is one of the most active and earnest workers of the Republican party in the 11th Assembly District. In 1887 he was nominated for the Legislature, and elected by 1344 majority over his Democratic opponent, James P. Graham. He served on the Committee on General Laws, Committee on Charitable Institutions, Petition of Aliens, and

Joint Library Committee. He is faithful to his constituents; rendered effective service to his party during the legislative session of 1887-8. Was a delegate to the Republican State Convention held at Richfield Springs in 1882, and also a delegate to Republican State Convention held at Buffalo, from 11th Assembly District, in May, 1888. He was President of the Garfield Club for two years; he is a member of the Kings County General Committee; he is at present a member of the Young Men's Republican Club, and of the Brooklyn Republican League, and for three years Secretary of the Irving Literary Society of Brooklyn. Bro. Aspinall is of medium stature, of fine personal appearance, wiry, active, possesses social qualifications that attract others to him. He is very popular, both in political and social circles.

H. A. MORSE, TREASURER OF ANGLO-SAXON LODGE.

Bro. H. A. Morse, a brother of the present Master, is equally zealous and earnest in efforts to maintain the reputation that Anglo-Saxon Lodge has hitherto borne. He came into the Lodge as an Entered Apprentice in the early part of 1882, and was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on February 20th following. Served one year as Master of Ceremonies, and was elected Treasurer in 1886, and re-elected the two succeeding years, still holding the same position. He was recently exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209, of Brooklyn. He has a just appreciation of the principles of symbolic masonry, and is an honor to the Fraternity as well as to Anglo-Saxon Lodge, whose members entertain for him the warmest affection and regard.

Bro. Morse was born in Leominster, Mass., February 1, 1842. He had hardly completed his education when, led by a sense of duty and patriotism, he offered his services to his country to assist in suppressing the rebellion. He enlisted in 1861, in the 15th Regiment, Mass. Vols., and was afterwards transferred to the 21st Regiment, Mass. Vols., as Commissary Sergeant. After completing his term of service he re-enlisted in the 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery, and served with honor and distinction to the close of the war, participating in some of the most important engagements, notably those of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. At the close of the war he was engaged for some years in the furniture business at Milwaukee, Wis. In 1872 he formed a connection with the Butterick Publishing Co., Ltd., and for several years past has had charge of their extensive manufactory in Brooklyn. He was married soon after his return from the Army, in 1865, to Miss E. M. Clark, of Leominster, Mass. They have only one child. Bro. Morse has a strong affection for his old comrades in arms, and some time ago united with George C. Strong Post No. 534, G. A. R.

W. T. RAMSBOTHAM, SECRETARY.

Bro. Ramsbotham has nearly reached his majority in masonry, though he is one of the youngest-looking veterans in the Third Masonic District. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Anglo-Saxon Lodge, in 1868. He served as Senior Deacon in 1872, Junior Warden in 1873, as Senior Warden in 1879, and was elected Worshipful Master for the year 1880, but declined the proffered honor. Trustee in 1880, 1881 and 1882. He was elected Treasurer in 1883, and at the annual election in December, 1887, was elected Secretary for the ensuing year, and was again elected to the same office in December, 1888. The efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of every position assigned to him by the Lodge is an evidence of his executive ability, and of his willingness to serve his brethren in whatever capacity he could be most useful. He was made a member of the historical committee appointed June 6, 1888, for compiling a history of Anglo-Saxon Lodge, and rendered valuable assistance in the work. Is a member of Constellation Chapter 209.

Bro. Ramsbotham is a native of England, born August 11, 1846. He enjoyed excellent educational advantages, and received a careful training in mercantile affairs. He came with his parents to this country in 1849. He resided in different parts of the country for some years, and finally settled in Brooklyn as a permanent resident in 1866. He formed a connection with the Jessup & Moore Paper Company in 1868, and has remained continuously with this firm for upwards of twenty years. His high moral character, integrity and business capacity are justly appreciated by his employers, as is evidenced by this long and unbroken connection with them. On July 2, 1879, he married Miss Isabel, daughter of the late John P. Hunt, Esq., of Brooklyn. They have two interesting boys.

GEORGE M. HALSEY, SENIOR DEACON.—Record sent to him for correction not returned.

THOMAS J. STEPHENS, JUNIOR DEACON.

With exceedingly limited advantages, Bro. Stephens has carved his way from humble beginnings to a position of responsibility and trust, and owes not a little of his success in life to the teachings of Masonry, by which he learned to "square his actions by the square of virtue," and cultivate those virtues inculcated by our Order, which makes a man an honored and useful citizen as well as a true Craftsman.

Bro. Stephens was born at Columbus, Ohio, March 14, 1861. He left home at the age of twelve years, and came East. He

spent several years of his life on a farm. At the age of twenty he accepted a position in a hardware and furnishing house at Red Bank, N. J. He spent four years in a mercantile house as bookkeeper. In 1886 he was offered a responsible position with the Goodyear India Rubber Glove Mfg. Co., in New York, which he accepted. He became a resident of Brooklyn the same year. His first experience in masonry was at Red Bank, N. J., where he was initiated, passed and raised in Mystic Brotherhood Lodge No. 21, in 1884. He served the first year as Senior Deacon and the second as Junior Warden. He was in a fair way for further promotion, when his business arrangements required him to sever his connection with the Lodge, and on December 5, 1887, he affiliated with Anglo-Saxon Lodge. He was soon after appointed Junior Deacon, to serve for the present year. He was exalted in Constellation Chapter, R. A. M., of Brooklyn, in 1888. He is a member of Red Bank Council No. 984, R. A., in which he served for a time as Chaplain. He was married in 1884, to Miss Mary Allen, of Red Bank, N. J. Two children have been born to them.

WILLIAM CONKLIN.

Bro. Conklin was made a Master Mason in this Lodge February 19, 1863, and on the night following was appointed to fill the vacant chair of Secretary. In December following he was regularly elected to that position, which he held for twenty-three consecutive years. At the close of his twenty-first year he was presented by the brethren with an elegant clock. He was unceasing in his efforts to build up the Lodge, and brought in members who have since become bright and shining lights, among whom was Rt. Wor. Bro. Sherer, a life-long friend and companion. Bro. Conklin was exalted in Orient Chapter No. 138, R. A. M., in which he also served as Secretary for several years. He subsequently affiliated with Constellation Chapter, of which he was made a Life Member. He was a charter member of Ivy Lodge, Knights of Honor; is also a member of U. S. Council No. 1, National Provident Union.

Bro. Conklin was born in Brooklyn, August 31, 1834. He has been for the past twenty-nine years connected with the Brooklyn Gaslight Company.

THOMAS TICE.

There are few Lodges in this State that have been more highly honored in their membership by distinguished men than Anglo-Saxon Lodge, all of whom were filling humble positions in life when they entered its folds. Two of the most important

government positions in New York city, viz., those of Appraiser and Assistant Appraiser of the Port, are filled by members of this Lodge. Bro. Tice is among the few old members left of this Lodge. He affiliated with it in the latter part of 1857. His only ambition was to become a skillful Craftsman, that he might receive wages accordingly, and for nearly thirty-one years he has been true to his obligations, and made a faithful use of the tools of symbolic Masonry, that he might receive the approval of the Great Architect of the Universe, and when he shall have ceased from his labors hear the words "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Bro. Tice was born on Roosevelt street, New York City, January 25, 1821. He attended Taft's school in Elizabeth street, under the old Bowery Church. He followed the business of sign painting for about fifteen years, and then went into the jewelry business. In 1865 he was taken into partnership with his brother; in 1870 bought out his brother and continued the business for several years. In 1887 he was appointed Assistant Appraiser of the Port of New York by President Cleveland, a position he has filled with great satisfaction to the business community as well as his associates. His long experience and methodical habits, his strict integrity and high business standing, were among the qualifications that eminently fitted him for the appointment. He was married in 1843 to Miss Margaret Quinn of New York. Eleven children have been born to them, only five of whom are now living. Bro. Tice became a resident of Brooklyn in 1855, and has remained there most of the time for the past thirty-three years. He was a member of the old Volunteer Fire Department, and was attached to Engine No. 12.

FRANK ARNOLD.

Twenty years ago Bro. Arnold was among the most active, earnest and energetic members of Anglo-Saxon Lodge, but having subsequently changed his residence to another State he was unable to attend the regular Communications. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the same evening with Bro. Skinner, March 3, 1865. He was elected Junior Warden in 1866-7-8 and Senior Warden in 1869. He was an efficient officer, a skillful workman, and had many warm personal friends in Anglo-Saxon Lodge, who regretted the necessity of his removal to another State. He was exalted in Constellation Chapter No. 209, R. A. M.

Bro. Arnold was born in Burlington, N. J., Oct. 15th, 1839, but removed early in life with his parents to Providence, R. I., thence to Brooklyn in 1847, where he completed his education and soon after became connected with his father in the dry goods commission business in New York city, first as clerk

and for eight years as partner, continuing until 1869. He then spent nearly two years in traveling abroad and in 1871 formed a connection with the house of Cheney Bros., silk manufacturers, where he still continues.

He was married in 1871 to Miss Augusta Baldwin, of Orange, N. J.

Bro. Arnold is descended from one of the old Rhode Island families who have been conspicuous in the history of that State during the past century. He is a true type of an honest, upright Craftsman, possessed of many social virtues that endear him to those who enjoy his acquaintance. He is a man of fine personal appearance, courteous and manly in his bearing, and of a frank, open, generous nature.

DR. DAVID S. SKINNER.

Bro. Skinner's Masonic birth took place in Anglo-Saxon Lodge, March 23, 1865, at which time he was raised to the sublimed degree of Master Mason. He was quite active in the Lodge for the first few years, serving as Senior Deacon and filling temporarily other prominent positions. He was a skillful workman and popular with the brethren; other interests, however, prevented his continuance as an active member. He is now a Life Member of the Lodge. He was exalted in Gate of the Temple Chapter No. 208, R. A. M., in 1872, was Knighted in Palestine Commandery, K. T., in 1876, joined Mecca Temple of the Mystic Shrine in 1884, and received all the degrees in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the 33d, in Cerneau Consistory. He is also a member of Principle Lodge No. 170, I. O. O. F., of Brooklyn, and of Nassau Council, Order of United Friends. He has been a Director in the Masonic Mutual Benefit Association for the past fifteen years. He is Chaplain of Fort Greene Council No. 1048, Royal Arcanum; also a member of the Royal Arcanum Club at 163 Livingston street.

Bro. Skinner was born in Brooklyn, Oct. 20th, 1844. His rudimentary education was received in the public school; he was then sent to Yonkers, under the tuition of Lyman Cobb, author of the standard spelling book. He completed his education at Grammar School No. 17, of New York. He soon after became associated with his father, one of the oldest and most prominent dentists in Brooklyn, and subsequently succeeded him in his extensive practice. He is a member of the Brooklyn Dental Society and of the Second District Dental Association. He was excessively fond of military tactics and spent a great deal of time in drill practice with Colonel Ellsworth, of Zouave celebrity. Soon after the breaking out of the war he joined 1st Company, Seventh Regiment, N. Y. S. M. He also assisted in raising a company of the famous New York Legion. He served for

some time in the Quartermaster's Department in the Shenandoah Valley, where he saw much active service. On his return he resumed his connection with the Seventh Regiment and was elected color sergeant. He served with the Seventh in the Draft riots of 1863 and in the Orange riot of 1871; he was highly complimented in a letter from his Company on the latter occasion. He received the Medal of Honor for eleven years consecutive service in the Regiment and was elected a Life Member of the Veteran Association. He took part in the ceremonies of mounting the Bolivar statue in 1884, in which the Seventh bore a large portion of the expense, and Bro. Skinner, among others, was presented with an elegant badge and diploma by the Government of Venezuela, conferring on him the Order of the Bust of the Liberator, it being the highest honor in the gift of that Government. He still retains his military connections. He is a member of the Old Guard of New York, an *Honorary Member* of the "Ancient and Honorable Artillery" Company of Boston, also of the Boston Tigers and the Providence Light Infantry, of Rhode Island. He is also a member of the Kemble Dramatic Association and was trustee for several years.

He was married in 1878 to Miss Effie Crissey, daughter of Wm. V. Crissey, a prominent wholesale druggist of New York city. Bro. Skinner is still in the prime of life, a man of fine commanding appearance and military bearing, genial and courteous in his demeanor, frank, open-hearted, and generous to a fault. He is a frequent contributor to the social and dramatic periodicals; a journalist of acknowledged ability.

GEORGE PUTNAM MERRILL.

During his early Masonic career Bro. Geo. P. Merrill was a faithful laborer in Anglo-Saxon Lodge and a regular attendant at its stated communications, and while he willingly performed every duty assigned him, filling temporarily different offices in the Lodge, he was strongly adverse to holding any official position. He was raised June 8th, 1865, by Wor. Bro. Gladding. He still cherishes the strongest affection for his alma mater, and the many brethren who was associated with him at that time. While not a frequent attendant he is a ready and willing contributor to any enterprise, benevolent or otherwise, that concerns Anglo-Saxon Lodge, or the Fraternity in general. He was exalted in Constellation Chapter No. 209, R. A. M., and took an active interest for some years.

Bro. Merrill is of Scotch descent. Three brothers of this name came from Scotland early in the seventeenth century and settled in Newburyport, Mass.

On his maternal side he is connected with the famous Gen. Israel Putnam, of revolutionary fame, from whom he is named.



LIEUT. COM'R. HENRY H. GORRINGE, U. S. N.

INITIATED, PASSED AND RAISED IN ANGLO-SAXON LODGE

NO. 137. IN 1866. CONTINUING UNTIL HIS DECEASE.

Bro. Merrill is a native of Southampton, N. H., born Sept. 26th, 1839. He came with his parents to Brooklyn in early childhood, where he received a liberal education. At the age of sixteen he commenced his business career as a clerk in the dry goods commission business. For the past ten years he has been a partner in the house of W. C. Langley & Co., the oldest dry goods firm in New York city. He has been a resident of Brooklyn from his childhood up. He was a popular member of the Volunteer Fire Department, and was foreman of Atlantic Hose Company No. 1. He has been for the past twelve years a member of the Board of Trustees of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Volunteer Fire Department. He is a member of the Brooklyn Club and several other social organizations of this city.

HENRY H. GORRINGE.

Bro. Henry H. Gorringe, formerly Lieutenant-Commander in the United States Navy, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Anglo-Saxon Lodge, June 14th, 1866. He was born at Barbadoes, West Indies, in 1842 and was the son of a clergyman of the Church of England, who immediately after taking his degree at Oxford went there and married the daughter of a fellow clergyman. Their son had the best education that the island afforded. He commenced a seafaring life at the age of fourteen and at the age of nineteen was chief mate on a New York ship and was soon after promoted to be captain.

When the war broke out he entered the U. S. Navy, from New York as a volunteer acting master's mate. He served through the war in the Mississippi squadron, was in all the fighting under Farragut and was three times promoted for gallantry in action. At the close of the war he commanded the steamer Memphis for a couple of years and in 1868 he was made a regular officer of the navy, with the rank of Lieutenant-Commander, and stationed at the New York Navy Yard. From 1869 to 1871 he commanded the Portsmouth, and was attached to the South Atlantic squadron. From this duty he was called to Washington and for four years, from 1872 to 1876, he was attached to the Hydrographic Office. At his own request he was sent on the Gettysburg on special service in the Mediterranean.

When Mr. William H. Vanderbilt determined to secure for his native city the gift of the Khedive of Egypt, by paying the expense of transporting the Obelisk to New York, he selected Lieut-Commander Gorringe, who was recommended by the Navy Department, as a proper person. Commander Gorringe being unable to charter a suitable vessel here for the enterprise purchased the steamer Dessong, then in the Egyptian mail service, and altered her to suit the purpose. After many difficulties and

much opposition from foreigners he at last succeeded in getting the Obelisk on board, which was safely landed here on July 20, 1880. He was received with distinguished honors by the Masonic Fraternity, led by his own Lodge, and participated in the laying of the corner-stone.

Subsequently a difficulty occurred between him and Secretary Chandler, owing to some remarks made by Commander Gorringe in reference to free ships. This led to his resignation and shortly after he appeared as the organizer and manager of the American Shipbuilding Company, which leased the Philadelphia and Reading Shipbuilding Yards, near Philadelphia. Operations were continued for five years but did not prove a success.

Bro. Gorringe died in the Benedict apartment house on Washington Square, New York city, July 6th, 1885, from spinal disease, caused by an accident some months previous in jumping from a moving train of cars. His remains were taken to Rockland cemetery, at Piermont, on the banks of the Hudson, where the simple white obelisk which marks his last resting place is plainly visible in passing up or down the river.

AUGUSTUS K. SLOAN.

Twenty years ago there were few members of Anglo-Saxon Lodge who took a deeper interest in its welfare or enjoyed a greater degree of popularity than Bro. Sloan. He was raised on Sept. 6th, 1866, by W.: Bro. N. Gladding, from whom he received his first instructions in masonry. He served as Treasurer in 1874-5; as Junior Warden in 1877-8; the following year he was nominated for Master and elected on three successive ballots, but positively declined from his inability to devote the requisite time; he then nominated W.: D. I. Walden, who was elected Master for the fourth time. He was exalted in Constellation Chapter No. 209, R. A. M., where he served two years as Scribe. He was Knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T.; he ascended to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, is a member of Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Aurora Grata Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Aurora Grata Chapter, of Rose Croix, Consistory of New York city, Northern Jurisdiction; in the Council of Princes of Jerusalem he is Junior Grand Warden.

Bro. Sloan is a native of Cleveland, Ohio; born Sept. 3, 1838. He removed in childhood with his parents to Syracuse, N. Y., and attended school until he was twelve years of age. He was employed for a short time in a fancy goods store. He came to New York in 1854 and entered the employ of Carter, Pierson & Hale, jewelers; he served them faithfully for thirteen years and in 1867 he was received into the firm as a partner. Changes have taken place in the firm and it is now Carter,

Sloan & Co., located at 15 Maiden Lane, New York. He is a member and was formerly President of the Jewelers' League; he was Treasurer of the Jewelers' Association for seven years, now Vice-President; and is also First Vice-President of the Jewelers' Security Alliance. He has been twice married; his first wife deceased in 1878, leaving four children. In 1881 he married Miss Mary A. E. Cromwell, of Skaneateles, N. Y. He has one child by his second wife. Bro. Sloan became a resident of Brooklyn in 1864; he was for several years connected with the Volunteer Fire Department, New York city, as a member of Hose Company No. 38. At the breaking out of the war he joined the famous Ninth Regiment, a member of G Company. Before being sworn in business engagements compelled him to withdraw and another man gladly took his place, to whom Bro. Sloan gave his uniform. The man was killed in one of the early engagements and the family of the deceased soldier returned the uniform to Bro. Sloan, who has preserved it as an interesting relic.

E. A. WILLARD.

Bro. Willard has passed his twenty-first birthday as a Master Mason, having entered Anglo-Saxon Lodge a few weeks after he reached his majority. He completed his journey o'er the rugged paths and was furnished with the workingtools of a Master Mason on Nov. 7th, 1867, since which time he has made a faithful use of all the tools of symbolic or speculative masonry; spreading the cement of brotherly love with a free and skillful hand, meriting the Master's approval of "Well done good and faithful servant." He continued his journey in search of further light in Masonry and was soon after exalted in Constellation Chapter R. A. M. Another important event took place the same year of his taking the Royal Arch degree, viz., his marriage to Miss Caroline Sands, a representative of one of the old families of Long Island. Kind Fortune blessed their union with eight children which has caused the hearts of the parents to expand and increase their field of usefulness.

Both the paternal and maternal ancestors of Bro. Willard were among the earliest and most prominent settlers of Massachusetts. His maternal ancestor was LeBaron, who came over on the Mayflower. On his paternal side he is connected with some of the most distinguished families of the Commonwealth. His paternal grandfather was Governor Bradford, of Massachusetts. Through many generations the family escutcheon has remained untarnished.

Bro. Willard is a native of Brooklyn, born May 28th, 1846. He was educated at the Polytechnic Institute and subsequently traveled with his tutor, with whom he completed his

education. He engaged for a time as railroad engineer, but mercantile pursuits proving more attractive he entered the large grocery house of Sturges, Bennett & Co., with whom he remained three years. In 1866 he started in the same line of business on his own account, which he has conducted successfully ever since. In addition to his regular business he recently organized the Oriental and Occidental Tea Company, Limited, of which he is President, the object being to introduce a finer and more select grade of teas. Under his able management this has also proved a successful enterprise. He inherits from his New England ancestry the push, energy and enterprise which characterize that people. His Cosmopolitan training has given him more enlarged views of life and expanded his heart as well as his mental faculties.

G. W. RUMBOLD.

No Brother of Anglo-Saxon Lodge has a more just appreciation of the obligations and teachings of Masonry than Brother Rumbold. They have become to him "a lamp to his feet and a guide to his path," and have had a marked influence on his daily life and his business career. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in this Lodge, October 13th, 1870, and during his eighteen years of service no one can question his fidelity and honor as a Craftsman. He has contributed his share to the support of the Lodge and to all worthy objects. His ear is quick to hear and his heart to respond to the appeals of distressed worthy brothers. He was exalted in Orient Chapter No. 138, R. A. M., but has since dimitted, believing that the teachings of Blue Lodge Masonry were amply sufficient for his guide and practice. He is a member of the Masonic Mutual Insurance Company, of Brooklyn, and formerly represented Anglo-Saxon Lodge as a director in that institution.

Bro. Rumbold was born in London, England, January 13th, 1833, where he received a good common school education. He learned the business of wall paper manufacture and decoration. He came to this country in 1854, settled in Brooklyn and continued in the same business. He removed to New Brunswick, N. J., in 1860, where he remained until 1869, and then returned to Brooklyn. In February, 1869, he started in business for himself, first as a manufacturer of wall papers and decorations, which he finally limited to wall decorations. For the past nineteen years he has met with unvarying success, and never had his paper dishonored. It is not owing to what some men call "luck" but the application of strict business principles, good judgment, careful management, and in the daily application of the "golden rule" in his transactions with his fellow-men. He was married in 1857 to Miss Elizabeth E.

Smith, of Brooklyn. Out of five children that were born to them four are still living. His eldest son was taken into partnership with him in 1884, and will doubtless soon follow in his father's footsteps by seeking that "light and knowledge" that has illuminated the pathway of his father for many years, and has become a source of comfort to him after passing the meridian of life.

E. G. SHELDON.

Of those who have contributed their time, their money, and their talents to Anglo-Saxon Lodge none have been more faithful and consistent than Bro. Sheldon. The symbols of masonry possessed for him a peculiar charm, and have exercised a potent influence on his life and conduct. Whether at home or abroad he has never failed to recognize his obligations as a Craftsman and to minister to the wants of worthy distressed brethren. He took his Entered Apprentice's degree in Anglo-Saxon Lodge in the fall of 1871. As he was about leaving home on important business a special dispensation was granted by the Grand Master to enable him to take his Fellowcraft and Master Mason's degrees on the same evening. These were conferred on the evening of Nov. 11th, 1871.

Bro. Sheldon is a native of Brooklyn, born Nov. 29th, 1840. He received his knowledge of the rudimentary branches at the public school and completed his education at Fruit Hill Classical Institute, of North Providence, R. I., in 1856. His first business experience was with the firm of Dearborn, Winnie & Sheldon (the latter being an uncle of his) of New York. After an experience of two years he became connected with the provision house of R. H. Anderson, continuing until the latter closed business in 1867. He then made a trip to the east coast of Africa, where he was connected with the house of Arnold, Hines & Co., the latter of whom was a member of Anglo-Saxon Lodge. After a two years residence in the tropics he returned to New York, where he was for three years connected with the New York Custom House as broker. He was offered a lucrative position with Messrs. Andrew Clerk & Co., manufacturers of and dealers in fishing tackle, etc. The firm was succeeded by Abbey & Imbrie, with whom he still remains. He was married in 1872 to Miss Harriet E. Kennedy, of Brooklyn. In his younger days he was connected with the old volunteer fire department; was attached to Atlantic Hose No. 1, of which he was assistant foreman.

R. B. ATTERBURY.

Bro. R. B. Atterbury is an hereditary Mason; both his grandfather and father having been members of the Fraternity,

the record of the two combined covering a period of nearly seventy years, the latter being still a member of Anglo-Saxon Lodge. Bro. Atterbury had "line upon line and precept upon precept" and became thoroughly imbued with the principles of speculative Masonry long before he entered a Lodge. He first joined Orion Lodge No. 717 by initiation, about 1875, where he served as Master of Ceremonies, also as Junior Warden. He affiliated with Anglo-Saxon Lodge, June 2, 1879, and served one year as Junior Warden in 1881. A pressure of business for several years past has prevented him from assuming further responsibilities in the Lodge, although urged by his friends to assist in the work. He is a capable workman, a skillful Craftsman, a true and faithful Brother, who accepts the teachings of Masonry and makes it his guide and practice in his daily life.

Bro. R. B. Atterbury was born in New York city, Oct. 8th, 1846. He removed to Brooklyn in early childhood with his parents and was educated at public school No. 1. He commenced his business career as a boy with H. M. C. & M. Hulbert, in the paper business. He remained with them for nine years and in the fall of 1870 he started for himself in the same business. He built up an extensive trade and became a successful competitor of his former employers. In 1876 he took his brother into partnership under the firm name of Atterbury Bros. This is now one of the best known and most successful houses in the trade. Bro. Atterbury was married in 1874 to Miss Frances P. Kirby of Brooklyn. He has a family of three children. Bro. Atterbury has devoted most of his leisure time to Blue Lodge Masonry. The only other order with which he is connected is that of the American Legion of Honor. He has been a member of Stella Council No. 400 for several years.

CHARLES F. LUSCH.

Bro. Lusch is one of the most promising young members of Anglo-Saxon Lodge; full of enthusiasm, with an excessive fondness for Masonic literature, ambitious, earnest and persevering; he has already reached nearly the topmost ladder in the higher Orders of Masonry. He took his Entered Apprentice's degree in 1883, and was made a Master Mason on September 3d of that year. He was exalted in Constellation Chapter No. 209, entered Brooklyn Council R. & S. M., was Knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 14, passed to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, is connected with Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Aurora Grata Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Aurora Grata Chapter Rose Croix and New York Consistory, Northern Jurisdiction. He "crossed the burning sands" in Mecca Temple of the Mystic Shrine, subsequently dimitted and

assisted in organizing Kismet Temple, of Brooklyn, thus becoming a charter member. His business calls him from home a portion of the year thus preventing him from accepting any official position, for which he is well qualified and to which his associates would gladly elevate him. He is a member of only one of the numerous Benevolent Orders, viz., Winona Council No. 905, A. L. of H.

Bro. Lusch was born in Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 25th, 1851, where he received a thorough education in the rudimentary branches. He started on his business career in 1865 as a clerk in the boot and shoe house of Allen & Awl, Columbus. He came East in 1870, and was for three or four years with E. D. Burt & Co., of Brooklyn, and afterwards with a large Newark house. In 1878 he became connected with the house of Hagan & Son, of N. Y., in the same business, where he still continues. In 1876 he married Miss Eva M. Dix, a niece of Rt. Wor. Bro. Sherer, of Anglo-Saxon Lodge, and a granddaughter of Chas. A. Dix, who was a prominent Mason in Vernon, Oneida Co., this State, sixty years ago, during the "anti-masonry" excitement, when for a man to openly avow himself a Mason, did it at the risk of social and political ostracism, yet this distinguished brother remained steadfast and immovable and died as he had lived, faithful to the Craft. With such memories and such surroundings as are associated with the married life of Bro. Lusch it would be strange indeed if he did not become thoroughly imbued with the teachings of Masonry.

JOHN G. LUSCH.

Like his brother Charles F., who is also a member of Anglo-Saxon Lodge, Bro. Lusch is a close student of Masonic history, to which he has devoted considerable time and attention. He was brought to light in Masonry in this Lodge on Sept. 17th, 1883. His quickness of perception, his retentive memory and knowledge acquired, are qualifications that fit him for office, but his frequent absence from home has prevented him from active participation in the work of the Lodge. His interest in Capitular is even greater than that of Blue Lodge Masonry. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209, was dubbed and Knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T.; "crossed the burning sands" in Mecca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; he dimitted from the latter and was among the first to join Kismet Temple, of Brooklyn, after its organization.

Bro. Lusch was born at Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 25th, 1853. After a thorough education in the rudimentary branches he took a course of study in Bryant & Stratton's Business College. He

commenced his business career as a boy in the boot and shoe house of Allen & Awl. After a few years in the shoe business he went into a dry goods store, continuing for five or six years. He gave up business to take part in the political campaign, in which he displayed great executive ability and was spoken of in the highest terms by Senator Sherman and other leading men of the Republican party, as well as by the press of his native State. He was Financial Secretary for the Republican State Committee for six years. He was appointed Chief Clerk to the Railroad Commissioner of Ohio under General Robinson. He afterwards became connected with the office of Secretary of State, serving under two different administrations, viz., those of Secretary Barnes and Secretary Townsend. He filled the position of statistician. He discharged the several duties to which he was assigned with great ability and won for himself hosts of friends by his courteous demeanor and upright conduct.

He came to New York in 1881 and formed a connection with the wholesale boot and shoe trade as traveling salesman, where he has continued ever since. In March of the present year he formed a life partnership with Miss Hannah Sherer, an estimable young lady of South Montrose, Penn.

GEO. B. BRIGGS.

Bro. Briggs, like some other brethren who have become skillful Craftsmen, found more Masonry in the work of the Middle Chamber than in either of the other degrees, and he attained considerable local celebrity in the interior counties of this State for his work as Senior Deacon. He was "brought to light" in Naples Lodge No. 133 (charter since surrendered), January 20, 1871, while a resident of that town. About a year following he affiliated with Rushville Lodge No. 377, and served two years as its Senior Deacon. He did not do his work by proxy, but by careful study and due preparation he became very proficient, and was frequently called on by sister Lodges to assist in working the Second degree. He was elected Senior Warden of Rushville Lodge, but, as he left the place soon after, he rendered no service in that capacity. He affiliated with Anglo-Saxon Lodge December 19, 1881. His business engagements have prevented his taking an active interest in the work. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Mount Vernon Chapter No. 228; created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Bethlehem Commandery No. 137, of Mount Vernon, N. Y. He is a member of West River Lodge No. 237, A. O. U. W.; and was its charter master, also a member of the North Western Masonic Insurance Company.

Bro. Briggs was born in Naples, Ontario County, N. Y., July 13, 1847. He received a thorough academic education, and was principal of Union Schools in Yates and Steuben counties for ten years. On Dec. 26, 1871—the same year of his masonic birth—he was married to Miss Ella M., daughter of Rev. J. W. Putnam, of the West Genessee M. E. Conference. He came to New York in 1876, and was for two years connected with the subscription department of the *New York World*. He gave up his position on the *World* to accept the position of manager of the advertising department of the *Rural New Yorker*. On August 10, 1885, he became connected with the Orange Judd Publishing Company, as manager of the advertising department of the *American Agriculturist*, and has since been admitted as a member of the firm.

In the several positions he has held he has displayed great executive ability. In addition thereto his affable manners and pleasing address, with a large share of the milk of human kindness with which nature endowed him, have conduced largely to his success in life.

THOMAS S. JUBE, JR.

To become a skillful Craftsman, and to make a right and proper use of the tools of symbolic masonry, is the extent of Bro. Jube's ambition. He has many warm friends, however, in Anglo-Saxon Lodge, who honor him for his manly, noble qualities and generous nature. He can never turn a deaf ear to the appeals of worthy distressed brethren, nor refuse the solicitations from his own Lodge for the aid and support of any worthy object. He was raised on February 15, 1886, and received his instruction in the use of the working tools of a Craftsman from Wor. Bro. P. H. Bowne. He continued his journey in search of further light, and was exalted in Constellation Chapter No. 209, R. A. M., in 1887-8, and was soon after Knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T. It is his purpose to pursue his journey still further, until he shall have acquired a thorough knowledge of all the mysteries of the higher orders of Masonry.

As a business man Bro. Jube is a success; driving, pushing, energetic, he has distanced most of his competitors in his line of trade. He was born in New York City, March 12, 1858; was educated in the rudimentary branches at public school, and completed his education at the College of the City of New York. He entered at once upon mercantile career, as clerk in a banking house. In 1884 he formed a connection with H. McCrossan, under the firm of H. McCrossan & Co., in the general merchandise and fancy goods business, he (Bro. Jube) furnishing the capital for the same. He dissolved business with his partner

at the close of 1887, and started on his own account. With the pluck, energy and ambition that have always characterized him, he has great promise of a successful career.

G. H. RICHARDSON.

The grandfather of Bro. Richardson was a prominent Mason in Rhode Island, and Secretary of St. John's Lodge No. 1, of Providence, R. I. During the "anti-masonry" excitement in 1827-8 his house was approached by a body of these anti-masons, who demanded the charter of the Lodge. He quietly loaded his pistols, and, taking deliberate aim at the intruders, threatened to shoot the first man who crossed his threshold. Believing that "discretion was the better part of valor," they withdrew without further "*persuasion*."

Profiting by the example of his worthy grandfather, Bro. G. H. Richardson made application to the same Lodge for membership soon after he reached his majority, and was received in due and ancient form. He was exalted in Providence Chapter, R. A. M.; was Knighted in St. John's Commandery, K. T., No. 1, of Providence. He subsequently dimitted from St. John's Blue Lodge, and on June 6, 1887, affiliated with Anglo-Saxon Lodge. He also affiliated with Clinton Commandery of Brooklyn. He is a 32d degree member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, comprising Rose Croix Chapter, Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and Lodge of Perfection, of Brooklyn, New York Consistory, Northern Jurisdiction. He crossed the burning sands in Mecca Temple of the Mystic Shrine, but subsequently affiliated with Kismet Temple of Brooklyn. He is also a member of Aurora Grata Club, and of the North Western Masonic Insurance Company.

Bro. Richardson was born in Providence, R. I., August 21, 1848. He received a thorough education in the rudimentary branches, and afterwards served two years' apprenticeship in the drug business. He then became associated with his father in the manufacturing jewelry business, which had been established for many years, under the firm name of J. W. Richardson & Co., at Providence, R. I. On his father's death he succeeded the latter, continuing the business under the same name, while other changes had taken place. He removed to New York in 1869, and has remained most of the time at his present location, No. 196 Broadway. Bro. Richardson was married in 1879 to Miss Hattie C. Winter, of Oswego, N. Y. Though having no ambition for office, he is an enthusiast in masonry, and most of his leisure time is spent in perfecting himself in the work.

MARCELLUS C. SHATTUCK.

Bro. Shattuck, though still in the prime of life, is a veteran in a two-fold sense: a veteran of the war and a veteran in Masonry. He has passed his twentieth year in the latter, having been raised in Hiram Lodge, Arlington, Mass., on June 18th, 1868. In January, 1885, he joined Seawanhaka Lodge No. 678, by affiliation, and served as Chaplain in 1886; and on June 20th, 1887, he joined Anglo-Saxon Lodge No. 137, by affiliation, and in the following December was elected Trustee. He enjoys the confidence and esteem of his brethren, and his honorable record, both as a brother Mason and a patriot, entitle him to a place in the annals of the Lodge.

Bro. Shattuck is descended from one of the early settlers of Massachusetts; was born in East Cambridge, Mass., on January 5th, 1843, and enjoyed the usual educational advantages of New England boys. At the age of sixteen he became a clerk in a country store in New Hampshire, and three years later was fighting the battles of his country. He enlisted in B Company, 13th New Hampshire Vols., on August 14th, 1862, for three years, or during the war; went with his regiment to Washington, and was soon after in the front ranks of the 9th Army Corps, under fire. He took part in the first Battle of Fredericksburg, in December, 1862; the Siege of Suffolk, in April and May, 1863; and the Raid on Hanover Court House, in June, 1863. He was with the 18th Army Corps in the opening of the campaign in 1864, and participated in the fight at Port Walthal, Drury's Bluff, and a number of smaller engagements up to May 28th. On June 1st, 1864, he joined Grant's forces at Cold Harbor, and took part in that memorable engagement in which his regiment suffered a loss of nearly one-half of its numbers. His regiment, with the 18th Army Corps, led the advance on Petersburg, when Grant crossed the James river, and carried and held the enemy's main line until Grant came up with his forces. He took part in the Explosion of the Mine at Petersburg, on July 30th, and in the following September crossed the James river, and was engaged in the attack on Fort Harrison, which was carried at the point of the bayonet. On April 3d, 1865, his regiment was the first to enter Richmond. He enlisted as a private, was promoted to Sergeant, Sergeant-Major, and in May, 1865, was commissioned First Lieutenant. In December, 1864, Major-General John Gibbon issued an order granting a furlough of twenty days to the best soldier in each of the three divisions of the 24th Army Corps. Bro. Shattuck received the first furlough granted under this order, having passed the best inspection in his—the 3d—Division. This was considered no small compliment in a Division of over six thousand men, comprising about twenty regiments. He is a member of B. F. Mid-

dleton Post No. 500, G.A.R., of Brooklyn, and was Commander in 1886 and 1887. At the close of the war he returned to New Hampshire, and remained there about two years and a half; from there he went to Boston, and came to New York in 1868, being engaged for a time in the produce business. In 1875 he became connected with the house of E. Butterick & Co., for whom he traveled for four years, visiting Europe in 1879. He is at present Superintendent of the office on Fourteenth street. In 1869 he became a resident of Brooklyn, and in 1870 married Miss Emily E. Carleton, of New York. They have two children. He is a man of genial disposition, generous, free-hearted, and possessed of many moral and social virtues.

E. A. SHORTER.

In seeking an entrance into the mysteries of our ancient and noble Craft, Bro. Shorter was influenced by the purest motives, viz., that of benefitting his fellow-men and extending his field of usefulness. His application to Anglo-Saxon Lodge received prompt consideration, and since his entrance he has made a careful study of the emblems and a faithful use of the working tools of symbolic masonry. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, in Anglo-Saxon Lodge, May 16, 1888, and was immediately after appointed Junior Master of Ceremonies. At the annual election in December, 1888, he was re-appointed to the same position.

Bro. Shorter was born in Liverpool, Eng., June 25, 1864, his father being an American-born citizen who married an English lady. He came to this country with his parents two years after his birth, and became a resident of Brooklyn; he was sent to boarding-school and completed his education at Brooklyn public schools. He served two years in a law office, and in 1880 he obtained a position with The Butterick Publishing Co. in a subordinate capacity. By his industry and diligent application to business, he has been promoted at different periods, and is now private secretary to the president of the company.

HISTORY OF JOPPA LODGE 201.

Among the last Lodges warranted in 1850 by the St. John's (or Atwood) Grand Lodge before its final dissolution, was that of Joppa, then known as No. 22. It was instituted by warrant dated July 2, 1850. The minutes of the Lodge do not show who were the charter members, nor give any record of the preliminary efforts or meetings. All that is known of its early history is that it was an offshoot of Lebanon Lodge of New York, one of the Lodges warranted by St. John's Grand Lodge.

The first communication of the Lodge under the original warrant, was held in a room on the corner of Fulton and Orange streets, July 10, 1850. Wor. Chas. S. Wescott presided as Master, and George W. Leeds as Senior Warden. The other offices were apparently filled by officers of the St. John's Grand Lodge, as the same names appear in both, viz.: General Daniel Sickles as Junior Warden, *pro tem.*; Robert McCoy as Treasurer, *pro tem.*; W. H. Arthur, Secretary; J. E. Canning, Senior Deacon; and Elias Combs, Junior Deacon. The next meeting was held in the same place, July 17, with the following officers: Wor. Bro. C. S. Wescott, Master; George Leeds, Senior Warden; M. K. Bridges, Junior Warden; John V. Cole, Junior Deacon; J. W. Canning as Senior Deacon; Bro. Parsons, Treasurer; J. L. Post, Secretary. At this communication Bros. Gurand and Minturn received the Entered Apprentice's and Fellowcraft's degree, and, in connection with Wm. Steele, were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason the same evening. The Lodge continued to hold regular communications through the summer months, working under the St. John's Grand Lodge charter until Oct. 29. At this communication a resolution was adopted that "this Lodge surrender the charter to the M.:W.: St. John's Grand Lodge, and take a charter from the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of the State of New York," etc. Whether this charter was ever surrendered to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York is not known, but it is now in the possession of Joppa Lodge. A new charter was issued by the Grand Lodge of New York, dated Dec. 27, 1850, changing the number from 22 to 201. A meeting was held Dec. 24, 1850, which resulted in the election of the following officers, viz.: George Leeds, Wor. Master; Nicholas L. Petit, Senior Warden; Samuel B. Reade, Junior Warden; George A. Gurand, Treasurer; Jonathan Morrison, Secretary; Bradley Parker and A. Hodge, Deacons; Charles S. Wescott, C. W. Leeds, N. L. Petit, Trustees. Under the new warrant the charter members named were George

Leeds, C. S. Wescott, M. K. Bridges, L. W. Champney, O. A. Roorback, C. W. Atwood and W. H. Arthur.

The first person proposed under the new warrant was Benjamin Handley, who received his E. A. degree January 14, 1851. Arrangements were soon after made with Anglo-Saxon Lodge for the use of their Lodge Room, and the regular communications were held on Tuesday evening of each week. The Lodge increased in numbers and influence, and soon became noted for its deeds of benevolence and charity. Not only were its own needy brethren liberally provided for, but appeals for assistance from other sources were duly considered and responded to. The sum of fifty dollars was donated to the suffering brethren at Norfolk, Va., during the prevalence of the yellow fever scourge in 1855, which was duly acknowledged by the brethren in that locality. Distinguished brethren from abroad have frequently honored Joppa Lodge by their presence; among these were Bro. Santiago Flores, Senior Grand Warden of Peru, who visited the Lodge on the evening of February 25, 1852, and was received with befitting honors, and made an Honorary Member of the Lodge. The public spirit of Joppa Lodge has been manifested on numerous occasions in paying its tributes of respect to the memory of departed Brothers who have been prominent in the councils of the Nation. A special communication was held on the evening of July 19, 1852, in conjunction with Anglo-Saxon Lodge, to take suitable action in regard to the death of the illustrious statesman and patron of Masonry, M. W. Bro. Henry Clay, Past Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky. R. W. Bro. Evans, of Anglo-Saxon Lodge, presided. An invitation from the M. W. Grand Lodge, to take part in the funeral obsequies, was accepted, and arrangements made accordingly. As early as 1852 arrangements were made for a collection of books to form a Masonic Library. A membership fee of \$1 was charged. Considerable interest was awakened among the members, who gladly availed themselves of this opportunity to "improve themselves in Masonry." In November, 1853, R. W. Bro. Robert Morris, of Louisville, Ky., presented to the Lodge a copy of his "Lights and Shadows of Free and Accepted Masonry," and his "Life of the Triangle." A vote of thanks was sent to R. W. Bro. Morris, and he was made an Honorary Member of Joppa Lodge, of which he was duly notified, and responded in appropriate terms. In 1852 a committee was appointed to raise funds for the furnishing of a new Lodge Room. Bro. Richard J. Holms offered to advance the sum of \$600, at seven per cent. interest, to commence operations at once. The next report of the committee was on April 13, 1853, when they reported that the estimated cost would be about \$852. The final report of the trustees, made some time subsequent, showed the total amount expended for furnishing, etc., to be about

\$1,200. On April 19, 1854, the New Hall, on the corner of Court and Joralemon Streets, was formally dedicated by R.: W.: Joseph D. Evans, Deputy Grand Master, assisted by officers of the Grand Lodge. In 1879 the Hall was refitted and refurnished at an expense of \$1,905.19, which was reduced by the sale of old furniture to \$1,750.14. It was again thoroughly renovated in 1888. The Hall has been sub-let for a number of years to other Lodges, thereby yielding an income considerably in excess of the expenses. At the breaking out of the war there were thousands of married men who were willing to volunteer in defense of their country, but were deterred on account of leaving helpless families at home. Joppa Lodge provided for this emergency by a resolution to assume the care and support of the family of any member of Joppa Lodge who should "enlist in defense of the Flag of his Country." The names of at least two brethren of this Lodge who were killed while fighting the battles of the Union are inscribed on the "Roll of Honor;" the first was Bro. John M. Harrington, who was killed on the U. S. frigate Cumberland, in her engagement with the Confederate ram Merrimac, March 8, 1862; the other, Bro. George Mallory, Past Junior Warden of Joppa Lodge, who was killed at the second battle of Bull Run, August 29, 1862, while leading his Company of the gallant Fourteenth Regiment, N. Y. S. M., into battle. The names of these brave patriots are held in sacred remembrance by their brethren. Reference has already been made to the liberality of Joppa Lodge. Bro. Richard Sharp, Secretary, in his Annual Report, Dec. 22, 1875, says: "We have distributed among 118 Brethren of our own Lodge and others; relieved 110 widows and their families, and expended \$11,244.14. In addition to this we have contributed \$1,021.50 toward the Hall and Asylum Fund." Joppa Lodge has not been behind her sister Lodges in her efforts to raise funds to liquidate the enormous debt of the Hall and Asylum Fund, and when the proposition was made in 1887 to relieve the Lodges of their per capita tax by the payment of a certain sum, Joppa was among the first to raise the requisite sum, amounting to over \$1,500. A large portion of this was raised by individual subscriptions, the members responding liberally to the call. When the "Ladies' Executive Committee," composed of Master Masons' wives and daughters of New York and Brooklyn, decided to hold the great Fair at Masonic Temple, New York, in 1887, Joppa Lodge contributed her share toward the enterprise. The total amount contributed for benevolent purposes since the organization of the Lodge, including the amounts paid on the Hall and Asylum Fund, will not come far short of \$20,000. With the exception of Anglo-Saxon Lodge, Joppa has been more highly honored than any of her sister Lodges on Long Island, having been represented at the Grand

Lodge for many years by one of her own sons, in the person of M.: W.: Brother Joseph J. Couch, Past Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, who entered the Grand Lodge as Master of Joppa Lodge, passing through the several chairs until he reached the highest office attainable in Blue Lodge Masonry. To show their appreciation of his great worth and eminent abilities, the Lodge, at a regular communication, held Feb. 4, 1885, adopted the following Preamble and Resolutions by unanimous vote: "Whereas, The members of this Lodge desire to express the love and esteem in which they hold their Brother Joseph J. Couch; clear in judgment, wise in council, forcible and impressive in debate, modest and unassuming in demeanor, of unimpeachable character and strict integrity; we recognize in him a worthy example of a bright and true Mason—a man thoroughly imbued with the principles and virtues of our Craft. He rose step by step, filling all the places of honor, until he adorned the office of Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. After a faithful performance of his duties he laid aside the imperial robes of that exalted position and returned to his alma mater, to again devote himself to her welfare and prosperity. Therefore be it Resolved, That, having elected Most Worshipful Joseph J. Couch a Life Member of Joppa Lodge No. 201 at our last meeting, in recognition of his great worth; It is further resolved, That these Resolutions be spread in full on the minutes, and a copy, suitably engrossed, be presented to our esteemed Brother. Signed by William H. Riley, Samuel G. Higinbotam and Warren S. Archer, Committee." At a regular communication held on April 8, following, these Resolutions, elegantly engrossed and framed, were presented to M.: W.: Bro. Couch by R.: W.: Rufus T. Griggs, with appropriate remarks, which were responded to in a feeling manner by Bro. Couch. The greatest surprise was in store for Bro. Couch when he discovered in the center of the engrossed tablet a portrait of himself, he having no recollection whatever of ever sitting for one. On June 1, 1887, a Preamble and Resolutions were adopted expressive of the sentiments of this Lodge to Santa Rosa Lodge No. 57, of California, for its kindness in having performed the last sad rites to F. G. Lucas, deceased, who had been for many years a member of Joppa Lodge. These were forwarded to Santa Rosa Lodge, and in time evoked a feeling response. Joppa Lodge has participated with her sister Lodges of Brooklyn in the several public ceremonies that have taken place in the last few years of special interest to the Fraternity, notably the laying of the Corner-Stone of the new Masonic Temple, on June 8, 1870; the dedication of the Masonic Temple, on June 2, 1875; the laying of the corner-stone of the Egyptian Obelisk in Central Park, New York, September 8, 1880. The growth of the Lodge has been slow and sure. It

has never permitted any dead or useless material to accumulate; the pruning knife and scalpel have been used freely, and the "weeding-out" process continued from year to year. Nearly thirty members were dropped from the roll on one evening for non-payment of dues. The total membership, as shown by the Grand Lodge Report for June, 1888, was 175.

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF JOPPA LODGE No. 201, FROM JUNE,
1850, TO DECEMBER, 1888.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—Charles S. Wescott, 1850; George Leeds, 1851; Nicholas L. Petit, 1852; Bradley Parker, 1853; Nicholas L. Petit, 1854; Robert Whedden, 1855; Geo. W. Hand, 1856; Charles A. Marvin, 1857; Joseph Wright, 1858; Wm. H. King, 1859; Mordecai A. Briggs, 1860; John B. Harris, 1861; Mordecai A. Briggs, 1862; Joseph J. Couch, 1863; Francis D. Norris, 1864; James Howell, 1865-6-7-8; Joseph J. Couch, 1869-70-71-72; Robert D. Farron, 1873-4; John T. Baxter, 1875; John H. Valentine, 1876-7; Thomas Bell, 1878-9, 1880; Horace A. Hooker, 1881; Wm. H. Riley, 1882-3; Benj. F. Adams, 1884; John Douglass, 1885; James Huggins, 1886-7; Chas. R. Randall, 1888.

SENIOR WARDEN.—George Leeds, 1850; Nicholas Petit, 1851; Samuel B. Rea, 1852; Richard S. Holmes, 1853; Jonathan Morrison, 1854; Geo. W. Hand, 1855; Chas. A. Marvin, 1856; Joseph Wright, 1857; Wm. H. King, 1858; Mordecai A. Briggs, 1859; John B. Harris, 1860; Joseph B. Swalm, 1861; Joseph J. Couch, 1862; Francis D. Norris, 1863; James Howell, 1864; Chas. T. Barnard, 1865; Thos. B. Jackson, 1866-7; Chas. T. Barnard, 1868; John W. Kelsey, 1869; Saml. H. Moore, 1870; Robt. D. Farron, 1871; Godfrey Taylor, 1872; John T. Baxter, 1873; James Huggins, 1874; R. Van Brunt, 1875; Chas. H. Asche, 1876; Thomas Bell, 1877; H. A. Hooker, 1878-9; W. H. Riley, 1880; B. F. Adams, 1881-2; Louis Cuinet, 1883; W. Burton, 1884; Godfrey Taylor, 1885; Warren S. Archer, 1886; Chas. R. Randall, 1887; Wm. H. Ludlam, 1888.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—Daniel Sickles, *p. t.*, 1850; Samuel B. Rea, 1851; Bradley Parker, 1852; Robert Whedden, 1853; John K. Oakley, 1854; Edwin Swanton, 1855; Joseph Wright, 1856; Wm. H. King, 1857; Geo. Mallory, 1858; John B. Harris, 1859; Joseph B. Swalm, 1860; Joseph J. Couch, 1861; Francis D. Norris, 1862; James Howell, Jr., 1863; Chas. E. Pine, 1864; Joseph B. Cooper, 1865; Saml. H. Moore, 1866; Chas. H. Moore, 1867;

John Douglass, 1868; Saml. H. Moore, 1869; John Douglas, 1870; John T. Baxter, 1871; James Huggins, 1872; Chas. T. Barnard, 1873; John H. Valentine, 1874; John S. Bennet, 1875; Chas. T. Gove, 1876; Chas. A. Mettler, 1877; Thomas P. Scully, 1878; W. H. Riley, 1879; Mark Meyer, 1880; Chas. A. Baden, 1881; Wm. H. Ludlam, 1882; Chas. H. Boyer, 1883; Chas. R. Randall, 1884; Wm. S. Archer, 1885; Manuel J. Hanna, 1886; W. H. Ludlam, 1887; Wm. L. Lewis, 1888.

TREASURER.—Robert McCoy, *p. t.*, 1850; George A. Gurand, 1851; Samuel Hildreth, 1852–3–4; Mordecai Briggs, 1855 to 1858, inclusive; John Blair, 1859 to 1862, inclusive; Frederick P. Bunker, 1863; Geo. G. Herman, 1864 to 1878, inclusive; Chas. A. Mettler, 1879 to 1884, inclusive; W. H. Riley, 1885–6; Chas. A. Mettler, 1887–8.

SECRETARY.—W. H. Arthur, 1850; Jonathan Morrison, 1851; Richard Sharp, 1852 to 1880, inclusive; James Griffith, 1881 to 1886, inclusive; William H. Riley, 1887–8.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

There are, no doubt, many honored members of this Lodge, and some officers, whose record should have formed a part of this work, but as they were not present at Regular Communications during the several visits of the writer their names are necessarily omitted. There are others, of whom sketches were carefully prepared and sent them for correction, but which were never returned.

R. W. THOMAS BELL,

PAST MASTER OF JOPPA LODGE; PAST GRAND STEWARD OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.

Bro. Bell was made a mason in Renovation Lodge No. 97, of Albion, N. Y., in September, 1863. He was Worshipful Master of the same during 1866–7, 1869, 1870 and 1871. He affiliated with Joppa Lodge in 1874; served as Worshipful Master during 1878–79–80. He was appointed Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge, State of New York, in 1880, by M. W. Grand Master Jesse B. Anthony, and held the position for one term. He was exalted in Orleans Chapter No. 175, R. A. M., of Albion, N. Y., in 1864; affiliated with Brooklyn Chapter No. 148, in 1875; was High Priest of the same in 1880–1–2. He became a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in 1878; was Thrice Potent

G. M. of Shekirah Lodge of Perfection, Brooklyn, 1881; was made a Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33d degree, and an honorary member of the Supreme Council for the U. S. A. in 1880.

Bro. Bell was born at Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 1, 1837. He received a fair public school education. As a boy he became "stage-struck" and followed the profession for two years, taking his final leave of the stage at Mobile, Ala., March, 1858. Was engaged in the foundry business until 1861, at Albion, Orleans Co., N. Y. At the breaking out of the war (Sept. 1861) he raised F. Company, 8th N. Y. Vol., Cavalry, and in November of that year went with it to the front. He was mustered in as First Lieutenant, October, 1861, and promoted to Captain, August 1, 1862, for conspicuous bravery at Harper's Ferry, May 1, 1862. He took part in all the engagements of the Army of the Shenandoah, commencing with the battle of Winchester, followed by the retirement of Bank's Army to Harper's Ferry and Martinsburg. He took part in all the cavalry skirmishes leading up to the surrender of Harper's Ferry in Sept. 1862; his regiment cutting its way out of Harper's Ferry through the rebel army, capturing an ammunition train of ninety-five wagons from General Longstreet's command, Sept. 14, 1862, delivering the same with two hundred prisoners at Chambersburg, Pa. This took place three days previous to the battle of Antietam in which his regiment was engaged. In December, 1862, his regiment led the advance of the Army of the Potomac up to Fredericksburg, being daily engaged with Stewart's cavalry and Wade Hampton's Legion. The brigade with which he was connected was the first to reach Fredericksburg. He participated in the battle of Chancellorsville, after which he was taken sick and rendered unfit for further service. He resigned from Division Hospital, May, 1863, on Surgeon's certificate of disability. He was brevetted Major in August, 1865, for "gallant and meritorious conduct." After his return home he engaged for a time in the foundry business with his father-in-law, Mr. Hiram Curtis, and continued until the latter's death in 1870. In March, 1871, he was appointed Inspector of Customs at the New York Custom House, and continued until 1886, since which time he has been connected with the R. G. Dun Co.'s Mercantile Agency. In November, 1860, he married Emily C., daughter of Hiram Curtis, Esq., of Albion. They have had five children, four of whom are now living. He is an active member of U. S. Grant Post 327, G. A. R. Brooklyn.

WOR. HORACE A. HOOKER,

PAST MASTER OF JOPPA LODGE.

It is an honor for any one to be a member of Joppa Lodge, the fourth oldest in the Third Masonic District. To have been Master, however, is an honor of which any man might justly feel proud. Bro. Hooker comes of a masonic family, his father and four brothers were all masons. He was raised in Joppa Lodge in the spring of 1875, and was soon after appointed Chaplain. He was twice elected Senior Warden, viz., 1877-8, and elected as Worshipful Master in 1880. His administration was remarkably successful. The Lodge had been for some time in debt, and was not in a healthy financial condition. Bro. Hooker put forth extraordinary efforts, and infused others with his own enthusiasm, and at the close of his administration the treasury showed a cash balance on hand of nearly \$1,000. As a workman of rare executive ability, Joppa Lodge can boast of few, if any, superiors. He knew how to govern well without giving offense. At the expiration of his term as Master, he declined a re-nomination, and was elected to the office of Trustee, which he held for three years. On his retirement from the East a large crayon portrait was taken of him, which now adorns the rooms of the Lodge. Bro. Hooker is still a frequent visitor at the Lodge, and is interested in all its proceedings. He was exalted in Orient Chapter No. 139, R. A. M., in the fall of 1875.

Bro. Hooker is descended from Thomas Hooker, one of the most eminent divines of New England, who came from England and settled in Boston in 1632, and afterwards removed to Connecticut, and was the founder of the settlement now known as the city of Hartford. Both the paternal and maternal ancestors of Bro. Hooker participated in the War of the Revolution. His father was a prominent banker in Poultney, Vt. Bro. Hooker was born at Poultney, Vt., February 11, 1850. He received a preparatory education at the public school and Normal College of Poultney. It was his intention to take a complete collegiate course, but, owing to the failure of his health, was obliged to give up his studies. He removed to Leroy, N. Y., in 1868, where he spent three years in the dry goods business, and acquired his first knowledge of mercantile affairs. For the past nine years he has held a position of great trust and responsibility with Arnold, Constable & Co., of New York. He became a resident of Brooklyn in 1871, and for several years took a prominent part in the temperance reform movement, having received, in 1874, the nomination for County Treasurer on the prohibition ticket. He was also one of the leading spirits in the Young Men's Christian Association of this city,

and was actively engaged in other movements of reform, benevolence and charity. He has been for some years past a resident of New York city.

WOR. WILLIAM H. RILEY,

SECRETARY AND PAST MASTER OF JOPPA LODGE.

Bro. Riley was made a Mason under peculiar circumstances. While stationed at Frederick City, Md., in 1864, he, with two other soldiers of the Federal Army, applied for admission to Columbia Lodge No. 52, and were accepted, being the first candidates received during the war. The rebel and federal sentiment in the Lodge was so equally divided as to exclude applicants from either side. Bro. Riley affiliated with Joppa Lodge, Nov. 14, 1866. He served as Librarian in 1877; as Junior Warden in 1879; Senior Warden in 1880; Worshipful Master in 1882-3; Treasurer in 1885-6; Secretary in 1887-8. He has taken the 33d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is Past Dictator of Protective Lodge No. 2832, Knights of Honor; Past Regent of Oxford Council No. 650, Royal Arcanum; Past Commander of Lincoln Council No. 367, American Legion of Honor; Past Chief Councilor Bedford Council No 188, Order United Friends, and Deputy Grand Councilor of the latter Order.

Bro. Riley was born in New York city, May 21, 1839; he attended School at St. George's Chapel, presided over by Mrs. Tompkins. He removed to Brooklyn in 1846, and attended public school No. 1, known as "Daddy White's," until he was thirteen years of age, when he was sent to Amenia Seminary, Dutchess Co., N. Y. In 1856 he became connected with his father in the furniture business, remaining until the breaking out of the war. On August 25th, 1862, just after the second battle of "Bull Run," he enlisted in H Company of the famous 14th Regiment of Brooklyn, known as the "red legged devils." He participated in the battles of South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Fitz Hugh Crossing, Chancellorsville, and Monocacy. In 1864, he was detailed as Chief Clerk U. S. A. General Hospital at Frederick City, Md. The same year he married Miss Melissa Steiner of that city. He was mustered out of service Aug. 25, 1865, having served three years; returned to Brooklyn and resumed his connection with his father in the furniture business. He was taken into partnership and continued until 1871, when he sold out his interest to his father; he then secured an appointment as a superintendent in the Board of City Works. He resigned at the end of a year to accept a more lucrative position in Jersey City, N. J., still re-

taining his residence in Brooklyn. In 1875, he was appointed Deputy Clerk of the City Court, Brooklyn, and has since continued to hold the same position. He still keeps up his old army associates. He is Past Senior Vice-Commander and Adjutant of Rankin Post No. 10, G. A. R., and A. D. C. on Dept. Comdr.'s Staff; Secretary of First Army Corps, Society of the Army of the Potomac. He is also a member of the 14th Regiment War Veterans, and a member of the Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association of the city of Brooklyn, and President of the South Brooklyn Masonic Assurance Association.

WOR. BENJAMIN F. ADAMS, PAST MASTER OF JOPPA LODGE.

Bro. Adams joined Paramutha Lodge at Athens, Ohio, while pursuing his collegiate course at the Ohio University. He was initiated March 10, 1868, passed May 5, and raised May 28 of that year. He affiliated with Joppa Lodge in 1873, and at once became an active and enthusiastic supporter of the Lodge. He was not called to any official position until 1881, when he was taken from the floor and made Senior Warden; he was twice *re-elected*, not serving the last time; and in 1884, was Worshipful Master. He made a good presiding officer, and his administration was eminently successful. He has held prominent positions in the higher orders of masonry. He was exalted in Cameron Chapter R. A. M., of Cameron, Mo., of which he was a charter member. He served in various official positions until he left, in 1872. He has filled all the positions in Brooklyn Council No. 4, R. and S. M.; he was Knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T.; he is a 32d Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Mason, and served one term as Captain General in Clinton Commandery. He is also a member of Mecca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Bro. Adams was born in Perry Co., Ohio, January 27, 1847. He is in every sense of the word a self-made man. He was prepared for college at the high school at McConnellsville, Ohio; entered the Ohio University, where he took a course of three-and-a-half years; he afterwards entered the Michigan University at Ann Arbor, where he pursued a special course of study with a view of adopting the medical profession. He afterwards read medicine with his brother, Dr. D. B. Adams, a practicing physician. He taught school during his collegiate course and for some time afterwards, and by this means raised sufficient funds to meet his educational expenses. Before commencing practice he embarked in the boot and shoe business, and was senior member of the firm of Adams and Collier. He came East in 1872, and the same year married Miss Lucy Godley of

Brooklyn. Six children have been born to them, two of whom are deceased. He has been engaged for the past five years in the manufacture of refrigerators, an invention of his own, which has met with great success.

WOR. JOHN DOUGLASS, PAST MASTER OF JOPPA LODGE.

Bro. Douglass is one of the oldest, if not *the* oldest member of Joppa Lodge now living. He has given the best years of his life to the work, and, from present appearances, will "die in harness." No face is more familiar, and none receives a more kindly greeting and hearty welcome at each stated communication than this brother. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Joppa Lodge in 1856. He served some years as Senior Deacon and became very proficient in the work. He was elected Junior Warden in 1867 and again in 1869, and in 1885 was Worshipful Master. He is now a trustee of the Lodge.

Bro. Douglass was born in London, Eng., Feby. 19, 1819. He was left an orphan at the age of 12 years, and from that time to the present has had to "paddle his own canoe." He followed the sea for a number of years, and about 1843, settled in Brooklyn. He has been for a number of years engaged in the steamboat and lighterage business, and at present owns and commands a boat, thus literally "paddling his own canoe." He was married forty years ago to Sarah Curtis of London, and has three children, all grown.

Bro. Douglass has been quite prominent in the higher degrees of masonry. He is Past High Priest of Brooklyn Chapter 148, R. A. M., and is at present Principal Sojourner. He is a member of Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T.; of Brooklyn Council No. 4, R. and S. M., and has taken the 32d degree in the Scottish Rite. He is also a member of the American Legion of Honor, Lincoln Council No. 367.

Although Bro. Douglass is well advanced in years, he has still a strong, robust constitution; his step is firm, his eye is clear and undimmed by age, and all his mental faculties remain unimpaired. He is a man of great force and determination of character, with a heart as tender as that of a woman, ever ready to assist his worthy and distressed brethren of whatever age or nationality. Bro. Douglass has been for many years an industrious and faithful worker in the Lodge, and the ties of friendship and brotherly love between him and the brethren have increased with increasing years.

WOR. JAMES HUGGINS, PAST MASTER OF JOPPA LODGE.

Bro. Huggins was raised in Joppa Lodge in 1868. He served as J. M. C. and as Junior Deacon for one year. He was Junior Warden in 1871; Senior Warden in 1873; Worshipful Master 1886-7.

Bro. Huggins is a native of Brooklyn, born Nov. 21, 1848. Received a good public school education, and since 1878 he has been engaged in the wholesale boot and shoe manufacturing business in New York.

CHARLES R. RANDALL, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Bro. Randall's experience as a Craftsman is limited to about eight years, but during that period he has made good use of his opportunities and received the highest honors that could be conferred upon him by Joppa Lodge, as a just reward for his fidelity and ability. He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in 1880 in this Lodge. He was soon after appointed J. D.; served as Senior Deacon in 1882-3; was elected Junior Warden in 1885, and the following year was again appointed Senior Deacon; in 1887 he was elected Senior Warden, and at the last annual election was elected Worshipful Master for the year 1888. As an officer and Bro. Mason he is held in high esteem by the members of this Lodge, who appreciate his many noble qualities and kindness of heart.

There are few men with such limited opportunities who have made a better use of them or accomplished more. Bro. Randall, the subject of this sketch, was born in Clarksville, Alleghany Co., N. Y., Sept. 10, 1852, in a log cabin at the home of his grandfather. The county at that time was a comparative wilderness, so much so that the wild deer bounded over the clearing, affording an easy target for the marksman. The grandfather of Bro. Randall shot one and brought it as a present to his first grandchild. At the age of four months Bro. Randall removed with his parents to Cuyler, Cortlandt Co., N. Y. Early in life, owing to the delicate health of his father, he was compelled to "rough it;" and at the age of fifteen he and a younger brother were obliged to walk two miles, crossing the river on a log, and cut the wood to warm the little cabin. His father died when he was but sixteen years of age, leaving him to care for his mother and two younger brothers. When he was twenty years of age he removed to Brooklyn, and in 1872 entered the employ of the Brooklyn Watch Case Co., where he has since been employed, and in 1883 was made foreman of one of the departments. He has been an active worker in the temperance cause, and in 1887 was elected President of

the 10th Ward Prohibition Association, and the same year was sent as a delegate to the State Convention at Syracuse. He has continued his journey Eastward beyond the Blue Lodge; is a member of Orient Chapter No. 158, R. A. M. He is also a member of the following Orders: Protective Lodge 2832, Knights of Honor; Principal Lodge 49, I. O. O. F.; and is President of the Mutual Benefit Association of the Brooklyn Watch Case Company. He married, Sept. 27, 1885, Laura, daughter of detective Riggs, of the Central Office, Brooklyn. Bro. Randall possess those qualities of heart and mind that, like the magnetic needle, draw into close bonds all that come in contact with him.

WM. H. LUDLAM, SENIOR WARDEN.

Bro. Ludlam was made a Master Mason in this Lodge about 1862; he served as Senior Deacon, as Junior Warden in 1882, and again in 1887; and as Senior Warden in 1888.

Bro. Ludlam was born in Jamaica, L. I., February 28, 1836, and educated at Union Hill Academy. He was for many years a traveling salesman, but for some time past has been employed in the wholesale boot and shoe house of J. Huggins & Bro., New York.

WILLIAM L. LEWIS, JUNIOR WARDEN.

Bro. Lewis was initiated, passed and raised in this Lodge in 1887. He was made a Master Mason on July 13, and at the annual election in December was taken from the floor and elected Junior Warden.

Bro. Lewis was born in Lynchburg, Va., Nov. 26, 1846. He had only completed the rudimentary branches of his education, when the war of the rebellion commenced and he enlisted in the Confederate Army, being then but sixteen years of age. At the close of the war he resumed his studies and was graduated from the Law Department of the University of Virginia in 1874. He was admitted to the bar of his own State the same year of his graduation. He soon after came North, and read law with John Henry Hull, of New York, and was admitted to the bar before the Supreme Court in Brooklyn in 1876. He immediately opened an office in New York and commenced practice. He is a member of Fulton Council No. 299, Royal Arcanum; of Excelsior Lodge No. 63, Order of Tonti, and of Lafayette Council No. 28, National Provident Union.

THOMAS R. CROCKER, CHAPLAIN OF JOPPA LODGE.

Bro. Crocker was one of the oldest veterans of the fraternity in the Third Masonic District, and the oldest member of Joppa Lodge at the time of his death in 1888. He was made a mason in Mariner's Lodge No. 67, in 1849; he withdrew from there with nine others in 1851, and organized Atlantic Lodge 167, of New York, and became its first Junior Deacon. In January, 1852, he affiliated with Joppa Lodge. He was exalted in Ancient Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., of New York. He subsequently assisted in organizing Brooklyn Chapter No. 148, and in 1888 was the only living charter-member. He served as High Priest and Treasurer. He was Knighted in Morton Commandery No. 4, K. T., of New York, July, 1852, and subsequently assisted in organizing Friendship, now DeWitt Clinton Commandery, of Brooklyn, E. D., and was its first Eminent Commander.

Bro. Crocker was born in Waterford, New London Co., Conn., Dec. 3, 1834. He came to New York in 1848, and from that year to the time of his death was engaged in the fish business in Fulton Market. He was simple in his tastes, earnest, warm-hearted and sympathetic in his nature.

CHARLES J. FISHER.

Bro. Fisher had the distinguished honor of being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by the Most Worshipful Grand Master John W. Simons, who was at the time Worshipful Master of Doric Lodge, N. Y., where Bro. Fisher was made in 1847. He is probably one of the oldest masons in the city of Brooklyn. He affiliated with Joppa Lodge in 1853, and, while taking no prominent part in the work, has never ceased to give his firm and hearty support to all measures that tended to advance the interests of the Lodge or promote the cause of masonry. He was formerly connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows but withdrew many years ago, and devoted his time, his means and his influence to the cause of masonry. Bro. Fisher was born in Yarmouth, England, April 17, 1819, the same year in which Past Master Douglass was born, both being natives of England. Bro. Fisher launched his little barque on the ocean of life when he was but nine years of age. He commenced life as a cabin boy, and followed the sea for a number of years. His seafaring life was quite an eventful one. In the year 1840 he piloted Commodore Wilkes' exploring expedition, on board the sloop-of-war Vincennes, in the Columbia river; sailed from the Sandwich Islands, Sept., 1842; shipped on board of the brig Worman bound to the coast

of Africa, as second mate, to a port called Burthurst on the river Gambia, and sailed from there to Turks Island. On the third day out the first mate and all the crew died, and he was left alone with the captain, who was confined to his bed with severe illness, remaining unconscious for thirty-three days. Bro. Fisher navigated the brig and acted as doctor, master and undertaker. After burying them all at sea, he took command of the brig. There being no one to cook, he lived for thirty-three days on bread, herring, hard bread and water, and was never in bed; the only sleep he had was sitting in a chair at the wheel. He left Turks Island in January and arrived at the coast of New Jersey; made Barnegat Light and took on a pilot named Alexander Cochen. Three days after this the vessel was stranded on Squam Beach, N. J. In 1845 he married Miss Wauchen Fuchs, a native of Frankfort-on-the-Main, who deceased in 1886, leaving two sons and five daughters. Two years after he married he quit the sea and commenced life ashore as a stevedore, and has continued to follow the business for upwards of forty years. He is still strong, able-bodied and hearty, and from present appearances bids fair to live many years longer.

The only other order with which Bro. Fisher is connected is Lincoln Council, A. L. of H., of Brooklyn. His whole interest, however, centres in Joppa Lodge, to which he has already devoted his best years, and continues to give it his moral and financial support.

EDWARD J. WAUGH.

Few men have ever lived who have enjoyed greater opportunities for acquiring a knowledge of masonry and masonic antiquities than Bro. Waugh. Gifted with a retentive memory, and a versatility of expression, he has not only accumulated a large amount of valuable masonic information, but has been enabled to impart it to the Craft in a manner so impressive and earnest as to awaken in the hearts of all who have heard him, a deeper interest in the noble principles of our Order as well as of the antiquities of masonry. He has penetrated almost every part of the habitable globe; has visited Masonic Lodges in Brazil, the West Indies, England, Portugal, France, Italy, Gibraltar, the Isle of Malta, Greece and Palestine, the source of masonry, where he met the descendants of King Solomon, Hiram of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff. He also visited Chain de Union Lodge in Beyrout, Syria, of which General Moneisterik of the Turkish Army, was *Venerable* or Master. He visited in the Holy Land, Joppa, Tyre, Sidon Jerusalem, Bethany, Mt. Olivet, Bethlehem, Balbec, Damascus, Beyrout, and the Forests of Lebanon. While at the latter place he cut a piece from the

cedars, which he had turned into a gavel and subsequently presented this to Joppa Lodge. Bro. Waugh received his Entered Apprentice degree Nov. 28th, his Fellowcraft's degree, Dec. 5th, 1850, and his Master Mason's degree, January 16th, 1861, in Joppa Lodge. He was absent from the Lodge for several years, but on his return, entered with his whole soul into the work. He was appointed Senior Deacon in 1887; this gave him the opportunity to impart to the Craft the rich fund of masonic information he had acquired during his years of travel and research, and brethren who have listened to his lecture in the Fellowcraft's degree, acknowledge it to be one of the most impressive and interesting lectures to which they have ever listened. Bro. W., is a member of Brooklyn Chapter No. 148, R. A. M.; he took the degrees of R. and S. M., some years ago, in Baltimore. He is also a member of Clinton Commandery No. 14, but devotes his time and attention mainly to Blue Lodge Masonry.

Bro. Waugh was born on Bedloe's Island, New York Harbor, Dec. 1, 1838; received his education at the public school of Brooklyn. In 1852, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy, and was assigned to the U. S. Receiving Ship North Carolina, and in April, 1857, was detailed to the U. S. Steamer Mississippi, commanded by Capt. Wm. C. Nicholson, and attached to the China Station. He was present at the official opening of the ports of Japan to the United States. On his return home, in February, 1860, he again entered civil life. At the breaking out of the Civil War he offered his services to the government, and in July, 1861, was appointed a gunner in the U. S. Navy and ordered to the sloop-of-war Preble. He participated in the engagements on the lower Mississippi, and in Mobile bay; also the cutting out and capture of the blockade running steamer "Ann," from under the guns of Fort Morgan. He served eighteen months, and was then transferred to the U. S. Steamer Susquehannah, on blockade duty, for one year, thence to Baltimore on ordnance duty for one year, and again transferred to the U. S. Steamer Susquehannah. During this period he engaged in both attacks on Fort Fisher. He went to Brazil on the same ship, continuing in active service for about eighteen months when he returned home and was attached to the New York Navy Yard for four years; he was then assigned to the U. S. Steamer Guerrier, and attached to the Mediterranean Squadron; the steamer run ashore on Vado reef, off the coast of Italy; after repairs he returned home in her, and was then ordered to the receiving ship Vermont, continuing for thirteen months; thence ordered to the U. S. Steamer Colorado, during the Cuban excitement; ordered thence to the U. S. Steamer Congress and again sent to the Mediterranean; while on the station was transferred to the U. S. Steamer Franklin, which

brought over Wm. M. Tweed, after his capture. On his return after a forty months' cruise, was ordered to the U. S. Monitor Nahant, during the railroad riots of 1877, and was again ordered to the New York Navy Yard. In 1880 he left the service and engaged in commercial pursuits. He is held in high esteem by the brethren who appreciate the noble work he has done for the cause and his sincere devotion to his *alma mater*.

WOR. ROBERT D. FARRON, PAST MASTER OF JOPPA LODGE.

Bro. Farron received his Master Mason's degree in the Lodge on June 3, 1868. He served one term as Senior Deacon, was Senior Warden in 1870 and Worshipful Master in 1873-4. He was born in New York city, May 19, 1837.

He learned his trade at the Farron Iron Works, New York city. He was for a term in the Ordnance Department of the Brooklyn Navy Yard. He was assistant engineer in the Navy during the war and served with distinction. He is at present assistant engineer of the Brooklyn Water Works, at Ridgewood, N. Y.

GODFREY TAYLOR.

Bro. Taylor is one of those old veterans who have long "borne the burden and heat of the day," and yet he is just as vigorous, earnest and faithful as when he first learned to make use of the tools of speculative masonry, more than thirty years ago. There are few men in this Masonic District who are better posted on, or who take a deeper interest in the subject of masonry than this worthy brother. He was made a mason in Long Island Lodge No. 382, in 1858, in which he served one year as Secretary. He dimitted from that Lodge in 1864, and affiliated, 1864, with Joppa, in which he has ever since been an active worker and a zealous and conscientious Craftsman. He was elected Senior Warden in 1873, and again in 1884. In 1883 he was elected trustee for a term of three years, at the expiration of which he was elected for three years longer. He was exalted in Brooklyn Chapter No. 148, R. A. M., June 10, 1860, passed through the several chairs and served as High Priest in 1870-71-72; he is also a member of Brooklyn Council No. 4, R. A. S. M., and of the South Brooklyn Masonic Relief Association.

Bro. Taylor was born in England, February 15, 1834, but came with his parents to this country when he was but four years of age and settled in Brooklyn, where, with the exception of two years, he has remained ever since. He learned the trade of millwright and has been in the employ of the Union

White Lead Company and Brooklyn Gas Company most of the time for thirty-one years. During the war he served for two years in the Navy Department under Commodore Porter, stationed on the Mississippi River. He has been twice married. His present wife, *nee* Ellen Maxwell of New York, he married in 1877. He has six daughters living.

While holding no public position, Bro. Taylor has been a zealous co-worker in the temperance ranks for many years, and has done much to promote its objects. He is a man of strong and decided convictions, of great force of character, but genial, kind-hearted and generous.

GEORGE UHLAR.

The occupation of Bro. Uhlar has prevented his regular attendance at the communications of the Lodge and thereby prevented him from filling important positions to which his brethren would gladly have called him, but there is not a more faithful brother or earnest worker in the Lodge, and whenever his other duties enable him to attend he is always on hand ready to do any work assigned him. He has held several positions temporarily and proved his ability as a skillful Craftsman. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Joppa Lodge, on March 18, 1882. He was soon after appointed S. M. C., holding this position for one year. He has since served temporarily in the South and other positions about the Lodge. He was exalted in Brooklyn Chapter No. 148, R. A. M., but devotes most of his leisure time to Blue Lodge Masonry.

Bro. Uhlar was born in Delaware, near Delaware city, June 15, 1853. He spent five years at the Delaware Academy, and completed his education at the public grammar school of Philadelphia, having removed thence with his parents. He entered upon a mercantile career for a time but afterwards decided to adopt a seafaring life, and obtained a position on the Baltimore and Philadelphia line of steamers in the engineers' department. He obtained his license as an engineer in 1873, since which time he has been connected with different lines, notably New Orleans, Savannah, Charleston, Baltimore, and New York. For the past six years he has been chief engineer on the Morgan line of Southern Pacific steamers. He is a member of the Association of Marine Engineers of America, and President of Sub-Association No. 69 of New York.

FRANK ZAPPULLA.

It is not always those who have filled official positions in a Lodge that are the most worthy of mention. There are many

brethren, who could never be induced to accept office, who have done much towards advancing the principles of the Order. Bro. Zappulla has been engaged in benevolent enterprises during the best portion of his life, but it has been done in a quiet, unobtrusive manner, often the more effective than if there was an ostentatious display. He was made a Mason in Joppa Lodge in 1882, and has since been a regular attendant, and has contributed liberally to the support of the Lodge, and to worthy distressed brethren. He entered the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Masonry in May, 1887; is a member of Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection and Aurora Grata Council, Princes of Jerusalem, 16th degree Aurora Grata Cathedral, Valley of Brooklyn, United States of America. He is also a member of the benevolent orders of La Benificenzia and of La Nacional.

Bro. Zappulla was born in the ancient city of Palermo, Sicily (now under the rule of the Italian government), July 12, 1852. He worked hard to acquire an education, and was rewarded with a medal and diploma in his native city at the age of fifteen years, for excellence of deportment and advancement in his studies. After completing his studies he came to America, in 1870, and made four voyages with Capt. Benjamin F. Bucknam, in the brig Callao, to Malaga, Spain, Lisbon and Bordeaux, Montevideo and Havana. On his return he went to Washington County, Me., and worked on a farm during the summer months and attended school during the winter. He attended the Greely Institute, at Cumberland Centre, Me., for two terms. In 1879 he removed to Portland, Me., where he was clerk in a fish store with Capt. Davis for a short time, after which he went to Boston, Mass., and was for eighteen months in the dry goods business. He came to New York in 1881, and has been for the past eight years engaged in the cigar business.

ROBERT WALTER READ.

Bro. Read has led a checkered life, and has had a remarkable experience for one of his age, but his unswerving integrity and loyalty to his native country are traits worthy of emulation, and deserve a place among the annals of Masonry. He was born in Nashville, Tenn., February 5, 1856, and is descended from one of the oldest and most prominent families of Virginia. He is a son of Landon Cable Read, of Charlottesville, Va. His great-grandfather took a prominent part in the War of the Revolution; his grandfather fought in the War of 1812, and his father was *loyal to the core* during the War of the Rebellion. Bro. Read removed when quite young to Rienzi, Miss., where he remained until 1869. After the death of his father he removed to New Orleans, and subsequently accompanied his uncle, Dr. Wm.

Simms Read, to Mexico. On his return, in 1871, he served two and a half years' apprenticeship as a machinist, and was afterwards commissioned to go to Mexico and put up some machinery, where he remained for three years. During this period he was appointed Chief Engineer of the Mexican gunboat "Libertad." He was urged by government officials to renounce his American citizenship and unite his fortunes with Mexico, but his love for his native country was too deeply-rooted to be tempted by the most flattering offers of promotion. For valuable services rendered the Mexican Government he received an extra month's pay, and was provided with a first-class passage to New Orleans. He has since been employed as assistant and chief engineer by some of the largest steamship companies in New York. He has been employed on the "City of Mexico," "New Orleans," "City of Alexandria," "Knickerbocker," Steamship "San Marcos," of the Mallory Line, and is at present Chief Engineer of the "Rio Grande."

Bro. Read was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Joppa Lodge, March 24, 1888. Although an exemplary Craftsman, he is prevented by his other duties from taking an active part in the Lodge. He is an active member of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association. He married, in September, 1883, Miss Amelia Josephine Shaunasey, of New Orleans, by whom he has two children. Bro. Read is a man of genial disposition, warm-hearted and sympathetic; makes many friends and few enemies.

HISTORY OF MONTAUK LODGE NO. 286.

Montauk Lodge was erected over thirty-five years ago, on the broadest principles of benevolence and charity, and during that entire period has maintained those principles, each and every member "provoking one another to good works." The aggregate amount raised, directly and indirectly, for the assistance of worthy distressed brethren and their families, exceeds \$20,000.

Wor. Bro. Wm. H. Waring, in an Historical Address delivered before the Lodge, April 2d, 1873, said: "The founders and early pioneers of Montauk Lodge, feeling the want of a larger field than the lodges of the times afforded, for the full development of the moral, the intellectual and social elements of our being, started, with well-defined principles, to study and appreciate the nature of the work in hand, and to exact in the Lodge

room the same requirements of social and intellectual position as in their homes and by their firesides."

This Address covers one hundred pages of printed matter, and gives a complete history of the Lodge in the most minute details, from 1853 to 1873, and from this the writer has prepared a condensed history covering such portions as are of special interest to the general reader. From the latter period to the present time the history of the Lodge has been carefully compiled by Wor. Bro. Edward S. Atwood, the present Secretary, and all the matter carefully revised by him and Wor. Nevin W. Butler.

On the evening of March 24th, 1853, there were assembled at the residence of Bro. Nevin W. Butler, in Brooklyn, to take the initiatory steps for the formation of a Masonic Lodge, the following Master Masons: Richard L. Delisser, Albert G. Bunker, William N. Puffer, Robert J. Cooper, George A. Hicks, Robert F. Sage, John P. Puffer, and Nevin W. Butler.

Bro. Delisser being called to the chair, the first business before the meeting was the selection of a name, and "after much discussion, and many propositions, it was decided it should be known and hailed as MONTAUK LODGE; and so the child was named."

The following persons were nominated as officers of the future Lodge, subject to the approval of the officer granting the dispensation, viz.:

RICHARD L. DELISSER, *W. M.*; ROBERT F. SAGE, *S. W.*; WM. N. PUFFER, *J. W.*; ALBERT G. BUNKER, *Treasurer*; NEVIN W. BUTLER, *Secretary*.

Besides those present at this meeting, additional brethren were accepted as petitioners for the dispensation, thus completing, as follows, the

CHARTER MEMBERS.—Richard L. Delisser, Robert F. Sage, Wm. N. Puffer, Albert G. Bunker, Nevin W. Butler, Robert J. Cooper, John P. Puffer, George A. Hicks, Leverett H. Sage, John J. Drake, Samuel C. Waring, Frederick S. Brittan, John M. Perry, Wm. H. Wiggins, Nathan Lane, Robert J. Davies, Erastus R. Knapp.

Of this number—seventeen in all—the only one who is at present on the roll of active membership is WOR. NEVIN W. BUTLER, who may justly be styled the Patriarch of *Montauk Lodge*. Seven of the charter members have died, and nine have either withdrawn or been dropped from the roll.

The dispensation, empowering the brethren therein named to meet as Masons and perform Masonic work, was granted by R. W. Deputy Grand Master Joseph D. Evans, and bore date April 7, A. L. 583. The first meeting of the Lodge Under Dispensation was held in the room of Anglo-Saxon Lodge, corner of Court and Montague streets, April 19, A. L. 5853, the brethren

having been named in the dispensation as the officers of the new Lodge, with Bro. Wm. H. Wiggins as Senior Deacon, Bro. John P. Puffer as Junior Deacon and Bro. Thomas Hackett as Tiler, Bros. F. S. Brittan and R. J. Cooper as Masters of Ceremonies.

The Worshipful Master, in his opening address, said: "Almost all present are my *personal* and *intimate* friends; consider, then, how painful to my feelings and to yours it would be to be compelled, in the course of my duty, to call any of you to order. Endeavor, then, my friends, to remember that whilst in the chair I am your Master and brother; when called from labor to refreshment I am again but your *intimate friend*."

It was intended that Montauk Lodge should be something more than a Lodge of working Masons, in the technical sense, and that there should be developed an intellectual and literary element; hence the early provision for the election of a librarian, and the establishment of a library. The tender solicitude of the brethren, in cases of sickness of a member, was shown in the provision that, when a member was reported sick, "it shall be the duty of the W.: M.: to appoint two of his officers to wait upon him immediately to render such aid as his circumstances may require, and it shall be the duty of the W.: M.: to draw his warrant upon the Treasurer for such sum as they may deem necessary for the comfort of the brother." Another provision made was, that "no donation shall be made to a brother applying for relief until a committee has been appointed to investigate," etc.

A charter having been granted, dated May 9th, A. L. 5853, and numbered 286, the Lodge was formally dedicated, and its officers installed at an emergent communication held May 16, A. L. 5853, the following brethren acting as the Grand Officers: R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master Jos. D. Evans as Grand Master, W.: Bro. N. L. Pettit as G.: S.: W.: and W.: Bro. R. L. Widden as G.: J.: W.:

The first petition for initiation was that of Peter G. Beck, who was duly elected. At the same communication it was voted to accept a loan, from Bros. Wiggins, Sage, Bunker and Brittan, of one hundred dollars. On the 25th of July following, the Lodge was summoned, in conjunction with Joppa Lodge, to confer the sublime degree of M.: M.: on Bro. William H. Drew, previously elected to membership. R.: W.: Deputy G.: M.: Joseph D. Evans, a faithful friend of Montauk Lodge, and recently deceased, presided on this occasion.

The relative duties of the Secretary and Treasurer were defined by the adoption of a resolution "that the Secretary attach all bills to the W.: Master's warrants on the Treasurer, and that the Treasurer receive the bills and warrants, and file the same together."

The several preliminary meetings of the Lodge were held at different places until after the granting of the dispensation. On the 7th of May following this a resolution was passed hiring the lodge rooms of Joppa Lodge, on the corner of Court and Joralemon streets. The Lodge remained there until 20th Aug., 1856, when it removed to Anglo-Saxon rooms. On April 17th, 1861, they removed to their newly-fitted-up Lodge room, corner of Court and Joralemon streets, remaining until April, 1888, a period of 27 years, when they removed to the Wilson Lodge Rooms, No. 153 Pierpont street.

The first death in the Lodge was that of Samuel C. Waring, an esteemed brother, who was lost on the steamer "Arctic," Oct. 17, 1854, almost in sight of his native land, to which he was returning from Europe, where he had gone for recreation and the restoration of his health. It is said that, as the vessel went down, he displayed marvelous composure and self-possession. As the vessel sank he stepped upon the forward deck and fired the ship's cannon as a signal of the approaching doom.

On the retirement of Wor. Bro. Delisser, at the close of 1854, he was presented with a Past Master's jewel, and the Lodge passed resolutions expressing their high appreciation of his services.

During 1855 the Lodge appointed a Charity Committee to act in co-operation with committees from sister Lodges, the first effort for the establishment of a Board of Relief. The annual dues of the Lodge were fixed at \$8. The raising of funds in connection with several sister Lodges for the relief of suffering Masons, their widows and orphans, by the then recent calamity at Portsmouth, Va., resulted in the donation of \$270 for that worthy object. The first honorary member, Bro. A. Falkenberg, was elected during this year.

A controversy which threatened to seriously impair the relations existing between Montauk and Anglo-Saxon Lodges took place in 1857. The occasion was the proposal by Montauk Lodge to hold a social entertainment in the lodge rooms of Anglo-Saxon, which were at that time leased to Montauk Lodge; the members of Anglo-Saxon claiming that the rooms were rented only for lodge purposes, and that the proposed entertainment would be "profane and desecrating to the room." The matter was referred by Montauk Lodge to M.: W.: John L. Lewis, G.: M.:, for his opinion. He highly commended the proposed entertainment, and said: "There is no law of the Grand Lodge prohibiting music, dancing and refreshments. The first is essential to the life and spirit of the ritual, and cannot be out of place when not at labor. . . . If your room has been dedicated, it is a question of Masonic conscience with those who participate in it. I know no law against it."

Considerable feeling was manifested in the controversy between the two Lodges, and resulted in Montauk Lodge seeking other quarters at the expiration of its lease.

During 1859 the Lodge received their first visit from the W.: M.:, Wardens and Brethren of Independent Royal Arch Lodge No. 2, which was the inauguration of a series of agreeable interchanges of visits, continuing for a number of years between the two Lodges. The friendly offices of a far-off sister Lodge, Pacific No. 10, of St. Paul, Minn., were kindly offered and accepted by Montauk Lodge in the passing and raising an E.: A.: of Montauk Lodge, and were the subject of an interchange of friendly communications between the respective Lodges.

The "work" of this Lodge was somewhat severely criticised by the R.: W.: Grand Lecturer in his report to the Grand Lodge, who stated that Montauk "practiced a rite different from that practiced by the Grand Lecturer," etc. The committee appointed by Montauk Lodge to investigate these charges claimed that the work had been approved by the Grand Lodge at the time the warrant was issued. The change ordered by the Grand Lecturer had not been adopted by the Grand Lodge, and Montauk continued the former "work." The report of this Committee states that "the Grand Lodge having adopted a standard work, this Lodge will, as a matter of course, and with very great pleasure, conform to it, or any other that may hereafter be adopted." The Committee denied that Montauk Lodge had ever "so acted as to raise any question of her readiness to yield to all the requirements of the Grand Lodge." . . . The report of the Committee was unanimously adopted.

The increase of membership up to 1860 was very great, and "as the policy of the Lodge had been to restrict the membership to the least possible working force," this rapid increase was viewed by many of the older members with some apprehension.

During 1860 a new seal was adopted, and on September 12th the first Chaplain of the Lodge, Rev. Elbert S. Porter, was appointed and installed. A new lodge room was rented and handsomely fitted up at an expense of \$4,184.95. The first meeting of the Lodge in their new room in Low's Building, corner of Court and Joralemon streets, took place on April 17th, followed on the 19th by a social meeting of the members, with ladies and other invited guests.

During this year (1860) a new lodge was formed from Montauk, known as Kings County No. 511, of Flatbush, and Bro. William Matthews, formerly J.: W.: of Montauk, was elected its first Master.

In 1862 a serious controversy arose on account of the adop-

tion of the Delta in the Lodge as an emblem. The occasion of this was an official visit paid by District Deputy Grand Master Daniel T. Walden, on February 5, 1862, which resulted in the following communication :

OFFICE OF THE D.: D.: G.: M.:, 3D DISTRICT,
February 15th, 1862.

W.: HARVEY FARRINGTON,
Master Montauk Lodge No. 286.

Wor. Sir and Bro.: On my official visit to Montauk Lodge I observe that you have a triangle over the Master's chair instead of the letter "G." I have consulted with the M.: W.: Grand Master in relation to the propriety of this. In his opinion it is not proper, and I am directed to correct it as irregular. You will therefore discontinue its use, and in place thereof display the letter used in other Lodges.

Fraternally yours,

D. T. WALDEN, D.: D.: G.: M.:.

The subject was one which subsequently called forth much discussion among Masons, and resulted in a lengthy correspondence on the part of Montauk Lodge. A memorial was addressed to the Grand Lodge, setting forth the merits of the case from a negative standpoint. The principal points urged by Montauk Lodge were, 1st. That neither this nor any other Grand Body had ever made it obligatory on a Master's Lodge visibly and permanently to display any symbol or emblem in any part of its place of meeting; 2d. The Ritual requires a body of Masons about to assemble to hold a legal warrant and to display the lights, and simply to allude to and explain the meaning of the letter "G" in its proper course; 3d. In the absence of legislation by the Grand Lodge or any requirement of the Ritual, neither universal usage nor the ancient landmarks of the fraternity demand such a display; that such a display of the triangle is "improper or irregular" your memorialists deny; 4th. Because it is not substituted by them for the letter "G" in the explanation given in the second degree, or any portion of the Ritual; 5th. It is known and recognized by every educated man the world over as one of the oldest and most perfect geometrical figures, as one of the oldest symbols of Deity, and as one of the oldest ornaments in ecclesiastical architecture; 6th. No decoration or symbol is "improper" or "irregular" provided it be not opposed to the spirit and principles of the fraternity, the law of the land, or social propriety. In conclusion, the memorialists asked that the official letter addressed by the District Deputy G.: M.: to this Lodge,

dated February 15th, 1862, be disavowed by the Grand Lodge, and the Lodge be released from further obedience thereto.

The subject of the memorial was the occasion of much discussion in the Grand Lodge, and was finally referred to the Committee on Grievances and the Committee on the Condition of Masonry. These committees made a thorough investigation of the whole matter, and the Committee on Grievances, in concluding its report, stated that: "It is impossible for this committee to discover the right possessed by the G. M. or his deputies to issue his or their mandates relative to the ornaments to be used in lodge rooms. We can see the appropriateness of the letter 'G' being exhibited in the East in conferring the F. C. Degree, and we would recommend all English Lodges to use the one designated by the M. W. Grand Master. German Lodges, however, should be authorized to use German text, and the Lodges of the Hebrews or other nations should be authorized to put up any letter which might serve to enlighten the candidate as to the object of his visit to the Middle Chamber."

"Furthermore, we cannot find a Masonic precedent that makes the use of a triangle ornament irregular in a Blue Lodge. In the Lodge in which we were made, by some accident, we found the lights of the Lodge placed in the East, West, and South, in a triangular form, and our first three officers sitting in a like position; and during our attendance at this Grand Lodge we have discovered the standards of Faith, Hope, and Charity placed triangularly, and kept standing in that position the whole session thus far. If it be irregular to display the Delta in a subordinate Lodge, why should it be displayed in Grand Lodge? and by what right do we display the 47th problem of Euclid in the Master's Degree?"

The Committee on the Condition of Masonry, at the head of whom was the distinguished authority on Masonic law and usage, M. W. John L. Lewis, Jr., were equally emphatic in sustaining the action of Montauk Lodge.

"No one will contend," says the Committee, "that in the ornamentation of a lodge hall the appropriate symbols of Masonry may not with propriety be exhibited, nor that there is any limit to be placed on the number or style of such decorations, except that of the taste of the brethren having direction of it. Nor will it be contended that the Triangle or Delta is not one of the most ancient and revered emblems of Masonry. The irregularity in this case would have been the substitution of the Delta for the emblem required by the Ritual, and as this is explicitly denied there seems to be an end of the matter. In view of this explanation, your Committee recommend that the M. W. Grand Master be respectfully requested to withdraw his edict in relation to Montauk Lodge No. 286."

The emblem was restored, and has ever since shone its light from the East in Montauk Lodge.

An event which brought sadness to the Lodge occurred during this year, viz., the death of Bro. Wm. T. Partridge, who fell fighting for his country at the battle of Gaines' Mill, Va., June 27, 1862. The Lodge was also called to mourn the death of W. Bro. Dwight B. Denslow, who died at his residence in Brooklyn on July 30, 1863. A committee was appointed to report to the Lodge on the subject of his death and his Masonic life. This committee gave the following brief sketch covering the brother's Masonic life:

"Wor. Bro. DWIGHT B. DENSLOW dimitted from Solomon's Lodge No. 7, Savannah, Ga., and affiliated with this Lodge May 16, 1854; appointed S. D. December 26, 1854; elected Senior Warden December 18, 1855; re-elected 1856; elected Master December 23, 1857; re-elected the following year, but was compelled to decline on account of sickness in his family and residence at Orange. On the same date he was elected a Trustee, and continued to hold that office up to the time of his death."

"He was an intelligent, educated man, of very ready memory and very quick perceptions, of strict integrity, quiet and modest, but decisive and energetic, courteous and sincere; to see him was to be favorably impressed, to know him was to become his firm friend. In all his Masonic relations he was a model workman—definite, comprehensive, complete. To the wisdom of his administration and the soundness of his teachings as Master, this Lodge owes a very large share of her stability and prosperity. It is not too much to say that the roll of membership has on its pages few his equal; none his superior. It is superfluous to add that the loss of one so distinguished must be deeply felt."

On the 24th of June of this year (1863) the Lodge proceeded in a body to Newburg to join Newburg Lodge No. 309 in the ceremonies of dedicating a new Masonic Hall at that place.

A division of the Lodge occurred in 1865 as a result of some differences of opinion on Masonic policy. Forty-one members withdrew and formed Altair Lodge No. 601. Matters were amicably arranged between the two bodies; a liberal division of the Lodge funds, amounting to the sum of sixty dollars *per capita*, was allowed to the departing brethren, and peace and harmony was again restored. It was followed by a large accession of membership to the old Lodge, which has since steadily increased.

On April 10, 1867, Bros. Wm. N. Puffer and Joseph E. Dalton were appointed delegates to the Masonic Festival held at Paris, France, on June 15, 1867, in response to a circular addressed to the Masonic Fraternity throughout the world by the

G. M. of the Grand Orient of France, and at which the brothers attended as representatives of Montauk Lodge.

On the 25th of January, 1870, there sailed from the port of New York for Liverpool, on the steamer "City of Boston," two members of Montauk Lodge, Bro. Joseph K. Halcrow, her commander, Bro. Allen Ebbs, accompanied by his wife and child, Bro. John Mortimer, a former member, and the two orphan children of Bro. Thomas H. McNaught, a deceased member of this Lodge. Reaching Halifax in safety, the ill-fated vessel sailed from that port on the 28th of January on her ultimate destination. No tidings were ever received from her, and the Lodge mourned the loss of three of its respected members.

On the evening of October 3, 1888, Wor. Bro. Edward S. Atwood, the present Secretary, delivered an exceedingly interesting Historical Address before the Lodge, taking up the main points in its history, from the beginning of 1866 in the administration of Wor. Bro. Gardner S. Hutchinson, and continuing the narrative down to the present time. It was during the latter's administration that the forty-one members withdrew to form Altair Lodge, and under his able leadership the Lodge soon recovered from the embarrassing position occasioned by this event.

In April, 1867, a tea service was presented to Wor. Bro. James Howell, Jr., of Joppa Lodge, afterwards Mayor of the city of Brooklyn, for his services in instructing its officers in the standard work, and a similar service rendered by Rt. Wor. Bro. W. T. Woodruff in February, 1869, was recognized by the presentation of a handsome water pitcher, goblets and tray.

Wor. Bro. Hutchinson was succeeded in 1867 by Wro. J. L. Marcellus, "who has successively held every position in the gift of the Lodge," and under whose administration the Lodge grew and prospered. Wor. J. L. Marcellus is now the efficient Treasurer of Montauk.

Up to May, 1869, the Lodge held weekly Communications. A change in the By-Laws was made fixing two evenings in each month, and suspending work during July and August.

The administration of Wor. Bro. James Henry, beginning in 1871, marked a new era in the history of Montauk Lodge, and influenced to a large extent its subsequent career. Twenty-three persons were elected to membership upon his proposition; of these, fifteen now remain upon the active-roll; among these, Rt. Wor. Richard Gurney and Wor. Bro. Cort R. Hincken. These "twenty-three persons" introduced sixty-four others into the Lodge, of whom forty-eight are now members. Many of these came from the New York Maritime Exchange, of which Wor. Bro. Henry was a former President. It was during his administration as Master that Montauk Lodge held its 20th Anniversary on April 2d, 1873, at which time Wor.

Bro. Wm. H. Waring read the Historical Address previously referred to.

During Wor. Bro. Henry's administration the Lodge was called to mourn the loss of a highly esteemed brother, viz., Charles H. Trumbull, who was drowned in Orange Lake in August, 1874, while bathing; and when it was learned that his family was left unprovided for, the Lodge assumed the funeral expenses, and Wor. Bro. Henry raised by subscription from the brethren of the Lodge and business associates the sum of \$2,333, which was paid to the widow of Bro. Trumbull.

At the close of 1874, Wor. Bro. Henry, on his retirement from the East, was presented by the Lodge with a solid silver tea set of five pieces, as an expression of its appreciation of his long and faithful service. He was afterward prevailed upon to accept the position for another year, and continued in office until the close of 1877, having served five years as Master.

The death of Wor. Bro. Henry, which occurred on August 9, 1879, was one of the saddest events in the history of this Lodge. His funeral took place on the 13th of August, 1879, the brethren of Montauk following his remains to the grave, where the last rites were performed. The sentiments of the Lodge were expressed in appropriate terms in the following resolutions, as shown on the Minute Book: "As a Lodge we are crushed with the weight of our loss. He was successively our Pillar of Beauty, Strength and Wisdom; the leader and guide of the elder, the instructor of the younger members, and the impress of his cheerful labors, his untiring interest in the Lodge, and his many manly virtues will ever be cherished and never be forgotten by the brethren."

"We learned to honor him thoroughly and love him well; and we inscribe as his epitaph: His character was pure and spotless; he was ever ready to stretch out his hand in aid of a suffering member of the human family; ever ready to whisper friendly words of counsel in a brother's ear; punctual in the performance of every duty; long suffering and kind; without envy; without self-glory; seeking the good of others rather than his own; rejoicing in doing good; in faith and hope patiently enduring the present trials of this life; a dutiful son, a faithful husband, a kind father, an excellent friend and a true Mason. And so he walked among his fellows—a man among men."

Other Lodges recognized the great loss, and Stella Lodge, by resolution, transmitted a kindly letter of sympathy.

Montauk Lodge claimed the privilege of assuming his funeral expenses, and when it was learned that through his free-handed liberality he had neglected to accumulate property for himself, his brethren of the Lodge, together with his business asso-

ciates, raised between seven and eight thousand dollars, which was given to his family.

Several interesting events took place during the year 1878, under the administration of Wor. Atwood. P.: M.: John H. Burtis, of this Lodge, was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District and made his official visit to Montauk Lodge on January 16th, at which time he was presented with a handsome Jewel and Apron, designating his rank. M.: W.: Grand Master Jos. J. Couch, with members of his staff and many lesser Masonic luminaries, were present and added lustre to the occasion.

On January 29th, the Lodge, in a body, paid a fraternal visit to Kane Lodge No. 454, New York, and were royally entertained. This was the beginning of a pleasant fraternal intercourse which continued through several years.

On April 24th of this year, the Lodge celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary in fitting style. One of the papers of the day tells us that "the large room was almost a bower of the richest and most elegant flowers, yielding forth a delicious fragrance, and with the aid of the more intellectual supplement of music, both vocal and instrumental, gave a delight to the senses, which pleasingly reminded one of those Eastern scenes so bewitchingly described by Byron and Tom Moore." Wor. Bro. Atwood gave some interesting historical statistics, followed by remarks from Past Masters of the Lodge. Grand Master Couch made an eloquent and interesting address, followed by remarks from other eminent brethren. Bro. John F. Collins (now R. W.) gave two recitations. A pair of Deacon's Staves were presented to the Lodge, which were received by Wor. G. S. Hutchinson on its behalf. The entertainment closed with a bountiful collation, which was heartily enjoyed by all present.

Another interesting event took place one week later. This was the occasion of a visit from G.: M.: Jos. J. Couch and Rt. Wor. Charles Roome, then Deputy Grand Master; both of whom had endeared themselves to the brethren of this Lodge by many courteous acts. Certificates of Honorary Membership had been elaborately engrossed and framed; one was presented to Rt. Wor. Bro. Roome by Wor. Bro. Marcellus; the other by Wor. Bro. Henry to Most Wor. Bro. Couch, and received by those brethren with grateful acknowledgments.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Richard Gurney presided in the East for the two years of 1880-1, during which period the Lodge was prospered and strengthened, twenty-one Master Masons being added to the roll, fourteen of whom still continue in active membership.

In 1881 the By-Laws were amended, allowing brethren of fifteen years regular standing to commute for \$50—all commutations to be permanently funded, and the income only to be

used by the Lodge. This plan has since been adopted by other Lodges.

In April, 1881, a brother of this Lodge was confined in the Flatbush Hospital with small pox and was carefully attended by the resident physician, Dr. P. L. Schenck, a brother Mason. The thanks of Montauk Lodge were tendered to him for kindness, and he subsequently affiliated with this Lodge.

During the second year of Wor. Cort R. Hineken's administration (both of which were pleasant and profitable), the Lodge celebrated, on April 18, 1883, its 30th Anniversary. Several distinguished brethren were present, and fine vocal and instrumental music enlivened the occasion. After introductory remarks by Wor. Bro. Hineken, Bro. R. F. Van Ingen, on behalf of a number of the brethren, presented the Lodge with a large crayon portrait of Bro. Nevin W. Butler, the *Father* of Montauk Lodge, and who for eighteen years had been its Secretary. Brief addresses were made by Rt. Wor. E. M. L. Ehlers, M.: W.: Henry Vehslage, P. G. M. of New Jersey, and Rt. Wor. and Rev. Chas. H. Hall, the latter making the address of the evening.

During 1884 an amendment was made to the By-Laws reducing the Affiliation and Initiation fees to \$5 and \$30, they having been previously \$15 and \$60.

In February, 1884, Wor. Bro. Richard Gurney, having been appointed Representative of the Grand Lodge of Vermont near the Grand Lodge of New York, was introduced to the brethren as such, and warmly congratulated upon the honor so fittingly bestowed.

On April 26, 1884, occurred the death of Bro. Thomas J. Northall, who was for more than seventeen years Treasurer of the Lodge. He was a man of spotless character, warm and generous in his friendship, and had greatly endeared himself to the brethren. His remains were taken to Watertown, N. Y., for interment.

At the annual election in December, 1886, Most Worshipful Grand Master Frank R. Lawrence was present, with his staff, and installed the newly elected officers, Wor. Bro. Peter L. Schenck being installed as Master for the second time.

On this occasion Bro. Nevin W. Butler, who for twenty-one years had served as Secretary of the Lodge—declining a reelection—was presented by his brethren with a handsome bronze statue of Mercury posed upon an ebony pedestal. Wor. Bro. Marcellus made the presentation address, and Bro. Butler, taken entirely by surprise, responded in a feeling manner.

On St. John's Day, Dec. 27, 1885, the Lodge accepted an invitation from Rev. Bro. Joseph Reynolds, Jr., Chaplain of Montauk Lodge, to attend the Church of the Reformation, when

they listened to an interesting and appropriate sermon from the learned brother.

Up to 1886 the Lodge had acted as its own landlord, subletting the rooms to other Lodges. It was finally decided, however, to dispose of the furniture and make other arrangements. The sum of \$1,000 was realized from the sale of the furniture and applied to the Permanent Fund. On the 18th of April, 1888, the Lodge removed to its present commodious quarters, No. 153 Pierpont street.

While Montauk Lodge has never been in sympathy with all the methods used in the erection of the Masonic Temple, she has promptly responded to every appeal from the Grand Lodge to assist in the enterprise, and when invited to pay her share of the total amount of its per capita tax of the Hall and Asylum Fund, met at once the required sum, \$630, which was raised partly by private subscription and the balance by appropriation from the Treasury. It thus became released from all subsequent payments in connection with this matter.

At the first Regular Communication in December, 1886, Wor. Bro. Wayland Trask, together with the Wardens and brethren of Independent Royal Arch Lodge No. 2, upon invitation of Montauk Lodge, paid a fraternal visit, thereby renewing an intercourse enjoyed by Montauk some thirty years before. Wor. Bro. Trask was the *child* of Montauk Lodge, from which he dimitted to join Independent Royal Arch.

In 1887 Montauk Lodge was again honored by the appointment of one of its members, Wor. Bro. P. L. Schenck, as District Deputy-Grand Master of the Third Masonic District. The Lodge, in recognition of the fact that the honor had been conferred on a worthy brother, presented him with an apron and jewel appropriate to his distinguished rank. One week later the brethren, upon his invitation, assembled at his house, where they met with a hearty reception, and were hospitably entertained.

The new District Deputy-Grand Master greatly interested himself in the Ladies' Masonic Fair held at the Masonic Temple in November, 1887. His efforts were largely seconded by his own Lodge. A large committee of ladies, with Mrs. Richard Gurney as Chairman, was appointed by Worshipful Master Thos. D. McElhennie, and given the aid of another committee, composed of the brethren of Montauk Lodge. The Ladies' Committee, consisting of Mrs. Richard Gurney as Chairman, Mrs. John W. Wiggins, Jr., Mrs. Nevin W. Butler, Mrs. Jacob Cole, Mrs. Cort R. Hencken, Mrs. John W. Parker, Mrs. R. N. Denison, Miss S. Harkins, Mrs. J. Stafford, Mrs. T. D. McElhennie, and Mrs. Edward S. Atwood, had charge of Table No. 11. The total amount contributed by Montauk Lodge in donations, sale of tickets and table receipts, was \$852.46.

The Lodge moved into its new quarters on the 18th of April, 1888, which was the Thirty-fifth Anniversary of its organization. This was made the occasion of the official visit of Rt. Wor. Bro. P. L. Schenck, as District Deputy Grand Master. The triple event was celebrated in a brilliant manner. There were present M.: W.: Joseph J. Couch, Past Grand Master of New York, and M.: W.: Henry Vehslage, Past Grand Master of New Jersey. The latter, escorted by Hope Lodge No. 124, of East Orange, N. J., and many other distinguished brethren, added to the interest of the occasion by their attendance and participation. After appropriate ceremonies in the Lodge-room, which was handsomely decorated, Wor. Master John W. Wiggins invited the brethren to the banquet hall, where the more social business of the evening was enjoyed by all present.

Montauk Lodge is now, after its more than 35 years of existence, in excellent working order, and gives promise of a future worthy of its past.

The following is the list of elective officers of Montauk Lodge from the date of its erection to the close of 1888 :

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—Richard L. Delisser, 1853-4; Robert F. Sage, 1855; Thomas S. Pope, 1856-7; Dwight B. Denslow, 1858; James C. Hartt, 1859; William J. Scott, 1860-61; Harvey Farrington, 1862; William H. Waring, 1863-4-5; Gardner S. Hutchinson, 1866-7; J. Lawrence Marcellus, 1868-69-70; James Henry, 1871-2-3-4; John H. Burtis, 1875-6; James Henry, 1877; Edward S. Atwood, 1878-9; Richard Gurney, 1880-81; Cort R. Hincken, 1882-3; George D. Bascome, 1884; Peter L. Schenck, 1885-6; Thomas D. McElhenie, 1887; John W. Wiggins, Jr., 1888; Nevin W. Butler, 1889.

SENIOR WARDEN.—Robert F. Sage, 1853-4; Thomas S. Pope, 1855; Dwight B. Denslow, 1856-7; James C. Hartt, 1858; William J. Scott, 1859; C. M. Northrop, 1860; Harvey Farrington, 1861; William E. Pearse, 1862; William P. Borland, 1863; Gardner S. Hutchinson, 1864-5; Joseph E. Berry, 1866; J. Lawrence Marcellus, 1867; Geo. L. Ayres, 1868; James Henry, 1869-70; Charles Trumbull, 1871-2-3; John H. Burtis, 1874; Edward S. Atwood, 1875-6-7; Richard Gurney, 1878-9; Cort R. Hincken, 1880-81; Geo. D. Bascome, 1882-3; David Barnett, 1884; J. L. Marcellus, 1885; Thomas D. McElhenie, 1886; John W. Wiggins, Jr., 1887; Nevin W. Butler, 1888; Lucius M. Sheldon, Jr., 1889.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—Wm. N. Puffer, 1853-4; Wm. Matthews, 1855; Joseph Grice, 1856; Chas. Lowrey, 1857; Samuel Carter, 1858; Calvin M. Northrop, 1859; Harvey Farrington, 1860;

Marcus E. Bassett, 1861; Wm. H. Waring, 1862; Gardner S. Hutchinson, 1863; Haydn Nichols, 1864-5; J. Lawrence Marcellus, 1866; Geo. L. Ayers, 1867; Jacob Cole, 1868; Edward H. Kellogg, 1869; Charles H. Trumbull, 1870; Charles H. Bingham, 1871; C. Aubrey DeWolf, 1872; Joseph E. Dallon, 1873; Edward S. Atwood, 1874; Samuel Dally, 1875-6; Richard Gurney, 1877; Chas. H. Bannigan, 1878; Cort R. Hincken, 1879; Wm. H. Wills, 1880; Geo. D. Bascome, 1881; Wm. S. Lambert, 1882; Fred. W. Armstrong, Jr., 1883; Peter L. Schenck, 1884; Thomas D. McElhenie, 1885; Lucius M. Sheldon, Jr., 1886; Wm. Rowe, Jr., 1887; Lucius M. Sheldon, Jr., 1888; Thos. D. Hughes, 1889.

TREASURER.—Albert G. Bunker, 1853-4; Leverett H. Sage, 1855-6-7; Robert J. Davis, 1858; John P. Puffer, 1859; Wm. W. Rose, 1860 to 1866, inclusive; Thos. J. Northall, 1867 to 1884, inclusive; Henry T. Nichols, 1885 to 1887, inclusive; J. L. Marcellus, 1888-9.

SECRETARY.—Nevin W. Butler, 1853; John P. Puffer, 1854-5-6; James Kirkpatrick, 1857; John P. Puffer, 1858; J. L. Marcellus, 1859 to 1863, inclusive; Charles T. Rogers, 1864-5; Nevin W. Butler, 1866 to 1885, inclusive; John W. Wiggins, Jr., 1886; Edward S. Atwood, 1887-8-9.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

It was deemed advisable by prominent members of Montauk Lodge to obtain a personal sketch of all that could be communicated with, and a great effort was made to accomplish this object. Nearly every member was written to; a number responded, but there were several who never returned the sketches sent them for correction. The writer made several attempts to obtain an interview with Wor. Bro. Waring, but failed in every instance, and the brief sketch published was compiled wholly from the minutes.

WOR. JAMES C. HARTT, PAST MASTER OF MONTAUK LODGE.

Wor. Bro. James C. Hartt was made an Entered Apprentice in Montauk Lodge, Oct. 15th, 1856; he was passed and raised soon after, and was elected Trustee at the annual election, Dec. 24th, the same year. Two years following he was taken from the floor and made Senior Warden, and at the annual election, held Dec. 22, 1858, he was elected Worshipful Master to serve for the ensuing year. His was one of the most prosperous administrations that this Lodge has ever enjoyed. It was marked by

peace and harmony, and the best of feeling prevailed among the brethren. He governed with a firm hand, but with that mildness and urbanity of manner that won the hearts of all. He was the unanimous choice of the brethren for re-election the following year and received the entire vote of those present, but other duties of a paramount nature compelled him to decline the honor. The Lodge evinced their appreciation of his eminent services as Master and their strong personal regard for him as a Brother by presenting him with an elegant Past Master's jewel. Bro. Hartt had at this time become a resident of Montclair, N. J., and was unable longer to take an active part in the work of the Lodge.

The maternal ancestor of Wor. Bro. Hartt was William Carpenter, who came over with Roger Williams and followed the fortunes of the latter when he was driven from Massachusetts to Rhode Island by religious persecution. The old homestead of the Carpenters at Jamestown, R. I., is still standing.

Wor. Bro. Hartt was born at Lansingburg, N. Y., January 12th, 1823. He received a good common school and academic education, and came to New York in 1835 and took a position as clerk in a store. He returned home in 1837 and came to New York again in 1841 as clerk in a dry goods store. He became connected with the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co. in 1850, as bookkeeper. He was made Secretary in 1854 and General Sales Agent for the sale of its coal in 1866. In 1872 he was made Treasurer and in 1884 the duties of General Sales Agent were added to this position.

Bro. Hartt was married in 1848 to Miss Anne M. Heermans, a native of Canada, but a resident of New York city. In person he is of medium height, a man of warm and sympathetic nature, with attractive social qualifications; a kind neighbor, a faithful friend and a true Craftsman.

WOR. WILLIAM H. WARING,

PAST MASTER OF MONTAUK LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Waring was for many years one of the most active and ardent supporters of Montauk Lodge. He was Junior Warden in 1862 and Master in 1863-4. He delivered an Historical Address before the Lodge on the celebration of its twentieth anniversary, which was afterwards published in book form. He is a lawyer of some prominence in New York city and for many years has enjoyed a large and lucrative practice.

WOR. GARDINER S. HUTCHINSON,
PAST MASTER OF MONTAUK LODGE.

To enumerate the many virtues ascribed to Wor. Bro. Hutchinson by his Brethren in Montauk Lodge, would require far more than the limited space of this sketch will permit. That he was a *model Master* is the unanimous verdict of the Lodge. Always calm and self-possessed, dignified in his demeanor, polite, affable and agreeable; a man of large hearted liberality, of a sympathetic nature, he not only responded to every appeal from the needy and suffering, but by his own example incited others to like deeds of charity and benevolence. As a workman he had no superior; he adhered to the old standard, and every candidate instructed by him became, in every sense of the word, a Master Workman. While adhering to the ritual he possessed ample resources, acquired by careful study and observation, to awaken in the mind and heart of the candidate a deep interest in symbolic Masonry and left an impression both deep and abiding. Bro. Hutchinson was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Montauk Lodge, December 12th, 1860. He served as Senior Deacon in 1862, as Junior Warden in 1863, as Senior Warden in 1864-5, and Worshipful Master in 1866-7. He assumed the responsibilities of the latter position immediately following the withdrawal of the discordant element, which for three years had disturbed the peace and harmony of Montauk Lodge, and his administration was marked by a return of peace and harmony and prosperity.

Wor. Bro. Hutchinson, was born in New York city, December 21, 1832. He received a thorough preparatory education at private and boarding schools, took a two years' course at the New York University, and was graduated from the law department of the Cambridge University in 1858. He read law with Cleveland & Titus of New York, and was admitted to practice in 1859. He was successful in his law practice, in which he continued for ten years. In 1869 he gave up his profession and entered upon a mercantile career under the firm name of Morison & Hutchinson; subsequently changed to Hutchinson, Pierce & Co. Bro. Hutchinson became a resident of Brooklyn in 1850. Not long after he joined Montauk Lodge he was exalted in Lafayette Chapter, R. A. M., New York. He subsequently dimitted and gave his whole attention during his leisure hours to Blue Lodge Masonry. He has been prominently connected with business and benevolent matters in Brooklyn, and is at present President of the Dime Savings Bank in this city.

WOR. JOHN LAWRENCE MARCELLUS,
TREASURER AND PAST MASTER OF MONTAUK LODGE.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do with thy might" is a scriptural command. The earnestness, devotion and singleness of purpose that have characterized Bro. Marcellus in his thirty-one years of self-sacrificing efforts in behalf of Montauk Lodge, show that his whole heart was in the work and that he labored with his might to assist in accomplishing the great results shown in the history of this Lodge, which place it among the first in the State in works of charity and benevolence. Bro. Marcellus was made a Master Mason in this Lodge in 1857, and from that time up to the present has been almost continuously in office. He was Junior Deacon in 1858; Secretary in 1859-60-1-2-3; Senior Deacon, 1864-5; Junior Warden, 1866; Senior Warden, 1867 and again in 1885; Worshipful Master in 1868-69-70; trustee for a number of years, and at the annual communication in December, 1887, was elected Treasurer. His administration as Master was marked by that firmness and decision necessary to good government, but with that gentleness of spirit which invariably wins the respect, love and admiration of the governed. His whole record as a member and officer of Montauk Lodge may be summed up in these few words: "Well done good and faithful servant." Bro. Marcellus never cared to explore the mysteries of Freemasonry to any extent beyond the Blue Lodge. He was exalted in Pentalfa Chapter, R. A. M., and afterwards affiliated with Ridgewood Chapter No. 263, of which he is now a companion.

The family history of Bro. Marcellus is one of exceeding interest. The name is easily traced back to the Roman General Marcellus, who founded the city of Marseilles, in France, and the family of this name, who belonged to the French Huguenots, fled from the latter place to Holland after the Edict of Nantes. The American ancestor, Marcellus Janse von Bommel, came to this country from Gelderland, Holland, in 1650, and settled in the Mohawk Valley, N. Y. Both on his paternal and maternal sides the subject of this sketch comes from the same ancestry. His father was Rev. Aaron A. Marcellus, son of Nicholas A., of Amsterdam, N. Y., and his mother was Sarah, daughter of John N. Marcellus, of Schenectady, N. Y, cousins, five or six degrees removed. Wor. Bro. J. L. Marcellus, of Montauk Lodge, was born in New Brunswick, N. J., and received most of his education from his father. For the benefit of his health he enlisted in the United States Navy, in 1849, and served as seaman for two years in the Mediterranean, on board the U. S. Frigate "Independence." He had as shipmates several men who became well known in the war of the rebellion. George Minor was a Second Lieutenant on the Independence

and was second in command of the rebel ram Merrimac in her famous fight in Hampton Roads. The commander of the Congress, which was sunk by the Merrimac, was George V. Morris, who was a midshipman on the Independence, and Capt. Pendergast, commanding the Cumberland, also sunk by the Merrimac, was also a midshipman on the Independence. Among those who were associated with Wor. Brother Marcellus on the old frigate Independence were Thomas T. Craven, who during the war commanded the Potomac flotilla; Alexander Murray, who became a Rear-Admiral; Samuel R. Franklin, recently retired as a Rear-Admiral; William Nelson, who entered the Union army and became a General, and Edward Y. McCauley, who was also recently retired a Rear-Admiral after commanding the Pacific station. In the fall of 1850 Wor. Brother Marcellus was transferred to the storeship Lexington, and filled the office of Acting Quartermaster. The commanding officer of the Lexington was John K. Mitchell, who afterward commanded Forts Jackson and St. Philip on the Mississippi, which were reduced by the Union fleet under Admiral Farragut, April 24, 1862; J. J. Waddell, afterwards commander of a rebel cruiser, was a past midshipman on that cruise.

He afterwards became assistant teacher to his father in an academic school in Williamsburgh, now Brooklyn, E. D. While engaged in this capacity he studied law with John M. Stearns, Esq., of the latter place, and was admitted to the bar in February, 1855. He became connected with the law firm of C. J. & C. Lowrey, as managing clerk, in April of the same year, and continued until January 1, 1866, when he was admitted as partner. The firm of C. J. & C. Lowrey dissolved in 1871, and he immediately formed a new copartnership with Mr. Charles Lowrey, under the firm name of Lowrey & Marcellus, which was dissolved in 1877 by the death of Mr. Lowrey, and the business has since continued under the name of J. L. Marcellus. Bro. Marcellus has taken a lively interest in educational matters, and was a member of the Board of Education of this city, from 1872 to 1879. He has been actively connected with the Atlantic Yacht Club for nineteen years, thirteen of which he served as its Corresponding Secretary; and in February, 1888, he was elected and is now serving as its Commodore. Since 1877 he has filled the responsible position of Counsel for the Dime Savings Bank of Brooklyn, of which institution he is also First Vice-President.

Bro. Marcellus was married in 1856 to Miss Katharine Julia Brown, of New York, daughter of Capt. Edward Brown, of the merchant service. Three daughters have been born to them—one deceased in infancy—the other two are married. His wife deceased in 1887.

RT. WOR. J. H. BURTIS,

PAST MASTER OF MONTAUK LODGE AND PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY
G. M. OF THE THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Burtis was made a Mason in Greenwich Lodge No. 467, New York, about 1862. He affiliated with Montauk Lodge in November, 1870, was Senior Deacon in 1872; Senior Warden, 1874; Master, 1875-6, and in 1877 was appointed District Deputy Grand Master by M. W. Grand Master Joseph J. Couch. Soon after his appointment he was presented by his Lodge with a handsome jewel, emblematic of his rank. He was exalted in Lafayette Chapter, R. A. M., of New York.

Bro. Burtis was born at Hoosic Falls, N. Y., Sept. 5, 1832, was graduated at Union College in 1854. He became a resident of Brooklyn in 1868, where he has been for many years engaged in the real estate business. In 1875, he was elected to the Legislature on the Republican ticket from the Eleventh District.

WOR. EDWARD S. ATWOOD, PAST MASTER AND SECRETARY.

Bro. Atwood is a veteran in masonry, though to all appearance a youth in years. For more than eighteen years he has devoted his time and energy, as well as contributing liberally to the promotion of Montauk Lodge, and for fifteen years has occupied an official position in it. He was made an Entered Apprentice Nov. 16, 1870; passed to the degree of Fellowcraft Dec. 7, 1870, and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason January, 1871. He served for a time as Senior Deacon, and in 1873 was elected Junior Warden; in 1874, Senior Warden, and in 1877 was elected Worshipful Master, and was unanimously re-elected the following year. He has served as Secretary for three years, and was a trustee for five years. On retiring from the East he was presented by the Lodge with an elegant Past Master's jewel, which carried with it the highest encomium of praise for his able administration of the important duties of that office.

The ancestors of Bro. Atwood were among the early settlers of Plymouth, Mass., some of them participating in the first division of lands in that colony. Their descendants took part in the French War and the War of the Revolution. Bro. Atwood was born in Boston, Dec. 5, 1842. He took a preparatory course at Kimball's Union Academy, Meriden, N. H.; matriculated at William's College, 1859; was graduated in 1863, and took his degree of A. M., three years later. He is a member of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity. He soon after entered a large

Boston shipping house where he laid the foundation of his successful mercantile career. He has been the resident agent in New York of the Revere Copper Co. of Boston for the past twenty years. He became a resident of Brooklyn in 1869, but removed to East Orange, N. J., in 1873. In September 1871, he married Miss Mary E., daughter of D. T. Leverich, Esq., of Brooklyn. He is still a regular attendant and an active supporter of Montauk Lodge. Bro. Atwood has a taste for natural science, and is a member of the American Society of Microscopists, and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is also identified with the leading organizations, social and otherwise, in the Oranges, N. J., where he resides.

R. W. RICHARD GURNEY,

PAST MASTER OF MONTAUK LODGE.

Bro. Gurney has been an active, earnest worker in Montauk Lodge since his first entrance, some fifteen years ago. His familiarity with the ritual and his love for the work made him successful as an officer, while his attractive personal qualities endeared him to the brethren. He was initiated Oct. 15, 1873, passed to the degree of F. C. Nov. 5 following, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, November 18th of the same year. He served as Senior Deacon in 1875-6; as Junior Warden in 1877; as Senior Warden in 1878-9. He was *unanimously* elected Master for 1880, and was again the unanimous choice of his Brethren the following year. His lectures and instructions to the candidates were earnest and impressive and evinced deep research and a thorough knowledge of the subject. He was elected Trustee in 1882-3. On January 18, 1884, he was appointed Representative of the State of Vermont near the Grand Lodge of New York. Though out of office at present, his zeal in the cause has not the least abated, and he can always be relied on to assist in the work of the Lodge.

Bro. Gurney was born in London, Eng., April 4, 1846. He came with his parents to this country in 1861, and completed his education at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. He commenced his mercantile career as clerk in a shipping and commercial house, and has continued in the same business for twenty years, eight of which he has been engaged in business for himself. He was married in 1865, to Miss Clara E. Nichols of Brooklyn. They have six children.

Bro. Gurney is of medium height, well built, generous, frank and open in his nature, a man of decided convictions and good executive ability.

CORT R. HINCKEN, PAST MASTER OF MONTAUK LODGE.

From the date of his entrance into Montauk Lodge, more than eleven years ago, Wor. Bro. Hincken has been one of its staunchest supporters and most efficient workman. He has been, with one or two exceptions, continuously in office since the first year of his membership. He was raised in this Lodge June 20, 1877, and the December following was appointed Senior Deacon by Wor. Bro. E. S. Atwood. He served as Junior Warden in 1879; as Senior Warden in 1880-81, and as Worshipful Master in 1882-3. The Lodge enjoyed a prosperous season under his administration. He displayed great skill as a Craftsman and ability as presiding officer. On his retirement from the East he was presented with an elegant Past Master's jewel. He was elected Trustee in 1884, and re-elected each succeeding year. He was appointed Junior Master of Ceremonies at the last annual communication of the Lodge. (In April, 1888, as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Montauk Lodge, he presented to the Maritime Association of the Port of New York on behalf of the Lodge, a portrait of Wor. Bro. James Henry, which had hung in the Lodge Parlor since the latter's decease, and which now hangs in the Board of Directors room of the Exchange.)

Bro. Hincken was born in New York city, Nov. 16, 1850. He secured his early education at the Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn. At the age of thirteen he was sent abroad for two years, and attended School at Rouen, France. On his return he re-entered the Polytechnic Institute, from which he was graduated in 1867. In 1867 he entered the house of B. L. Smyth, and afterwards with J. F. Underhill & Co., until 1871, when he became connected with the house of Boyd & Hincken, in which his father is a partner. This house has been in business for upwards of fifty years.

Wor. Bro. Hincken was married March 30, 1875, in the Church of the Holy Saviour, 25th Street and Madison Avenue, New York, to Miss Jennie B. Hubbard, who is descended from one of the earliest settlers and most distinguished men of New England. They have three children. Bro. Hincken is a member of the Maritime and of the Produce Exchange. He is also a member of DeWitt Clinton Council, Royal Arcanum, and Stella Council, A. L. of H.

WOR. GEORGE D. BASCOMBE,

PAST MASTER MONTAUK LODGE.

Owing to the removal of his residence from Brooklyn, Bro. Bascome has not been able to meet with the Lodge during the

past five years, yet his name is cherished with grateful remembrance and affection by his brethren. He left a record of which any man might justly feel proud. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Montauk Lodge, Dec. 3, 1879, by W.: Bro. Atwood; immediately after this he was appointed Senior Deacon, and soon qualified himself for this important position. In 1881, he was elected Junior Warden; in 1882-3, Senior Warden, and 1884, Worshipful Master. From the time he entered the Lodge until he was elevated to the highest office was only five years, yet he was worthy and well qualified for each position, and he filled the Master's chair with grace, dignity and honor, preserving that peace and harmony which is essential to the success of every Lodge. On retiring from the East he was presented with an elegant Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his eminent services and valuable labors on behalf of the Lodge.

Bro. Bascome was born under the British flag at Turk's Island (one of the Bahamas), January 20, 1843. He came to the States at the age of twelve years, and entered Hopkin's Grammar School, New Haven, and was graduated in 1859. After leaving school he returned to the West Indies, remaining until 1862, when he came to New York and entered upon a mercantile life, which he has followed successfully up to the present time. He became a resident of Brooklyn in 1862, residing there for a number of years; in 1883 he removed to New Jersey. He was married in 1880, to Miss Strang of Albany, N. Y. They have three children.

RT. WOR. P. L. SCHENCK,

PAST MASTER OF MONTAUK LODGE.—DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND
MASTER OF THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

There are few Craftsmen in this Masonic District who ever entered upon the work with more zeal, enthusiasm and self-devotion than Rt. Worshipful Bro. Schenck. He was made a Mason in 1879, and affiliated with Montauk Lodge in 1881; was elected Junior Warden in 1884, and Worshipful Master in 1885-6. Many Craftsmen are satisfied with acquiring a knowledge of simply ritualistic masonry, but Bro. Schenck from the start became imbued with its teachings and the noble principles on which our order is founded. He devoted time for research and investigation, and, becoming convinced of its antiquity, and impressed with its beautiful symbols, through which the noblest virtues of man are inculcated, he accepted its teachings, and resolved to devote his time and energies to the furtherance of its principles and the promotion of its objects.

His own Lodge rewarded him with the highest honors within its gift, and at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge in 1887 he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District. This work brought him into closer relationship with the brethren of other Lodges, and gave him a wider field of operation, which he has faithfully improved, even to the neglect of his professional duties. In addition to his other duties he has been a regular attendant at the communications of his own Lodge, never neglecting what he considers his *alma mater*.

In the erection of the living temple to which the labors of Craftsmen in speculative masonry are devoted, it becomes a matter of interest to know something of the individual history of the *living stones* which compose the edifice. The name of Schenck is supposed to have originated under the reign of Charlemagne, from the following incident: "The Emperor, traveling with his suite, tired and exhausted, comes to the house of one who generously furnishes them wine and refreshment. The Emperor is pleased with the host, makes him an officer of his household, and finally grants him a title of nobility." The Latin equivalent of the name is Pincerna; the English equivalent is Butler. The first of this name of whom any mention is made in history is Edgar de Schencken, who, in 798, occupied the position of Imperial Seneschal to Charlemagne, Emperor of Germany and France. Most of the families of this name trace their descent through the various branches from this original tree, and one Johannes Schenck, who emigrated from Middleburg, Holland, in 1683, and settled in Bushwick, used the coat-of-arms denoted in the foregoing incident, was prominent among the early settlers of Long Island, and it is from him that the subject of the present sketch is descended in a direct line. Thoroughly democratic in his views, however, he owes whatever success he has attained to his own efforts, and not to any hereditary superiority or patrician descent.

R.: W.: Bro. P. L. Schenck was born in Flatbush, L. I., Oct. 25, 1843. He received his preparatory course at Erasmus Hall Academy, Flatbush, and was graduated in 1862 at the University of the City of New York; received the degree of A. M. in 1865; entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, and received the degree of M. D. the same year. He served one year as assistant surgeon in the Kings Co. Hospital, and then joined the army as acting assistant surgeon, where he served several months in charge of a hospital at Wilmington, N. C., terminating his service at the close of the war. In 1866 he was assistant physician in the cholera hospital at South Brooklyn, residing there from its opening until its close. He was then appointed assistant resident physician at the Kings County Hospital, which position he occupied until 1872, when

he was appointed Medical Superintendent. He served with great honor and credit in that capacity until 1881. He then opened an office at 60 St. Mark's Avenue, Brooklyn, where he has succeeded in building up a large and lucrative practice. He is a member of the Kings County Medical Society; examining surgeon of Midwood Council, National Provident Union; surgeon to the Brooklyn Jockey Club, and consulting surgeon to the Flatbush Hospital. He has already attained a high reputation as a physician, and his numerous patients have implicit confidence in his ability and judgment. As a consulting physician he has the confidence of his own fraternity. He is a man of fine physique—a perfect specimen of the *bonne homme*; genial, warm-hearted and sympathetic in his nature—*sans peur et sans reproche*.

THOMAS D. McELHENIE, PAST MASTER OF MONTAUK LODGE.

It is a noteworthy fact that Bro. McElhenie was brought to light in Kings County Lodge, which was the child of Montauk, and afterwards became Master of Montauk Lodge. The first event occurred in October, 1876. He affiliated with Montauk Lodge, May 5, 1880; was its Junior Deacon in 1882, Senior Deacon in 1883-4, Junior Warden in 1885, Senior Warden in 1886, and Master in 1887. During his eight years' connection with Montauk no brother has labored more earnestly to promote its growth and maintain that fraternal feeling with the other Lodges than Bro. McElhenie. As Master of the Lodge he kept up a continual intercourse with his Masonic Brethren of the Third District, and always met with a hearty reception and cordial greeting in his visits to other Lodges. He was an intelligent Craftsman, and his work as Master was well done, as those who were raised by him will testify. Bro. McElhenie has devoted his time and energies to Blue Lodge Masonry, believing that in a faithful discharge of these duties a man can find sufficient work in the cause of charity and benevolence to employ all his spare time and energies.

Bro. McElhenie was born in Wayne County, Ohio, Oct. 15, 1849. His early education was limited to the public school. He acquired a practical knowledge of the drug business during a five years' residence in Wooster, Ohio, from 1865 to 1870. During the latter year he entered the College of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated two years later. He afterwards spent a few months in Cleveland, Ohio, and came to New York in 1874, and located at Flatbush, L. I., and in 1876 he bought out the place which he now occupies, at 259 Ryerson street. He has done much to advance the cause of pharmacy and promote a more intelligent growth among the members of

his profession. He was a charter member of the Kings County Pharmaceutical Society, serving two years as its Vice-President. He is also a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association (a national organization), and an Honorary Member of the New Jersey State Pharmaceutical Association. He has been happy in his social and domestic relations. His wife was Miss Bell Osborn, of Wooster, Ohio, to whom he was married in September, 1876. He is highly esteemed among his large circle of friends and acquaintances in Brooklyn. He has been for some years connected with Dr. Cuyler's Church.

JOHN WARD WIGGINS, JR., WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Bro. Wiggins was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by Worshipful Brother J. Lawrence Marcellus, in 1868. He served one year as Junior Deacon, one year as Secretary—succeeding Brother Nevin W. Butler—and in 1886 was elected Senior Warden. At the annual election in December, 1887, he was called to the East, to serve for the ensuing year. He was exalted in Constellation Chapter No. 209, R. A. M., of Brooklyn, in 1871, but has since dimitted, as he prefers to devote his time to the interests of Montauk Lodge, of which he is a Life Member.

Bro. Wiggins is descended from some of the oldest families of Long Island.

Through his paternal ancestors he comes from the old Holland family of Van Duyne, who settled New Utrecht, and from the Ward family, his great-grandfather—Captain Bernard Ward—having married a Van Duyne.

Captain Bernard Ward, whose name appears in the Brooklyn Directory of 1796 as "Barna Ward," was a native of Ireland, and an officer in the American Army of the Revolution.

One of the daughters of Captain Ward was the mother of Hon. John W. Hunter, Ex-Mayor of Brooklyn; another was the grandmother of the subject of this sketch. Their cousins on the Van Duyne side were Hon. John Van Duyne, Sheriff of Kings County, and the mother of Hon. Henry A. Moore, now County Judge.

Captain Ward had two sons in the War of 1812, one who did service in the entrenchment at Fort Greene, the other in the Navy.

A son-in-law, Harry Wiggins (who died at the age of 26), the grandfather of Brother Wiggins, was also under arms at Fort Greene.

Brother Wiggins was born in Brooklyn, September 7th, 1846. He received a thorough common-school education at the best

public school of the time (No. One), and careful attention was paid to his religious training. He attended the old Sands Street M. E. Sunday School, the superintendent of which was Ex-Congressman Moses F. Odell, one of the most prominent citizens of Brooklyn. He was a warm personal friend of the father of Brother Wiggins, and the latter is greatly indebted for his success and prosperity in life to the aid and influence of Mr. Odell. Brother Wiggins commenced his business career with the Niagara Fire Insurance Company of New York, and for more than twenty years filled various positions. His executive ability, his strict integrity and moral excellence led to his frequent promotion. During the Summer of 1888 he made a trip to Europe, adding largely to his store of knowledge and useful information.

In 1876 Brother Wiggins married Miss Harriet A., daughter of Ezra Bliss, Esq., of Pawtucket, R. I. On her maternal side she is a descendant of Roger Williams, the father of religious liberty in New England.

Brother Wiggins is a Member of the Board of Education of Brooklyn, to which position he was appointed and reappointed by his friend—an ideal honest official—Dan'l D. Whitney, Esq., during his term as Mayor. He is also a member of the St. Nicholas Society of Brooklyn, of which his cousin, Ex-Mayor John W. Hunter, is President; and Associate Member of the Society of Old Brooklynites, of which his father was one of the incorporators. Being inclined to the companionship of the cultured and intellectual, he is a member of the Twilight Club of N. Y., and, being free from superstition, and liking good fellowship, is also a member of the Thirteen Club of the same city. For the purpose of keeping up his early associations, and promoting the cause of common-school education, Brother Wiggins organized the Society of Old Classmates of Public School No. One, and was elected its first President, a position he still holds. He is a man of medium height, well-proportioned, frank, open, outspoken, an honor to the Craft, a friend to the needy, and an upright, respected citizen and neighbor.

WOR. NEVIN WILLIAM BUTLER,

SENIOR WARDEN AND MASTER ELECT.

Bro. Nevin W. Butler may now be called the father of Montauk Lodge, and for more than thirty-five years he has exercised that paternal care over and that love and devotion for it that exists between father and child. Out of the seventeen brethren who met at the house of Bro. Butler on March 24th, 1853, to assist in the erection of this Lodge, Bro. Butler is the

only remaining member. Several have passed to that undiscovered country, and others have become unaffiliated.

Bro. Butler took his Entered Apprentice's Degree in Joppa Lodge No. 201, Oct. 22, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft Oct. 29; raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason Nov. 12, 1851. He dimitted April 6, 1853, and organized Montauk Lodge in 1853. He was its first Secretary, and held the position for the first year of its existence. He was again elected to this position in 1865, and held it for twenty consecutive years, making in all twenty-one years service, declining a further re-election in December, 1885. He has invariably declined to accept other offices in the Lodge until 1885, when he accepted the office of Trustee, which he filled until Dec., 1888. He accepted the position of Senior Warden for 1888, and at the annual election in December of this year, was elected Master for the year 1889.

On several occasions the brethren have shown their great appreciation of his distinguished services, and on December 18, 1872, presented him with an elegant gold watch and chain containing an appropriate inscription. In March, 1883, on the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Lodge, he was presented with an elegantly framed portrait of himself, to be preserved in the Lodge rooms, and which the Lodge has since presented to Bro. Butler's eldest daughter, on account of its removal from their former commodious Lodge rooms; and on the occasion of his withdrawal from the Secretaryship in December, 1885, he was presented with a beautiful bronze statue of Mercury, measuring three feet in height and mounted on an ebony pedestal four feet high.

During his service of nearly thirty-six years he has been rarely absent (unless prevented by sickness) from the Lodge communications. At the annual election in December, 1887, he was elected Senior Warden to serve for the ensuing year, and completed his term of service by accepting the nomination for the East, to which he was unanimously elected in Dec., 1888, which he has so often been urged to do by the brethren of his Lodge.

Bro. Butler has devoted the best years of his life to Blue Lodge Masonry, having no desire to go beyond it. He is connected, however, with other beneficial orders in which he has taken an active interest. He is a charter member of De Witt Clinton Council No. 419, Royal Arcanum; was its second Regent, and its representative to the Grand Council, in 1881. He is also a Past Commander of Stella Council No. 400, American Legion of Honor, in which he served part of a term as Vice-Commander, and was afterwards twice elected Commander. He represented that Council at the Grand Council in the Session of 1887, and was then elected one of the Grand Trustees of the

Grand Council, State of New York. He is a charter member of Montauk Council No. 43, Order of Chosen Friends, and at its institution was elected Past Councillor. He is also a member of the Brooklyn Masonic Mutual Relief Association. Before joining Masonry he was initiated in Atlantic Lodge No. 50, of I. O. O. F., and served a term in Franklin Degree Lodge; he is now an Ancient Odd Fellow, having withdrawn some years ago.

Bro. Butler was born in the city of Dublin, Ireland, Sept. 16, 1828. He was prepared at private school and entered Carlow College, County Carlow, when he was thirteen years of age, remaining for about four years, afterwards completing his studies under private tutors.

He commenced his business career as clerk in the office of one of his uncle's, a prominent solicitor and lawyer in Dublin, where he spent about two years. He came to America on 1st June, 1848, and in 1850 entered the employ of the proprietors of Dr. Townsend's Sarsaparilla as a clerk, and about five years afterwards he became their confidential business manager, continuing in that capacity for about thirty years. Four years ago he became interested in the business as Executor of the Estate of one of the partners, and upon winding up that estate the business was sold, and was purchased by the surviving partner and Bro. Butler, who formed a new partnership in March, 1888. Bro. Butler is now one-half owner in that valuable preparation, doing business in New York city under the firm name of Nostrand & Co.

He became a resident of Brooklyn in 1848, where he has resided ever since, and in 1849 married Miss Caroline A. Stagg, a niece of the late George S. Puffer, Esq., formerly President of the Atlantic National Bank of Brooklyn. Six children were born to him by that union, two have deceased. His wife deceased in 1878, and in 1880 he married Mrs. Vernona G. Sprowl, a daughter of the late Edward and Sarah E. Gunning of Brooklyn.

Bro. Butler is a man of vigorous, robust constitution; tall, commanding in appearance, well preserved and barring accidents, has many years of usefulness before him.

LUCIUS M. SHELDON, JR.,

JUNIOR WARDEN, AND SENIOR WARDEN ELECT.

Bro. Sheldon, though one of the youngest, is one of the brightest and most promising members of Montauk Lodge, an enthusiast in Speculative Masonry, with an ardent desire to penetrate its mysteries to the extent of his ability. He was brought to light in this Lodge on April 1, 1885. Anxious to

assist and become proficient in the work, he gave his time and attention to it, and soon mastered the ritual, and at the annual election in 1885, was elected Junior Warden for 1886; he was retired for one year; re-elected for 1888, and at the annual election in December was elected Senior Warden for 1889. In searching for light in Capitular Masonry he became connected with the oldest Body in the State, and was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Ancient Chapter No. 1 of New York, of which he is now Captain of Host. He was dubbed and knighted in Columbian Commandery No. 1 of New York city; he was advanced to the 14th degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and is a member of Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection of Brooklyn; he crossed the burning sands in Mecca Temple Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His face is still turned towards the East with a determination to seek for still further light.

Bro. Sheldon is a native Parisian, having been born in Paris, February 25, 1858, while his parents were temporarily sojourning there. He returned with them two years later and spent most of his early life in Brooklyn. He was sent to boarding school, but completed his education at the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. After spending five years in a wholesale furniture house in New York he decided to try a whaling voyage for the benefit of his health. He accordingly shipped before the mast and spent four years as a seaman, amid the excitement and dangers incident to a seafaring life. On his return he became connected with the Life Insurance business, and for the past two years has been a director in the National Accident Society of New York.

He is connected with the Atlantic Yacht Club of Brooklyn as its Corresponding Secretary, and is one of the Board of Managers of the famous Thirteen Club of New York, made up largely of the Masonic Fraternity.

JOHN P. SCRYMSER, SENIOR DEACON.

To fill the position of Senior Deacon requires a thorough knowledge of the work, a familiarity with the ritual, combined with an impressive and pleasing manner. That Bro. Scrymser possessed the requisite qualifications, and had made suitable proficiency in the work within a few months after his initiation is shown in the fact of his appointment to the position. His ability as a Craftsman has been fully tested, and he has acquitted himself with honor. He was initiated and passed in this Lodge in the spring of 1887, receiving his third Degree on March 2d of that year. He was formerly connected with the Knights of Pythias, and served as Chancellor Commander of Leo Lodge No. 41.

Bro. Scrymser was born in New York city forty-two years ago, on April 14th, although he looks much younger. After completing his education he engaged in mercantile pursuits for a number of years, but for the past eighteen months has been connected with the Department of Collections, city of Brooklyn, as Chief Bookkeeper.

He has been connected with the National Guard for twenty-one years, eleven of which he was in active service.

Commissioned Commissary of the 13th Regiment N. G., S. N. Y., in 1867. Served as such 9 years, and subsequently two years as Quartermaster on the staffs of Colonels Jourdan, Dakin, Mason and Briggs. Has been connected with the 13th Regiment Veteran Association for twelve years.

Married in 1882 to the daughter of Rev. Dr. Samuel T. Spear. Wife died in 1886.

WILLIAM N. PUFFER, CHARTER MEMBER.

In the "days of long ago," when the social element was a more prominent feature in Montauk Lodge than at the present time, Bro. Puffer was the life and soul, the *Bon Homme* of the Lodge. No entertainment or gathering was complete without him, and none entered into the spirit of it with greater zest and enjoyment. He cared little for office or distinction of any kind; to be happy and impart happiness to others was the height of his ambition. He was "brought to light" in Joppa Lodge No. 201, in 1852, and soon after went out with others and helped to organize Montauk Lodge. He became its first Junior Warden, but declined further advancement; he served as a member of the Board of Trustees in 1854-5, and again in 1866. He continued in active membership for a number of years, and was finally elected an *Honorary Member*. He was exalted in Brooklyn Chapter, R. A. M., and was a member of Brooklyn Council, R. and S. M. He is proud of his connection with Montauk Lodge. On one of his trips to Europe he visited Sefton Lodge in Liverpool, where he received a cordial reception.

Bro. Puffer comes of the good old Knickerbocker stock. He was born on Broome street, New York City, Sept. 4, 1828. His knowledge of the rudimentary branches was acquired in a private school. He removed to Brooklyn in 1836, where he attended Adrian Hagan's school, a school kept by Saml. Putnam, and completed his course at Columbia Grammar School. He afterwards spent four years in doing business with Olcott, McKesson & Co. He spent one year on the Pacific coast; he subsequently spent two years with the house of S. Van Benschoten in the rice business, and then, at his father's solicita-

tion, joined the latter in the rectifying business, under the firm name of Bach & Puffer, continuing until 1867, when the firm closed business. He spent several months traveling in Europe, and engaged in no active business since. His sixty years of single blessedness have left little of the marks of time. His locks are whitened, but his step is firm and elastic, and he enjoys life quite as much as he did in his younger days.

MAJOR GEORGE A. HICKS, CHARTER MEMBER.

Bro. Hicks was made a Mason in Joppa Lodge No. 201, more than thirty-six years ago, and dimitted from there in 1853 to assist in organizing Montauk Lodge, becoming thereby one of its charter members. He continued his connection with Montauk Lodge until 1861, when he took his dimit and was made an Honorary Member. He is well remembered by the older members as one of the staunchest supporters of Montauk Lodge during the early days of its existence.

Bro. Hicks was born in Brooklyn, Aug. 5, 1828. He attended Hegeman's school in Brooklyn; Bacon Academy at Colchester, Conn., and Sherwood's Boarding-school at Greenwich, Conn. He had rather an eventful business life; he commenced as clerk in the wholesale dry goods and jobbing house of Hunt Bros., remaining for some three years; he ran a grocery store in Brooklyn, on his own account, for three years, and was three years in the stationery business in New York. He then removed to Boston and engaged in the insurance business, continuing until the breaking out of the war. In April, 1861, he enlisted in D Company, Third Battalion Mass. Rifles (Col. Devens commanding); he went out as 3d Lieut., and three months after was appointed Adjutant of the 15th Mass. Vols. After three months' service in this capacity, he was appointed Assistant Adjutant-General of Volunteers, continuing as such until the close of the war. He served for a time in the 2d Brigade, 2d Division and 2d Corps; also in the 1st Division of the Ninth Army Corps. He participated in the battles of Ball's Bluff, Fair Oaks, White Oak Swamp, Malvern Hill, Antietam, and the first battle of Fredericksburg. In the Southwest he was with the Ninth Army Corps, and took part in the battles of Vicksburg and Jackson, Miss., Blue Spring, Campbell's Station, and assault on Fort Saunders at Knoxville, Tenn. He subsequently returned East, and was attached to the Army of the Potomac under Grant, participating in all the leading engagements. He was honorably discharged on Nov. 25th, 1865, with the brevet of Major, "for distinguished and meritorious services, especially in the assault on Cemetery Hill in front of Petersburg."

On his return at the close of the war, he entered into partnership with George H. Smith, in December, 1865, under the firm name of George H. Smith & Hicks, in the fire and marine insurance business, which is still continued. Bro. Hicks married in 1849; his wife deceased in 1860, leaving five children; in 1871 he married Miss Helen M. Morgan, of Wyoming County, N. Y., by whom he has had four children—two deceased. He is a member of Jamaica Council, R. A., and Osceola Council, A. L. of H., of Freeport, L. I.; also of the Loyal Legion and Lafayette Post, G. A. R.

E. A. HOUGHTON.

It is a noteworthy fact that when a man once gets into Montauk Lodge it is difficult for him to get out; the cement of brotherly love unites with such tenacity, that only death can sever the bonds which unite these brethren together. Bro. Houghton was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in this Lodge, on May 8, 1855, and he still clings to his early associations with the ardor and affection of youth. He has been satisfied to labor all these years as an humble Craftsman, with no ambition for official position. His efforts, however, have been just as much appreciated as though he had passed through all the chairs of his Lodge, and whenever assistance has been required to promote benevolent or other objects of the Lodge, he has never been found wanting.

His business career has been marked by that steadfastness of purpose, and that uprightness of character in all his transactions, that distinguish the true man and the gentleman. Bro. Houghton was born in New York City, fifty-six years ago. He received a good common school education and commenced his business life as a boy in the shipping and commission house of Brett & Vose, Feb. 22, 1847. He was advanced from one position to another, and in 1854 was taken into the concern as a partner. Four years later he withdrew from the firm and organized a new firm in the same business under the name of Miller & Houghton. This has continued without interruption for upwards of thirty years, and is still in a prosperous condition.

Bro. Houghton was married in 1863 to Miss Elizabeth Hatten, of New York, who deceased in 1880, leaving five children.

He was one of the twelve who bought an awning to meet under, at the corner of South and Broad streets, from which originated the present New York Produce Exchange, and has always continued his membership, and was one of the originators of the Maritime Exchange, of which he is a member, but has always declined any official position until 1888, he consented to be one of the Committee of Arbitration.

HENRY S. LAMBERT.

Bro. Lambert had the honor of being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in "*The Holy Lodge of St. John's*," Portsmouth, N. H., which was the first Lodge organized in that State, and is now the second oldest Lodge in this country, having received its Warrant in 1734 from St. John's Grand Lodge of Boston. He received his degrees in April, 1866, and continued his membership until 1887, when he took his dimit and affiliated with Montauk Lodge.

Bro. Lambert was born in Portsmouth, N. H., May 24, 1843, the son of a successful sea captain and ship owner, and with only the limited advantages of a public school education, he started in life as a boy before the mast in the merchant service. At the breaking out of the war he had risen from the forecandle to the position of mate of a merchant ship. On June 12, 1861, he was appointed Acting Master's Mate in the U. S. Navy and was assigned to the frigate Santee, commanded by Capt. Eagle, which was ordered to Fortress Monroe, and from thence joined the West Gulf Squadron under Admiral Farragut. The special duty assigned the Santee was that of blockading Galveston, and Bro. Lambert was placed in command of a dispatch boat, called the Sam Houston, attached to the Santee, used for carrying dispatches between Galveston and the mouth of the Mississippi river, and for blockading purposes. He came North in 1862, and was promoted to Acting Ensign, and assigned to the U. S. sloop-of-war Ossipee, and again ordered to the West Gulf squadron. He participated in the capture of the forts in Mobile Bay, Aug. 15, 1864, and other engagements, and after the Mobile Bay fight was promoted to Acting Master. He resigned in the spring of 1865, and came North to get married. His wife, *nee* Lucy A. Loughton, is the youngest daughter of the late George H. Loughton, and granddaughter of the Hon. John Loughton, of Portsmouth.

His resignation was revoked, and he was requested by influential friends to remain in the Navy as a regular officer, but the inactivity of a seafaring life, after the war was over, even though it gave promise of further promotion, was distasteful to him, and he declined the proffered honor. He returned to Portsmouth and engaged for a time in the flour and grain business. He came to New York in 1867, as agent of the American Steam Safe Co., and conducted the business successfully until 1871, when he was offered a very lucrative position with the Domestic Sewing Machine Company, which he accepted. He remained for two years, and after serving for a few months in the Mercantile Bank, he formed a copartnership with Alfred W. Pratt, (brother of Charles Pratt, Standard Oil Co.,) who was then engaged, in a small way, in the

manufacture of varnishes, Japans, etc., in L. I. City. The business has largely increased, and they are the inventors and manufacturers of fine, special Varnishes and Dryers, one of them being Pratt's Dryer, which has a world-wide reputation. Bro. Lambert is a man of fine personal appearance, possessing several qualities that endear him to all his associates.

EDWARD H. KELLOGG.

In every Lodge there is a class of members who, owing to other important duties, are unable to attend the regular communications, or take an active part in the work, but who are always ready to contribute to its financial support and assist in works of benevolence and charity. Bro. Kellogg belongs to this class. During his twenty years connection with Montauk Lodge he has never failed to respond promptly and liberally to any appeal made on behalf of the Lodge or its members. His charities, however, are not limited to his alma mater, nor even to the fraternity; the needy or distressed of every class find in him a sympathizing friend whose "faith and works" go hand in hand. Bro. Kellogg took his Third Degree in this Lodge in February, 1868, and in December following was elected Junior Warden; he was re-elected the following year but declined to serve, though earnestly solicited by his friends, who would gladly have promoted him to the highest seat in the Lodge; duties, however, of a paramount nature compelled him to decline. He was exalted in Lafayette Chapter, R. A. M., in which he is a commuted member. He is a member of DeWitt Clinton Council No. 419, Royal Arcanum, of Stella Council No. 400, A. L. of H., and Arcanum Lodge No. 1622, Knights of Honor.

Bro. Kellogg on his paternal side is of Scotch ancestry, the name Kellogg, or Kal-loch (meaning a lake), being of local origin, but extending far back into the early history of Scotland. His paternal grandfather was a native of Sheffield, Mass., but at an early age removed to Saratoga county, N. Y., where he raised a large family. His father took part in the War of 1812. His maternal grandfather, James Simpson, did guard duty in the revolutionary war at the age of fourteen; he lived to be ninety-four years of age. Bro. Kellogg, the subject of this sketch, was born at Ira, Cayuga county, N. Y., September 1, 1828. He was educated at the Victory Academy and the Quaker Seminary, of Venice, N. Y. He commenced his mercantile career in 1845, as clerk in a store at Auburn, N. Y., which was continued there, and at Rochester, until 1851, when he came to New York and was employed as clerk in a produce commission house until 1854; he then started in the same business for himself continu-

ing for four years. In 1858 he commenced the lubricating oil business, first at 48 & 50 Water street; in 1863 he removed to 228 Pearl street, in 1866 to 20 Cedar street, in 1869 to 17 Cedar street, and in January, 1887, removed to 243 and 244 South street, his present location. He continued the business in his own name until January, 1887, when it was changed to E. H. Kellogg & Co. He became a citizen of Brooklyn in 1854; in 1860 he was married to Miss Charlotte Fickett, daughter of Francis Fickett, an old and prominent ship builder, who in early days represented the 11th Ward of New York as Alderman. Old Father Time has dealt kindly with Bro. Kellogg and he is still hale, hearty and strong.

HENRY HOSFORD.

After an absence of over fifteen years Bro. Hosford returned in 1886 to his alma mater, where he received a cordial and hearty welcome, many of his old friends and contemporaries being still active workmen in the Lodge. Bro. Hosford was instructed in the secret arts of Masonry in 1868 by Wor. Bro. Marcellus, and would have made an accomplished officer but was strongly averse to holding any official position. In 1871 he accepted the appointment of Junior Deacon, which he filled for one year. During his long absence and since his return he has never failed in his duty to his Lodge or in his obligations to his brethren, but has promptly responded to calls for assistance, whether from the Lodge or from "distressed worthy brethren." He is at present a member of Excelsior Council No. 209, R. A., of Jersey City, N. J.

Bro. Hosford traces his ancestry to the little band of colonists, who came from Massachusetts in 1635 and settled in Windsor, Conn., from whence they scattered in different directions. He was born at Albany, April 5th, 1839, but removed in early childhood with his parents to Brooklyn. He was educated at Bigelow's School, known as Clinton Street Academy. At the age of fifteen he entered his father's employ in the stationery business, or, as the firm is known, "Makers of Books and General Printers." The firm was at this time Hosford & Ketchum. He joined the firm as a partner February 1, 1863, the firm subsequently changing to Hosford & Sons. The business is now carried on by him and his brother, continuing the old family name as identified with the Book Publishing and Printing Business which dates back to the last century, when the firm of E. & E. Hosford were in business at Albany, the imprint of which house is occasionally now seen in antique vols. During his residence in Brooklyn he was a member and served his term in Hose Company No. 1, of the Volunteer Fire De-

partment. In 1861 he assisted in organizing the 23d Regiment of Brooklyn, and was for three years a member of C Company. He accompanied the regiment in the Pennsylvania campaign of 1863. He served for a time on the non-commissioned staff of Col. Pratt. In 1864 he was commissioned First Lieutenant of the Initial Corps of Commissioned Officers of the Gattling Gun Battery. He resigned after two years service. He has since been elected an Honorary Member of C Company, 23d Regiment. He was married in 1864 to Miss Fannie E. Lockwood, daughter of L. L. Lockwood, Esq., of Goshen, N. Y., for many years an officer of the Erie R. R. Co. Bro. Hosford has had five children, only three of whom are now living; one of them a son, is associated with his father in business. Bro. Hosford removed to Westfield, N. J., in 1871, where he remained until 1886, when he returned to Brooklyn.

CHARLES F. RISLEY.

Bro. Risley has given eighteen of the best years of his life to the cause of Masonry, and while a resident of Brooklyn was an active member of Montauk Lodge. He was made a Master Mason in this Lodge by Wor. Bro. Marcellus in 1870. He served one year as Junior Deacon and represented Montauk Lodge in the Masonic Board of Relief for three years, serving as Treasurer to the Board. He took the several degrees in the Memphis Rite of Masonry up to the 32d, but subsequently withdrew from the Order. He is Past Grand of Atlantic Lodge No. 50, I. O. O. F., of Brooklyn, and is still an active member. He is also a member of Hope Encampment, of Hackensack, N. J. He organized Hackensack Council No. 729, A. L. of H., of Hackensack, also Apex Council Order of United Friends. In the latter he has passed through all the chairs.

Bro. Risley is a Southerner by birth, having first seen the light of day at Augusta, Ga., January 27th, 1845. He came North with his parents in 1854 and settled in Brooklyn. He entered Polytechnic Institute on the day it was opened. He afterwards removed with his parents to Irvington, N. J., and completed his education at the Newark Academy, graduating in 1865. His father all the time was connected with one of the largest wholesale drug houses in this country, known as Harra, Risley & Kitchen. Young Risley joined the firm as junior member, continuing until the death of his father, when he succeeded his father under the name of Charles F. Risley & Co. His place of business was destroyed by fire in 1885, involving a heavy loss. He has since given his attention to the manufacture and sale of proprietary medicines. In 1872 he married Amelia H., daughter of Dr. Timothy M. Ingraham, an eminent physician

of Flatbush, L. I. He has had three children—one deceased—two boys still living. Soon after his marriage he removed to Hackensack, N. J., where he resided for a number of years. He has since removed to his farm at Wyckoff, N. J., where he now resides. He is an elder in and a prominent member of the Reformed Dutch Church, and takes an active interest in all works of benevolence and public enterprise. He is a man of strict integrity, and possesses social qualities that draw others to him in the closest ties of friendship.

EDWIN SHERMAN.

Although Bro. Sherman has long since passed his majority as a Master Mason, he has been content to do his duty as an honest Craftsman, with no aspirations for office or curiosity to explore the mysteries of the higher degrees. No man enjoys more than he the social element for which Montauk Lodge is distinguished, and he still finds time occasionally to meet with his old friends and brothers of Montauk Lodge. He was made a Mason in Oscar Coles Lodge, subsequently known as Constitution Lodge, during 1865. He served for a brief period as Treasurer. He dimitted from there and on May 17th, 1875, affiliated with Montauk Lodge.

Bro. Sherman is descended from one of the most distinguished families of New England, of which the eminent Roger Sherman was a leading spirit, and is distantly related to Senator and General Sherman and other prominent men of this name in different parts of the country. While he has reason to pride himself on his ancestry, he owes nothing to either "ancestry or posterity" as he has achieved success in life solely by his own exertions. He is the son of a successful shipmaster and ship-owner of Massachusetts, but was born in Brooklyn, Dec. 17th, 1831. He attended Davenport's School, well known to old Brooklynites, and also Public School No. 1. He was seven years with the house of Gardner Wheelright, shipping and commission merchant, of New York, and served seven years more with Edsall & Webb, shipwrights. In 1859 he made a voyage around Cape Horn to the Pacific coast. In 1862 he joined the firm of Kemp & Day (now Kemp, Day & Co.) as an employee and in 1867 was taken into the firm as partner.

In his early days he was fond of a military life and joined the old 14th Regiment, of Brooklyn, some thirty-eight years ago, serving as a member of D Company for nine years. He was elected to a lieutenancy but declined the honor. He was married in October, 1865, to Louise A. Tooker, of Brooklyn, by whom he has had five children, three of whom are living. He is a man of naturally retiring disposition, but socially a jovial,

whole-souled, warm-hearted man, fond of the good things of this world and of meeting his friends, especially those of Montauk Lodge. He is a member of the Veteran Masonic Association of Brooklyn, of the New England Society of Brooklyn, of the Brooklyn Choral; also of the Bryant Club.

J. W. WILSON.

Bro. Wilson commenced his Masonic career as a member of Commonwealth Lodge No. 409, about 1875. For the purpose of meeting with those who were his daily associates in business he affiliated with Montauk Lodge Dec. 20th, 1876. He subsequently advanced the requisite amount and became a Life Member. Too much absorbed in his extensive business affairs to devote time for the work, he has at all times subscribed liberally to promote the special objects of this Lodge and to advance the cause of Masonry in general.

Bro. Wilson is a native of Elizabeth, N. J., born Sept. 2, 1841. He was liberally educated and commenced his business career in 1857, as clerk with Shiers & Oliver, in the shipping and commission business, engaged especially in the Mexican trade. The firm became embarrassed during the panic of that year and he withdrew and formed a connection with F. A. Bruguere in the same business, continuing until December, 1871. In January, 1872, he organized the firm of J. W. Wilson & Co., in the same line of business, this trade being principally with Mexico and South America. He is a man of unimpeachable integrity and of the highest standing in the business community. He is a director in the New York Mutual Marine Insurance Company, the oldest company of its kind in the United States; he is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Maritime Exchange.

In his younger days he possessed a fondness for military life and was among the first to join the famous 22d Regiment when it was organized. He went with his regiment to the front during the campaign of 1862, when Stonewall Jackson made the raid on Harper's Ferry, and again in 1863 at the time of Lee's raid into Pennsylvania. The 22d rendered signal service on both occasions, although not in any active engagement. It was ordered to return to New York to aid in quelling the draft riots, and Bro. Wilson was on duty for several weeks. He served his full seven years with the regiment and is now a member of the 22d Regiment Veteran Association. He is also a member of James Monroe Post, G. A. R., Department of New York. Bro. Wilson has been twice married; first in 1865. His wife deceased in 1880 and in 1883 he married Miss Katharine Peake, of Brooklyn.

JOHN E. BLAKE.

Bro. Blake is an ardent and enthusiastic young Craftsman, and although it is but three years since he took his degrees in Montauk Lodge, he has already explored the mysteries of most of the higher orders. He was raised by Rt. Wor. Bro. Schenck, April 1, 1885; was soon after *exalted* in Ridgewood Chapter, R. A. M., *Knighted* in Clinton Commandery, K. T., entered Mystic Shrine of Kismet Temple, took the several degrees in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite up to the 3-d; he is a member of Brooklyn Lodge of Perfection, Princes of Jerusalem, Rose Croix Chapter and of New York Consistory. He is also a member of the following beneficial orders, viz.: Ridgewood Council, R. A., and Winona Council, A. L. of H.

Bro. Blake has a remarkable war record, being one of the youngest boys who enlisted in defense of the Union. He was born in New York city, Sept. 29th, 1847, receiving a good public school education. In 1861, being then but fourteen years of age, he enlisted in Company G, Heavy Artillery, of Brooklyn, as a musician in the drum corps. He was with Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley, took part in the battle of Winchester, evacuation of Harper's Ferry, battle of Cedar Creek, Fisher's Hill and a number of smaller engagements, and after three years of continuous service was honorably discharged at Harper's Ferry, July, 1865. He came through it all unscathed and lost no time either from sickness or furlough.

At the close of the war he engaged in different mechanical employments for some years, and in April, 1872, he became connected with the firm of Dodge & Olcott, of New York, accepting first a subordinate position, and was finally made superintendent of their extensive works.

He is a man of retiring habits, quiet and unassuming in his manner, but possessing attractive qualities of mind and heart.

HORACE F. BURROUGHS.

Bro. Burroughs was entered, passed and raised in Montauk Lodge in 1885, receiving his Third Degree on Dec. 2, and was soon after appointed Junior Deacon. His efficiency as a Craftsman has been tested on several occasions and it required but little training to enable him to spread the cement of brotherly love, nature having endowed him with a goodly share of the milk of human kindness. He is considered a valuable acquisition to the Lodge and has among its members many warm personal friends.

The genealogy of Bro. Burroughs is easily traced back to one Thomas Burroughs, who was Knighted by Queen Eliza-

beth for his astronomical discoveries. Of the descendants of Thomas Burroughs four brothers came to this country and were among the early settlers in Newtown, L. I. Several descendants of these brothers have distinguished themselves for their military and other achievements and the family escutcheon has been preserved through successive generations untarnished. The subject of this sketch was born in Brooklyn, thirty-one years ago, on May 5th. He was graduated at the academic department of the Polytechnic Institute, of Brooklyn; his commercial education was received at a business college. His first business experience was in the lumber business with Wilson Godfrey, Esq., a member of Montauk Lodge, where he doubtless received his first impressions of Masonry. He remained with the latter some four years and then became connected with the Lumber Company of New York, first as clerk and two years as an officer of the company. After five years service he spent one year in travelling abroad, and in 1884 started the business of exporting lumber to foreign parts. He has built up a successful trade, and is considered a man of more than ordinary executive ability. He is a member of the Produce, also of the Maritime Exchange, and is a member of the Arbitration Committee of the latter.

JOHN A. ARNOLD, M. D.

Owing to his professional duties Bro. Arnold is unable to take an active part in the work of the Lodge, but he has availed himself of the opportunities presented for obtaining a more intimate knowledge of the mysteries connected with the higher orders of Masonry than falls to the lot of most brethren. He was initiated, passed and raised in Nassau Lodge No. 536, of Brooklyn, about 1872; he dimitted from there and affiliated with Montauk Lodge in April, 1885. He was exalted in Constellation Chapter No. 209, R. A. M., in 1887; was dubbed and Knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 14, advanced to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, connected with Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Aurora Grata Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Aurora Grata Chapter of Rose Croix and New York Consistory, being a Life Member of each. He crossed the burning sands in Mecca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Woodbine Lodge I. O. O. F., of Brooklyn, No. 278, of Friendship Council O. U. A. M., No. 9, Brooklyn.

Bro. Arnold was born in Scituate, R. I., Oct. 12th, 1845. After a thorough preparatory course he studied medicine with Drs. W. H. Bowen, of Clayville, R. I.; F. L. Burden, of N. Scituate, R. I. After receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine from

"Bellevue Hospital Medical College," in the "Class of '71," he engaged in the drug trade until 1874; was assistant physician and acting medical superintendent of the New York City Lunatic Asylum, from October, '74, to December, '77, when he resigned and was appointed Assistant Physician at the Kings County Lunatic Asylum, Flatbush, L. I.; was appointed Medical Superintendent of the Hospital for Incurables, July, 1881; in October of the same year was appointed Medical Superintendent of the General Hospital, where he remained until February, 1887, when he was made General Medical Superintendent of the County Institutions at Flatbush and Saint Johnland, which position he still holds. He is a member of the "Kings County Medical Society," received the degree of LL. B., from the University of the City of New York, in the "Class of '85."

EDWIN J. SCRYMSER.

Bro. Edwin J. Scrymser is the youngest of three brothers, all of whom are members of Montauk Lodge. He was made a Master Mason on June 4th, 1887.

Bro. Scrymser is a native of Brooklyn, born Dec. 23, 1856. He received a liberal education and entered at once upon a mercantile career, which he has followed successfully.

HISTORY OF BROOKLYN LODGE NO. 288.

This was among the earliest Lodges erected in Brooklyn after the revival of Masonry in the State took place. It was erected three years after Joppa Lodge and the same year with Montauk, and now stands sixth in the list of Brooklyn Lodges. Like many other Lodges, its records have been imperfectly kept and many events of importance in which this Lodge has participated have been omitted from the records. Brooklyn Lodge has been unceasing in her efforts to advance and maintain a healthy growth of the Order in this locality. Since its organization there have been no discordant elements within to disturb the peace and harmony of the Lodge and each stone has been carefully prepared and fitted to its place. The facts contained herein were carefully compiled from the minutes with the assistance of Bro. John Martin, Secretary, to whom great credit is due for his indefatigable efforts and patient research.

A preliminary meeting of Masonic Brethren was held in the building, corner of Court and Joralemon streets May 19th,

1853, for the purpose of organizing a Lodge, which by a unanimous vote was named Brooklyn Lodge. The following brethren were unanimously elected to fill the several positions, viz.: John Patterson, Master; A. C. Walsh, Senior Warden; F. H. Walsh, Junior Warden; J. A. Pease, Treasurer; A. P. Stirling, Secretary; James Perry, Senior Deacon; Horace Macy, Junior Deacon; Bros. F. H. Walsh and F. H. O'Brien were appointed Masters of Ceremonies; Bros. Isaac Hall, W. W. Walsh and J. S. King were elected Trustees.

The Trustees were authorized to hire the room (present place of meeting) for one year at a rental of \$150 per annum, to be used on Thursday evening of each week; also to pay the Tiler fifty cents for each meeting.

It was decided at this meeting to apply to the Grand Lodge for a Dispensation, which was accordingly done, the Application being indorsed by Munn Lodge No. 288. The following charter members were taxed \$5 each: T. H. O'Brien, James E. Avery, Geo. H. Avery, A. T. Stirling, Jas. S. King, T. H. Walsh, H. Van Wagner, G. J. C. Howland, W. W. Walsh, T. Beebe, W. T. Chapman, W. M. Shipman, John Patterson, A. C. Walsh, A. D. Campbell, J. P. Van Allen, J. A. Pease, — Welch, Isaac Hall, D. M. Cumesky, Horace Macy. On motion, Bro. W. M. Shipman, of *Eureka Lodge*, was added to the above.

The sum of \$30 was appropriated to defray the cost of procuring a charter.

The first regular communication was held at the same place, Thursday evening, May 26th, 1853. The Dispensation, issued by R.: W.: Joseph D. Evans, Deputy Grand Master, dated May 23, was read. The first candidates proposed for membership were J. J. Rhodes, Isaac P. S. Briant, W. H. Wright and Isaac Badeau.

The charter was issued May 30th, 1853, by M.: W.: Nelson Randall, Grand Master, and R.: W.: James W. Powell, Grand Secretary.

The first meeting under the Warrant was held June 2, 1853.

A communication received from the Grand Lodge and read at a meeting held January 20th, 1859, notifying Brooklyn Lodge that the refusal to consider the reunion of the two Grand Lodges, would indicate that this Lodge adhered to the Grand Lodge presided over by Most Worshipful Master J. L. Lewis. On May 13th, 1859, a communication was received from M.: W.: J. L. Lewis, Grand Master of Masons in New York, revoking the edict issued August, 1857, forbidding and interdicting all Masonic intercourse with the Lodges and Brethren of Pennsylvania.

On May 6th, 1859, the Lodge moved to the corner of Court and Union streets, and continued to meet there until April 26th, 1860, when they moved to Montague Hall, No. 16 Court street.

Remained there until 1877, and then moved to 40 Court street, and thence to 306 Fulton, continuing until May, 1888, when they moved to their present location, No. 40 Court street.

A special communication of the Lodge was held at their rooms, June 2, 1875, to arrange for the participation in the ceremonies of dedicating the Masonic Temple. The Lodge was "called from labor to refreshment and then proceeded to the place designated, and having taken their places in line with the other Lodges from this district marched to the foot of Atlantic street, where they embarked for New York, landing at the foot of Christopher street, then proceeded to West 10th street in the 22d Division. Having marched through the entire route to and past the Masonic Temple, the brethren were dismissed."

On March 25th, 1877, Grand Master Couch and his staff made an official visit to the Third Masonic District, where he met with a grand reception held under the auspices of Montauk Lodge. On this occasion Bro. C. E. Eisenhut presented to the Lodge a handsome silver-mounted gavel with an appropriate inscription, and Bro. Galloway, who acted as Senior Master of Ceremonies, presented a pair of beautiful silver-mounted rods. A large number of distinguished brethren were present, several of whom made addresses, after which all retired from labor to refreshment.

On Oct. 2, 1880, Brooklyn Lodge participated with her sister Lodges in the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the Egyptian Obelisk, in Central Park, New York.

Brooklyn Lodge has never been behind her sister Lodges in works of benevolence and charity, especially in her efforts to reduce the Hall and Asylum Fund debt, and when the great Masonic Fair was held in November and December, 1887, this Lodge was the first in the field to represent the Third Masonic District, and by her prompt and energetic action incited other Lodges in the District to join in this noble undertaking.

Table No. 5 was assigned to this Lodge, presided over by Mrs. James H. Dykeman as Chairman, assisted by Mrs. J. E. Smith, Mrs. A. F. Gerkin, Mrs. Chas. Inland, Mrs. Charles Siebel, Mrs. J. Hamilton, Mrs. H. J. Smith, Mrs. J. A. Logan, Miss Lizzie Galloway, Misses Lows, Miss E. Cuthbert, Miss Jennie Dykeman, Miss F. Dykeman, Mrs. A. Barclay, Miss E. Logan, Miss E. Miner, Mrs. Charles Miner, Mrs. J. A. Graff, Miss Josie N. Simons and Mrs. Charles Siebel.

The net receipts from this table amounted to \$1,244.41, which, in proportion to its membership, was double the amount of any Lodge in Brooklyn.

Mrs. James H. Hopper, of Stella Chapter, Brooklyn, presented the Lodge with an elegant and expensive crazy quilt, to be given to the most popular Master of a Lodge in the Third Masonic District, this to be indicated by the largest number of

votes cast during the Fair. The contest was between the Masters of Stella and Brooklyn Lodges, which was won by the latter, Wor. Bro. Charles M. Stafford, being considered the most popular Master in the District.

Another contest of special interest was over a large and handsome collection of portraits of the Past Masters of Brooklyn Lodge, artistically arranged and elegantly framed, presented by Bro. Robert Galloway, of this Lodge, to be given to the most popular Past Master of Brooklyn Lodge. The prize was won by Wor. Bro. James H. Dykeman.

This Lodge was prompt to respond to the appeal of Grand Master Lawrence in 1878, to pay her proportion of the Hall and Asylum Fund debt and obtain a release from the per capita tax. The amount paid was \$742.

Under the present administration a new feature has been introduced well worthy of imitation by other Lodges, viz.: that of having a standing committee for the instruction of candidates. This committee is composed of some of the best Craftsmen in the Lodge, and if at the expiration of the allotted period the candidate is unprepared the fault is wholly his own.

Of the thirty-one Lodges in the Third Masonic District, Brooklyn stands third in the list of membership. According to the last Annual Report of the Grand Lodge for June, 1888, the number of members in good standing was 208. The average attendance in proportion to the membership is equal to that of any other Lodge in the District. Out of twenty-one officers who have presided over its deliberations, eleven have passed from the Lodge Terrestrial to the Celestial Lodge above; one has dimitted and nine are still in good standing.

The Lodge was never in a more prosperous condition than at the present time. It is one of the most popular in the District as is shown by the frequent interchange of visits and the large attendance of visiting brethren at its Regular Communications. Its present membership is made up of men of intelligence and worth, skilled in the use of the tools of Speculative Masonry. Its income is more than sufficient to meet all the requirements of the Lodge and a large sum is expended annually during the summer season for picnics, to which free invitations are sent Brethren of sister Lodges. The balance in bank at the close of the year 1887, was \$1,077.78.

List of elective officers of Brooklyn Lodge, from 1853 to 1888, inclusive:

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—John Patterson, May 26th, 1853; A. C. Walsh, 1854; R. D. McChesney, 1855; J. E. Brennan, 1856-7; J. W. Highway, 1858; W. P. Barstow, 1859; Wm. S. Whitney, 1860; Duncan Richmond, 1861; Geo. F. Hollis, 1862; Philander Reed, 1863; James A. Borland, 1864; Philander Reed, 1865; H.

S. Williams, 1866; Joseph C. Cartney, 1867-8-9-1870; John M. Reilly, 1871-2; Henry J. Smith, 1873-4; Richard W. Riker, 1875-6-7; Joseph Wilkinson, 1878-9; William H. McCombs, 1880-1; James H. Dykeman, 1882-3; Morris D. Moxley, 1884-5; Charles M. Stafford, 1886-7-8.

SENIOR WARDEN.—A. C. Walsh, May 25th, 1853-4; J. E. Brennan, 1855; S. S. Gay, 1856; J. W. Heighway, 1857; W. P. Barstow, 1858; D. M. Cumiskey, 1859; D. Richmond, 1860; R. M. Austin, 1861; Jas. A. Borland, 1862; George Hayes, 1863; H. S. Williams, 1864-5; Jos. C. Cartney, 1866; Edward M. Tyrrell, 1867; John M. Reilly, 1868-9-1870; Henry J. Smith, 1871-2; James Shannon, 1873; Richard W. Riker, 1874; Joseph Wilkinson, 1875; V. J. Coyne, 1876; Jos. Wilkinson, 1877; Wm. H. McCombs, 1878-9; J. H. Dykman, 1880-81; Morris D. Moxley, 1882-3; Chas. M. Stafford, 1884-5; James M. Rorke, 1886-7.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—F. H. Walsh, May 26th, 1853; W. H. Wright, 1854; Elisha Bliss, 1855; B. E. Arrowsmith, 1856; D. M. Cumiskey, 1857-8; W. S. Whitney, 1859; R. M. Austin, 1860; Geo. F. Hollis, 1861; Philander Reed, 1862; H. S. Williams, 1863; Alex. Richmond, 1864; David D. Field, 1865-66; William Bell, 1867; Rich'd W. Riker, 1868-9; Henry J. Smith, 1870; Joseph Wilkinson, 1871; P. H. Lenhart, 1872; Wm. J. Wallace, 1873; Jos. Wilkinson, 1874; Geo. D. Smith, 1875; Frank P. Lee, 1876; Philip Kelland, 1877; James H. Dykeman, 1878-9; Wm. J. Mitchell, 1880; John Smith, 1881; C. M. Stafford, 1882-3; James M. Rorke, 1884-5; James Mitchell, 1886-7-8.

TREASURER.—John A. Pease, 1853-4; Isaac Hall, 1855; John A. Pease, 1856 to 1865, inclusive; Chauncey Bernes, 1866 to 1870, inclusive; Richard W. Riker, 1871 to 1873, inclusive; Robert Burr, 1874 to 1888, inclusive.

SECRETARY.—A. Stirling, 1853; J. E. Brennan, 1854; W. P. Bristow, 1855; Chas. E. Kellogg, 1856; T. B. Wilson, 1857; C. M. Sampson, 1858; J. McClenahan, 1859; Samuel Dixon, 1860; James A. Borland, 1861; Wm. H. Rich, 1862; D. D. Field, 1863; W. D. Clark, 1864; James A. Palmer, 1865; John Martin, 1866; James A. Palmer, 1867 to 1872, inclusive; John Martin, 1873 to 1888, inclusive.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

The same effort was made in this as in the other Lodges, to obtain the record of Past Masters and other prominent members. Some of the most important of these were sent to the parties for approval and never returned.

WOR. JOSEPH G. CARTNEY,
PAST MASTER OF BROOKLYN LODGE.

With one exception, Wor. Bro. Cartney is the oldest Past Master of Brooklyn Lodge, now living, who is still a member. During his administration thirty-seven were added to the Lodge, mostly by initiation. He was raised in 1863; was Junior Deacon in 1864; Senior Deacon in 1865; Senior Warden in 1866, and Master in 1867-8-9-70.

Bro. Cartney was born in Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 21, 1837. He has followed the occupation of stair builder for many years. During the Civil War he enlisted in D Company, 13th Regiment of Brooklyn, in 1862, and went with it to Suffolk, Va. In 1863 he raised a company in Brooklyn for the 56th Regiment, and was commissioned First Lieutenant.

R. W. HENRY J. SMITH,
PAST MASTER OF BROOKLYN LODGE AND PAST GRAND STEWARD
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.

For more than twenty-two years Right Worshipful Bro. Henry J. Smith has been a conspicuous figure in the Third Masonic District, and his name has become a household word in the fraternity "from Dan to Bersheba." During his masonic career he has "*raised*" or 1061 candidates!!! He has been dubbed by his brethren, and is familiarly known throughout Kings and New York counties, as "J—m" or "Jubal Cain" Smith. His record of attendance in Brooklyn Lodge is, probably, without a parallel in the Third Masonic District. For *nineteen consecutive years he was only absent FIVE REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS*, and that was while he was absent from the State on business. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in this Lodge, Aug. 6, 1866; served as S. M. C. in 1869; as Junior Warden in 1870; Senior Warden in 1871-2, and Master in 1873-4; and since his retirement from the East, in 1874, he has been Chairmain of the Board of Trustees. On May 25, 1888, he was appointed on the historical committee for compiling a history of the Lodge, he being considered the "Masonic Encyclopedia" of Brooklyn Lodge. He has been equally conspicuous in Capitular and other branches of the masonic order. He was exalted in Brooklyn Chapter No. 148; passed through the several chairs of Scribe, E. King, &c., and served one year as High Priest. He is a member of Brooklyn Council No. 4, R. and S. M.; and has filled all the offices up to that of Deputy Master. He was Knighted in Clinton Commandery, K. T., in 1871; was Generalissimo in

1876; and Commander in 1877. He has taken fourteen degrees in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. In 1886-7 he served on the Staff of M. W. Bro. Frank R. Lawrence, Grand Master, as Grand Steward, and accompanied him constantly in his several visits to the Lodges throughout the State.

The civil record of Bro. Smith is no less remarkable than that of his masonic record. He was born in Montreal, Canada, Dec. 2, 1836; educated at a private school and learned the business of mechanical engineer at the Canada Marine Works, Montreal, Canada. He went to Cuba in 1858 as chief engineer of the Steamer Colon, and remained on the island for nine months. He came to Brooklyn in 1860, and during that and a part of the following year, he had charge of the Atlantic Steam Engine Works. In the fall of 1861, he again went to Cuba, where he was engaged in erecting machinery, and had charge of several plantations. He remained there until 1869, when he returned to Brooklyn and married Miss Eliza Jane Shannon, daughter of James Shannon, Esq., a prominent builder of this city. He has had four children, only one of whom are now living. After his marriage he concluded to remain in Brooklyn, and the same year—1869—he, in connection with his brother, established the Brooklyn Iron Works, which have now been in successful operation for upwards of nineteen years, having passed through the several financial crises of that period without a single blot on their escutcheon—and met promptly all their obligations. Their principal business is the manufacture of steam boilers, and their contracts extend to all parts of the world.

Bro. Smith is a man of powerful physique, tall, erect, well formed, a man of iron will and unflinching courage, but, withal, genial, warm-hearted, and sympathetic in his nature. To say that he is beloved and appreciated by the brethren of Brooklyn Lodge, are terms far too mild to express the fraternal ties that bind them together.

WOR. RICHARD W. RIKER,

PAST MASTER OF BROOKLYN LODGE.

Worshipful Bro. Riker has already passed his majority in masonry and fairly earned the title of veteran. He still possesses the same vigor of mind and body, the same zeal and devotion to the cause of masonry, and the same interest in the advancement and prosperity of Brooklyn Lodge as when he first entered it more than twenty-two years ago. He was entered, passed, and raised in 1866; was soon after appointed S. M. C., and in 1868 was elected Junior Warden, serving for two con-

secutive terms; he served as Treasurer in 1871-2; was elected Senior Warden in 1874; and Worshipful Master in 1875; re-elected in 1876-7. The continued honor awarded him for a period of nine years is not only an evidence of his ability as an officer, and his skill as a Craftsman, but of the high esteem in which he was held by his brethren, and of their appreciation of his efforts to maintain the reputation that Brooklyn Lodge has enjoyed for upwards of thirty-five years. When Bro. Riker laid aside the "robes of office," he did not lay aside the working tools of his profession, but has been ceaseless in his efforts to promote peace and harmony and incite others to works of charity and benevolence. Several important events took place during his administration, among which was the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple, in which he, as the representative of Brooklyn Lodge, took part. Bro. Riker was exalted, some years ago, in Evening Star Chapter, R. A. M., but afterwards dimitted, devoting his time and energies exclusively to Blue Lodge masonry.

Bro. Riker is still in the prime of life, and shows but little of the effects of advancing years. He was born in the Seventh Ward, Brooklyn, May 25, 1841. He received a thorough preparatory education, and afterwards spent two years at Trinity College. Having no taste for a professional life, for which his parents designed him, he did not complete his course. In 1857 he entered the Sandy Hook Pilot service, being then but sixteen years of age; he has remained continuously in the same service for upwards of thirty years, and for nearly twenty-five years has been financial agent and manager.

In 1866 Bro. Riker married Miss Frances M. Cohen, daughter of Morris and Maria Cohen of Greenbrook, N. J. Eight children have been born to them, two of whom are deceased. In the compilation of the history of this Lodge, Bro. Riker was made chairman of the Committee, and rendered efficient aid in the collection of data, and in the arrangement of the work.

WOR. JOSEPH WILKINSON,

PAST MASTER OF BROOKLYN LODGE.

Bro. Wilkinson has held nearly every position in Brooklyn Lodge, working his way up gradually from the lowest to the highest, and by this means became a skillful and accomplished Craftsman, able to do any work assigned him, in a masterly manner. He has passed his twenty-first birthday as a member of Brooklyn Lodge, having been raised in 1867; he served as J. M. C. and S. M. C.; was elected Junior Warden in 1871, and again in 1874; Senior Warden in 1875 and 1877; Master in 1878-9. He was exalted in Palestine Chapter, R. A. M., which has since

surrendered its charter, leaving him a Chapter-Mason-at-large. He is a member of Fulton Lodge No. 2140, Knights of Honor.

Bro. Wilkinson is a native of England, born forty-six years ago, on December 30, 1842. He left his native isle, with his parents, in 1849, and settled in the 1st Ward, New York city. He learned the cooper's trade, which he worked at as a journeyman for some years. In 1873 he opened business on his own account, and, by his honest and upright dealing he has acquired a fair competency. In his business, as well as his social relations, he makes a proper use of speculative masonry. He was a member of the old volunteer New York Fire Department, connected with Engine No. 20. In 1877 he married Sophia Myrtle of New York. Six children have been born to them—one deceased. Both in his public and private life he has borne an irreproachable character, and honored the cause he represents.

WOR. WILLIAM H. McCOMBS,

PAST MASTER OF BROOKLYN LODGE.

Bro. McCombs was made a Mason in this Lodge, March 17, 1865, and was soon after elected Senior Deacon. He served as Senior Warden in 1878-9, and Worshipful Master in 1880-81. He has been Trustee for several years past. He was exalted in Brooklyn Chapter No. 148.

Bro. McCombs was born in Brooklyn, April, 1832. He learned the trade of bricklayer. In 1862 he accepted a civil position as forage master in the army at the headquarters of the Army of the Potomac. He remained in service until August, 1864, and then resumed his former occupation in St. Louis. In 1866 he accepted a position in the New York Stock Exchange Building Company as door-keeper, where he still continues.

WOR. JAMES H. DYKEMAN,

PAST MASTER OF BROOKLYN LODGE 288.

Bro. Dykeman was considered one of the most earnest, energetic and capable officers that ever filled the East, and Brooklyn Lodge prospered under his administration. Twenty-six were added to its membership during the two years that he served as Master. Although out of office for five years he is still regular in his attendance and takes an active interest in all the affairs of the Lodge. It was a memorable year—1876—when he joined Brooklyn Lodge as an Entered Apprentice, was passed and raised the same year; he served as S. M. C. in 1877; Junior Warden in 1878-9; Senior Warden in 1880-81, and Worshipful

Master in 1882-3. He was exalted in Brooklyn Chapter No. 148, R. A. M., but his chief interest is in Blue Lodge masonry. He is a member of North Western Masonic, Brooklyn Masonic and Cleveland Masonic Insurance Companies.

Bro. Dykeman is a Canadian by birth, but a true American by adoption. He was born in Canada West, February 12, 1844; received a fair education and followed the occupation of carpenter for several years. He came to the States in 1863, and from 1863 to 1865 was in the employ of the government at Nashville and Johnsonsville, Tenn. For two years after the close of the war he was engaged in the oil regions of Pennsylvania. He came to New York in 1867, and worked at his trade for two years. In 1869 he started in the same business for himself, and continued until 1873; he then established the box manufacturing business in Brooklyn, in which he has had a successful and prosperous career. He was married in 1879 to Miss Mary F. Mullane of New York, by whom he has had two children.

WOR. M. D. MOXLEY,

PAST MASTER OF BROOKLYN LODGE 288.

Bro. Moxley was made a mason in this Lodge in 1878. He served two years as Senior Deacon, and during that period became a thorough and skillful Craftsman. He was elected Senior Warden in 1882; re-elected in 1883, and was Worshipful Master in 1884-5; the present Master serving under him both years as Senior Warden. He was exalted in Brooklyn Chapter No. 148, R. A. M., and is at present High Priest.

Bro. Moxley was born in Philadelphia, Dec. 7, 1839. He followed the sea for about twenty-five years. He has been engaged in mercantile affairs since 1873.

WOR. CHARLES M. STAFFORD,

MASTER OF BROOKLYN LODGE.

Never has Brooklyn Lodge enjoyed a greater degree of prosperity and usefulness than during the administration of Bro. Stafford. The intellectual power, the vigor, and the personal magnetism that have characterized him in his professional career, have been concentrated in his efforts to advance the cause, strengthen the bonds, and promote the interests of Brooklyn Lodge. His individuality has been stamped on every event and every act connected with his administration. Never was a "rough ashler" prepared with greater care, or more perfectly squared and fitted for the builder's use, than when Bro.

Stafford entered as a "living stone" into the erection of this earthly temple cemented by ties of fraternal love and affection. This important event in his life took place in 1880, when the last act in the drama made him a Master Mason. In less than two years from this time he was taken from the floor and made Junior Warden, serving two years in this position, viz., 1882-3, when he was called to the West. He filled the Senior Warden's chair during 1884-5, and at the annual election in December, '85, was elected Worshipful Master, and re-elected each year up to the present time. Many important events have transpired during his administration, notably the payment by the Lodge as well as the 3d District, of its quota of the "Hall and Asylum Fund" debt. This was followed by one of the greatest masonic demonstrations ever held in Brooklyn. The occasion was the visit to the 3d Masonic District of Most Wor. Frank R. Lawrence, Grand Master of Masons in State of New York, accompanied by District Deputy R. W. Bro. Theodore A. Taylor, and the Grand Lodge officers, and other distinguished masonic brethren, on March 25, 1887. The meeting was held at Historical Hall, owing to the inadequacy of Brooklyn Lodge rooms to accommodate the immense assemblage. The address of Bro. Stafford on this occasion was one that did honor to himself as well as to the Lodge, and gave an impetus to the efforts that accomplished such an ovation to the Grand Lodge officers. Other events of less importance have transpired during the administration of Bro. Stafford, in all of which he has borne a conspicuous part and given prominence to Brooklyn Lodge and the Third Masonic District.

The knowledge acquired in Blue Lodge masonry did not satisfy the longings of Bro. Stafford, and he continued his journey onward and upward until he reached almost the highest point attainable in masonry. He was exalted in Nassau Chapter No. 104, R. A. M.; Knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T., and ascended to the 32d degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and is also an Illustrious Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine and Kismet Temple.

In March 1885, the Grand Master honored Bro. Stafford with the appointment as the representative from the Second Judicial District of the State of New York, on the Committee to select place, &c., for the building of the Asylum for indigent masons, their widows, and orphans, of which Most Wor. Bro. Wm. Brodie, Past Grand Master, is the Chairman.

There are certain characteristics in every man, that are hereditary, and it becomes a matter of interest and often of duty to trace these to their original source. An incident, trifling in its nature, led Bro. Stafford, a few years since, to trace his genealogical tree to its original source, when it was discovered that he

was descended in a direct line from a distinguished English Baron, viz., Roger de Stafford, who was compelled to surrender his barony and estate to the King after they had been in the family for five hundred years, an arbitrary act on the part of the King which was condemned by Parliament. Referring to this, Lord Redesdale, the Chairman of the Committee on Privileges of the English House of Lords, wrote an opinion some years ago, in which he stated: "There is no doubt that Roger de Stafford surrendered the barony to the King. It was an invalid act and cannot affect the claim of any one now living lawfully entitled to it." The London lawyer who made the investigation expresses an opinion as follows: "As the above Staffords are shown by the genealogy to be direct descendants of Nicholas de Stafford, the fourth baron, and heirs male of his body, they have a lawful right to the barony enjoyed by their ancestors with an income of £50,000 a year. Under the English laws of primogeniture the estate and title descend to Capt. S. R. Stafford of the 15th U. S. Infantry, a cousin of the subject of this sketch.

Bro. Charles M. Stafford was born at Rush, Monroe Co., N. Y., January 8, 1851. He had no other preparatory course than that afforded by the public schools, but, notwithstanding these disadvantages, he prepared himself, entered Columbia College Law School, New York, graduated in 1872, received the degree of LL. B., and was admitted to the Bar of New York the same year, and was admitted to practice in the United States Courts in 1874. His practice has been principally litigation and litigated cases in the State and U. S. Courts, extending often beyond the jurisdiction of New York State. He has been connected with a number of prominent cases, having distinguished himself as a jury advocate.

While Bro. Stafford is an hereditary Jeffersonian democrat, he has never been conspicuous as a politician, but in 1885, his friends—and they were legion—endeavored to obtain for him the United States District Attorneyship. They were defeated, however, by the machinations of "ring politicians." He then determined to abandon the political field, and was greatly surprised in 1887 to learn that President Cleveland had appointed him Marshal of the United States for the Eastern District of New York. Republicans and democrats were alike pleased with the appointment and extended to him their hearty congratulations. Among those who were influential in securing the appointment was Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, who, for years, has been his warm personal friend, and could appreciate his many noble qualities of heart and mind. Bro. Stafford has been for some years a trustee and active worker in Brooklyn Tabernacle. In person he is a man of splendid physique; his private character is as "pure and spotless as the driven snow;" a man of

strong will, great energy and force of character, with executive ability of the highest order; bold and fearless in the discharge of duty; a terror to evil doers; but generous, kind and tender to the needy and suffering; overflowing with wit and good humor, and a perfect specimen of the *bonne homme*. He is a member of the Brooklyn Club, Aurora Grata Club, and Kings County Democratic Club, in all of which he is a great favorite and personally popular.

JAMES MITCHELL, SENIOR WARDEN.

Bro. Mitchell was made a Mason in Joppa Lodge No. 201, in October, 1860; he withdrew from there in 1883, and affiliated with Brooklyn Lodge; was elected Junior Warden in 1886, and re-elected in 1887. At the annual election in the fall of 1887 he was elected Senior Warden, to serve for the ensuing year. He is a conscientious, earnest, upright man, a competent workman, and faithful officer.

Bro. Mitchell was born at Fifeshire, Scotland, June 15, 1839; came to America in 1850 and learned the trade of iron moulder. He established the business on his own account in Brooklyn, in 1871, which he has carried on successfully for upwards of seventeen years. [A complete biographical sketch of Bro. Mitchell was prepared and sent to him for approval. This has never been returned, hence the omission of interesting data, for which the writer is not responsible.]

JOHN PEPPER, JUNIOR WARDEN.

It is but about six years since Bro. Pepper first learned the use of the working tools of speculative masonry, but he has made good use of his time and opportunities, and has now become a skillful Craftsman, in which he has learned to properly divide the twenty-four hours of the day, using a portion of it for the visiting of distressed worthy brethren, and otherwise practicing the teachings of our noble Order. He was made a mason in Brooklyn Lodge, in 1882, and soon after appointed S. M. C. He served as Senior Deacon in 1885-6-7, and in this capacity acquired a thorough knowledge of the ritual, at the same time storing his mind with other useful knowledge that would enable him not only to impart the form, but to impress the candidate with the spirit of the lecture in the Fellowcraft's degree. Finding he had made suitable proficiency in this important office, he was selected as a candidate for Junior Warden, and at the annual election held in December, 1887, he was duly elected. He was exalted in Brooklyn Chapter No. 148, R.A.M.,

in 1887; his leisure time, however, is devoted to Blue Lodge masonry.

Bro. Pepper was born at Montreal, Canada, March 29, 1834. He was educated at the British Normal School, and afterwards learned the trade of brass and iron moulder and founder. He came to the States first in 1862, but subsequently returned. He took out his naturalization papers in 1871, and became an American citizen not only in form but in practice. The same year he established the business of brass foundry moulder at 186 Plymouth street, Brooklyn, where he has continued to do a successful business for the past fifteen years. Bro. Pepper has been twice married: first in 1865, to Susan McGinnis, who deceased in 1875, leaving two children—a son and a daughter. In 1877 he married Susan McCole, of Brooklyn.

ROBERT BARR, TREASURER.

For more than fifteen years Bro. Barr has been the faithful custodian of the funds of this Lodge, and no better evidence of the appreciation by his brethren of his uprightness, integrity and many other noble virtues could be shown than by this fact.

Bro. Barr was raised in Brooklyn Lodge in 1873, and the same year was elected Treasurer, continuing in office from that until the present time.

Bro. Barr is a native of Ireland, born Aug. 15, 1827, but a residence of nearly forty years under a republican government has made him an American in sentiment and principle. He learned the tailoring business in the old country, came here in 1851, and has since steadily pursued the same vocation. Two years after his arrival here he married Margaret Hamilton, a resident of Brooklyn, but a native of his own county in Ireland. Two children have been born to them. He has been for several years past in the employ of Smith, Gray & Co., of Brooklyn, where his long and faithful services are duly appreciated by his employers.

FRANK P. LOCKETT, SENIOR MASTER OF CEREMONIES.

Brother Lockett belongs to the younger element of Brooklyn Lodge, but has within him an element of strength and force of character that augurs well for the future. He was entered, passed and raised in this Lodge in 1887, and in December following was appointed S. M. C. He has already made rapid progress as a Craftsman, and is highly esteemed by the brethren.

Bro. Lockett was born in Brooklyn, Oct. 3, 1852. He at-

tended Lawrence's Institute, and completed his education at Prof. Oberheiser's school. He was clerk with Calhoun, Robbins & Co., of New York, for about eighteen months, and with Hart, jeweler, of Brooklyn, for three years, and spent one year as cashier for Foster & Bros., of Brooklyn. In 1874 he commenced the manufacture of watch cases, but, owing to the strong competition of larger houses, was obliged to give it up. In 1869 he started in the export provision business in New York, which he has carried on successfully for several years. He profited by his previous experience, and has evinced skill and good judgment in all his subsequent operations.

In 1883 he married Miss Antoinette Peck, daughter of Jonathan Peck, the grandfather of whom ran the first steamer up Flushing Bay. Bro. Lockett is descended, on his maternal side, from the eminent Bishop Seabury, the first Episcopal Bishop of America, and a prominent Mason.

FRANK B. RULER, J. M. C., BROOKLYN LODGE 288.

Bro. Ruler has but recently taken upon himself the obligations of a Master Mason, but he is a young man of great promise, and will doubtless prove a valuable acquisition to the Lodge. His civil record is pure and spotless, and he has already become a zealous and earnest student of masonry, availing himself of every opportunity to acquire a more thorough knowledge both of historical and ritualistic masonry. He was entered, passed and raised in this Lodge in 1887, and at the election in December following was appointed J. M. C. for the ensuing year. He was exalted in Orient Chapter No. 139, R. A. M., in 1888, and will doubtless continue his journey until he has reached the topmost round of the ladder.

Bro. Ruler was born Nov. 27, 1859, at Reading, Pa., a place made famous during the War of the Revolution, not only as the headquarters of the Continental Army, but as the headquarters of the masonic fraternity, which centered in the American Union Lodge, a Lodge supported by the most prominent army officers, including Washington and LaFayette. Bro. Ruler was educated at public school, and afterwards spent some time in a law office. He came to New York in 1881, and entered the employ of Messrs. Rest, Fenner Smith & Co., manufacturers of umbrellas and walking-sticks, as bookkeeper, where he still continues. He has the confidence and esteem of his employers, who appreciate his manly qualities and business ability. He became a resident of Brooklyn in 1883, and the same year was married to Miss Jennie Cooke, of this city.

JAMES SWIFT.

It is not always those who are the most conspicuous that are the best Craftsmen. While Bro. Swift has never sought or desired the honors of office, he has never neglected his duties as a Craftsman, or failed in his efforts to further the cause of masonry. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in 1875, and for thirteen years has been a regular attendant at its stated communications, and has done his best to help the cause along. He was exalted in Brooklyn Chapter, R. A. M., but subsequently dimitted, and confined his efforts to Blue Lodge Masonry.

Bro. Swift was born in Brooklyn, Sept. 27, 1839. After leaving school he learned the trade of ship caulker, which he continued to follow until the breaking out of the war. In 1861 he enlisted in Company A, 13th Regiment Infantry, N. Y. S. M., under the first call for three months' volunteers. Soon after the expiration of his term of service he joined the navy, and served under Admiral Porter, on the Upper Mississippi, for two years. He was in several engagements, but was among the fortunate ones who came out unscathed. At the expiration of his term of service he returned to Brooklyn, and in 1864 started in the hotel business, which he has carried on successfully for nearly a quarter of a century. He is at present proprietor of the Empire House, No. 15 Main street, Brooklyn. Bro. Swift was for a number of years connected with the Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Department, and is now a member of the Brooklyn Veteran Firemen's Association. He is also a member of Clarence E. McKenzie Post No. 399, G. A. R., of Brooklyn, of which he is Commissary Sergeant. He was married in 1865, to Miss Sarah Baldwin, of Brooklyn.

JOHN D. JONES.

Bro. Jones is satisfied to labor as an humble Craftsman, with no ambition for the honors or emoluments of office, but he is devoted to the interests of Brooklyn Lodge and to the interests and prosperity of the Craft. He knows how to make a proper division of the twenty-four hours of each day, and neglects no opportunity to assist worthy distressed brethren. When he entered Brooklyn Lodge in 1882, he was worthy and well qualified, and the rough ashler soon became a highly polished "living stone" in this earthly temple, well fitted for the Master's use. After six years' trial it has lost none of its brilliancy, and the brother is still "true as steel," and has a warm place in the hearts of his brethren.

Bro. Jones was born in Manchester, England, thirty-three

years ago. He received a fair education, and then learned the trade of machinist and engineer in the shops of the London and North Western Railway Company at Earlstown. He came to America in 1873, and settled first in Utica, N. Y., where he worked at his trade, and afterwards became connected with the Remington Armory Works at Ilion, N. Y., where, for seven years, he occupied the responsible position of inspector of cartridges. He came to Brooklyn in 1880, and for three years was with Wm. T. Gray of New York. He is now in the employ of Kennedy & Diss of Brooklyn. He was married in 1880 to Miss Carrie E. Tisdell of Brooklyn. They have had one child, since deceased.

WILLIAM J. BOLTON.

Bro. Bolton has never been particularly conspicuous in Brooklyn Lodge, but there is no more faithful or energetic brother or worthy Craftsman in the Lodge, and he can always be relied on to assist in any worthy undertaking, or to contribute to the wants of a needy brother. He has no ambition beyond this. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in this Lodge in 1882; he served both as Junior and Senior Master of Ceremonies, and was, for three years, Junior Deacon, viz., 1885-6-7. He has filled other offices temporarily, and is considered an excellent workman. He has always confined his labors to Blue Lodge Masonry, and is connected with no other beneficial order except that of Commonwealth Council, Royal Arcanum.

Bro. Bolton is a native of Brooklyn, born July 13, 1846. He enjoyed good educational advantages, and afterwards learned the trade of boiler-making, which he followed up to the breaking out of the war. In 1863 he enlisted in Company A, Tenth N. Y. Cavalry, and made for himself an excellent and honorable war record. He was attached to the Cavalry Corps, Army of the Potomac, under General Sheridan. He took part in the battles of Dinwiddie Court House, Five Forks, Sayler's Creek, and a number of smaller engagements; he was slightly wounded at Appomattox. He never lost a day from sickness or other causes, and was honorably discharged July, 1865, at Syracuse. After the war he engaged in steamboating on the East River for five years. In 1870 he became connected with the Smith Trucking Co. of Brooklyn, and has continued in their employ for the past eighteen years. Since 1885 he has been their superintendent. In 1871 he married Emma Hemphill of Brooklyn. They have six children; two girls and four boys. He still keeps up his old army connections, and is a member of Moses F. Odell Post, G. A. R., of Brooklyn.

RICHARD B. CUTHBERT.

Bro. Cuthbert may be fairly numbered among the veterans of the Third Masonic District, having spent twenty-eight years as a Craftsman, seeking no other honor or reward than that which follows a well spent life, in a good and noble cause. He was made a Master Mason in Naval Lodge in 1860; he withdrew in 1862 and assisted in the organization of Monitor Lodge, working faithfully with his brethren of that Lodge for ten years. He affiliated with Brooklyn Lodge in 1883. Though frequently urged, by his brethren to accept office, he has invariably declined, believing he could be more useful as an humble Craftsman. The unseen influence he has exerted, however, has not escaped the "All-Seeing-Eye" of the Great Architect, and he will, in due time, receive his reward. He has taken the degrees in the Memphis Rite, but has given little attention to it.

Bro. Cuthbert was born in Dublin, Ireland, on December 20, 1833. He received a fair education, and came to this country in 1851. He learned his trade, as machinist, with Jeans & Beebe, working as a journeyman for several years. In 1874 he commenced business on his own account in Brooklyn, and has met with that success which skill and ingenuity, with honesty and uprightness of conduct, justly entitle him. As a man and a Brother Mason, his actions are "squared by the square of virtue."

ROBERT GALLOWAY.

Bro. Galloway was made a Master Mason in Brooklyn Lodge in 1886, and the same year was appointed Senior Master of Ceremonies. As an evidence of his proficiency and skill as a Craftsman, he was made Chairman of the Committee for Instructing and Examining Candidates, having filled the position during 1887-8. He has filled, temporarily, all the chairs except that of the East, and is one of the most earnest and energetic members of this Lodge. At the Masonic Fair, held at Masonic Temple in the fall of 1887, he presented to the Fair a large and elegantly framed portrait of the several Past Masters of Brooklyn Lodge (valued at \$180), which was voted to the most popular Past Master, and won by Wor. Bro. James H. Dykeman, who generously donated it to Brooklyn Lodge.

Bro. Galloway was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, April 8, 1846. He received a good common school education, and was afterwards apprenticed to the drug business four years. He subsequently removed to London, where he continued in the same business fourteen years, seven of this as traveling salesman for a wholesale drug house. In 1867 he married Miss Georgiana Caines of Newport, Mon., by whom he had six chil-

dren, all born in England. In 1878 he became a partner with A. & G. Taylor of London, one of the largest photograph houses in the world, having forty studios throughout England and America. Bro. Galloway came to New York in 1880, and assumed charge of the New York branch of this house. In 1884 he bought out his partners' interest in the New York business, and has since continued it in his own name. In 1886 he established a branch at 320 Fulton street, Brooklyn, where he has since done a successful business. His specialty is oil and crayon portraits. Bro. Galloway is a genuine Scotchman, whole-souled, liberal and generous to a fault, and very popular among his associates, especially his brethren of Brooklyn Lodge.

JOHN A. WENISCH, JUNIOR WARDEN ELECT, 1889.

Though young in years and young as a Master Mason, having been raised in Brooklyn Lodge in 1887, Bro. Wenisch has made great proficiency in the work, and is considered a very skillful Craftsman. He was appointed Junior Deacon in 1887, and was honored by the Lodge, by being placed on the Committee for Instructing and Examining Candidates, a position requiring an intimate knowledge of the ritual and skill in the use of the working tools. Bro. Wenisch has been tried and not found wanting. He was exalted in Nassau Chapter No. 109, in 1887, and is now Master of the First Vail. He is equally proficient in capitular masonry.

Bro. Wenisch is a native of Staten Island, New York, born June 26, 1857, the son of a distinguished clergyman of the German Dutch Reformed Church. Soon after his birth, his father assumed the pastorate of the German Dutch Reformed Church of Newark, N. J., where young Wenisch received a thorough education, first at public school, completing it under the tuition of his father. He afterwards learned the jeweler's trade in Newark, and in 1883 removed to Brooklyn and opened a retail store at 124 Myrtle avenue, where he has since done a successful business. In 1884 he was married to Miss Maggie A. Traudt of Newark, N. J., daughter of Wor. Bro. F. A. Traudt, Past Master of Diogenes Lodge No. 22, of Newark. Two children are the result of this union. He was elected Junior Warden of Brooklyn Lodge, at the annual election in Dec., 1888.

H. D. McKEE.

While Bro. McKee is one of the youngest members of Brooklyn Lodge, he is, nevertheless, one of the most active, earnest, whole-souled brethren connected with the fraternity. He is as modest and unassuming as he is generous and free-

hearted. He assumed the obligations of a Master Mason in this Lodge in 1887, and has since filled most of the chairs temporarily, but his other duties prevent his acceptance of any permanent position.

Bro. McKee comes of revolutionary stock, his great-grandfather having served in the War of the Revolution. He was born in Dauphin, Pa., June 10, 1860. He received a good public school education, and was afterwards engaged in the ice business; he followed this for three years, and in 1877 he entered the employ of Clark Reeves & Co., now known as the Phoenix Bridge Company, of Phoenixville, Pa. He soon mastered the details of the business and became a skillful and accomplished workman, and in 1886 was made superintendent. He has had charge of some of the most important work of this Company. He built the Parkersburg, West Virginia, Elevated R. R., and has had entire charge of the construction of the Kings County Elevated Railroad from Fulton Ferry to Second Street. He commenced this work at Boerum Place in 1885, surrounded by almost insurmountable difficulties owing to the strong opposition of property owners, but his pluck and energy overcame all opposition, and success finally crowned his efforts.

Bro. McKee was married in 1885, to Miss Annie M. Dougherty of Dauphin, Pa., by whom he has one child. He takes special pride in his revolutionary connections, and is a member of the society known as "The Patriotic Sons of America;" he is a member of the beneficial Order of Fern Council of Royal Arcanum.

WHITFIELD E. JONES.

Bro. Jones has been for many years connected with various benevolent orders; constantly in pursuit of new fields of labor, whereby he might advance the cause of humanity, and he has already done much to relieve the suffering and distressed among his fellow-men. He recognizes the fact that he is "his brothers' keeper," and that to "bear one another's burdens is the highest duty and yields the greatest amount of happiness of any object to which a man may devote his life and services." When Bro. Jones, in the winter of 1887, knocked at the door of Brooklyn Lodge for admittance, he was duly and truly prepared, worthy and well qualified, and when he finally took upon himself the obligations of a Master Mason, in March, 1887, he was ready to assume the duties of and commence the labors of a true Craftsman. The knowledge acquired in the three symbolic degrees awakened within him a desire for further light, and he determined to explore the hidden mysteries of Capitular Masonry, and the following year he was exalted a Royal Arch

Mason in Brooklyn Chapter. He has been for some time a member of Ivanhoe Lodge No. 127, I. O. O. F.; of Ivanhoe Lodge, Sons of St. George; of Brooklyn Lodge, Order of True Friends, and of Farragut Lodge, Independent Order of Foresters.

Bro. Jones was born in New York city, where he received his education in the rudimentary branches, and was subsequently sent to the Episcopal Parish School of Elizabeth, N. J. He chose for his occupation the trade of machinist, and after perfecting himself in the various branches, he started in business for himself in 1884, as a manufacturer of Presses, Dies and Special Machinery, in Brooklyn, where he had made his residence since 1870. He has been a widower since 1884, his wife having deceased, leaving one child. He has within him all the elements of success as a business man, and the social qualification to render him popular with his fellow-men.

FREDERICK G. LEMMERMANN.

In assuming the obligations of a Master Mason, Bro. Lemmermann was actuated by the highest and purest of motives, and with a sincere desire to benefit his fellow-men. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Brooklyn Lodge, in February, 1888. The zeal and enthusiasm with which he has entered upon the work betokens a bright and useful career in the cause of masonry, and he will doubtless prove a valuable acquisition to the membership of this Lodge. He was exalted in Brooklyn Chapter, R. A. M., the same year.

Bro. Lemmermann is a native of New York city, born December 11, 1866. He subsequently became a resident of Brooklyn where he received his education, first at public school, and was graduated at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute in 1878. He entered upon a mercantile career soon after, which he followed successfully for some years. In 1886 he succeeded his father as proprietor of the Franklin House, Nos. 1 and 3 Fulton street, one of the most popular places of the kind in Brooklyn.

Bro. Lemmermann is a man of fine physique, well built, generous, whole-souled, free hearted, popular among his associates, especially the brethren of Brooklyn Lodge. He was Knighted during the present year at Clinton Commandery No. 14, of Brooklyn.

LEXINGTON LODGE NO. 310.

The following letter, to which no reply was ever received, will explain the omission of the history of Lexington Lodge :

BROOKLYN, *September 12, 1888.*

STEPHEN DUNN, Esq.,

Dear Sir and Bro. : I visited Lexington Lodge three times during May and June last, for the purpose of obtaining data for a history of the Lodge in connection with the History of Masonry in the Third Masonic District ; but was informed that nothing could be done until your return. I have completed the history of ten Lodges in the District and have twenty more to prepare between now and the first of February, 1889, and cannot possibly devote any more time to Lexington Lodge. I promised Bro. McClenachan, Historian of the Grand Lodge, to furnish him a copy of the history of each Lodge in the District, and if you will furnish me the data for a complete history of your Lodge, I will return you a printed copy of the same, and will see that R. : W. : Bro. McClenachan is supplied in accordance with his request. I should be glad to get it by 1st of November, as I shall have all my other material ready for the printer by that time.

Yours fraternally,

HENRY WHITEMORE,
487 Third St., Brooklyn.

HISTORY OF STAR OF BETHLEHEM LODGE
NO. 322.

The Minute-Books of this Lodge contain no record whatever of the preliminary meetings or events that led to its organization, and of the many important events that have transpired during its thirty-five years' existence in which this Lodge has participated, no record has been found. One or two books are missing, and a careful examination of all the records reveal only the usual routine of business.

Application was made to the Grand Lodge for a Dispensation, under date of August 31, 1853, indorsed by Polar Star Lodge. The Dispensation was granted by R. : W. : Joseph D.

Evans, Deputy G. M., dated September 14, 1853. The elective officers were A. C. PAGE, MASTER; ARTHUR BOYCE, SENIOR WARDEN; W. A. BATCHELLER, JUNIOR WARDEN. The following is a list of the Petitioners, or Charter Members, viz.: Amos C. Page, Arthur Boyce, Washington N. Batcheller, Nathan S. Jennings, Jr., Benj. Price, B. H. Willis, Alfred Renk, William Cooke, Chas. F. Hermance, Charles Graves, Stephen B. Sanxay, James E. Leonard, John F. Dunham, Salmon C. Foote, Fred. M. Butler, Edward H. Burnett, W. H. Tallman, L. A. Fullgraff, Caleb C. Bruen, C. S. Bogart, Richard T. Holmes, Samuel L. Chapin, Ambrose Bruen, Frank Webb, Alex. G. Harmon, Henry Smith, John D. Ammerman—twenty-seven in all, most of them being from Polar Star Lodge.

The first meeting of which there is any record was held in October, 1853, at Joppa Lodge Room, corner of Court and Joralemon streets. The following officers were elected and appointed: C. C. Bruen, SENIOR DEACON; Benj. Price, JUNIOR DEACON; E. H. Burnett, SECRETARY; R. T. Holmes, TREASURER; F. M. Butler, FINANCIAL SECRETARY; S. B. Sanxay and B. K. Willis, MASTERS OF CEREMONIES; S. B. Sanxay, C. F. Hermance and H. H. Tallman, TRUSTEES.

At this meeting a resolution was passed adopting the By-Laws of Polar Star Lodge.

The first candidates for membership were duly initiated Oct. 21, 1853; these were S. B. Jennings, Russel Kelsey, J. M. Mahony, W. J. Fogarty and W. Hunt. The first year was a fairly prosperous one for the Lodge, and on June 14, 1854, the Charter was granted, signed by M. W. Joseph D. Evans as Grand Master.

No event of importance occurred until 1856, when a controversy arose in regard to the payment of a bill, and seven members withdrew, and soon after organized Commonwealth Lodge No. 409.

In 1868 twelve brethren withdrew to assist in organizing Greenwood Lodge, in South Brooklyn.

The place of meeting was subsequently changed to 306 Fulton street, and from there to the corner of Court and Joralemon streets, the present location.

This Lodge has never been financially strong, and its present active membership is only about one hundred, and most of these are men of moderate means; but, notwithstanding this fact, the Lodge responded nobly to the request of the Grand Master to meet its quota of the Hall and Asylum Fund, and went earnestly to work to raise the amount. A Committee was appointed, consisting of John Taylor, John Wiecken, Ed. J. Thomas, Geo. F. Miller, John Schimpf and John C. Mullins. The following extracts from the report of this Committee show

the result of their efforts, which were pursued under great difficulties:

"That they were furnished by the Secretary with a list of the members of this Lodge, and their residences. The list was apportioned among the Committee, so that they could, as far as possible, call upon those members residing within a reasonable distance from where the Committee individually resided. With a few exceptions those called upon by your Committee responded fully when the matter was explained to them. * * *

"While pursuing their labors, it became known to the members of your Committee that all the Lodges in the District, excepting three or four, including our own, had paid in their quota of the debt, and the end of March of last year (1887) was the limit within which each Lodge should pay its quota to enable it to reap the benefit accruing from such payment, namely, the doing away with the yearly assessment of fifty cents for each member for the Hall and Asylum Fund. In this state of affairs your Committee deemed it proper that Star of Bethlehem should not be behind her sister Lodges in sustaining her share of the work in hand, and asked authority, which was granted by the Lodge, to borrow enough to pay the full amount (\$552) within the time specified, which was done, through the kindness of Bro. Fred. Black, who advanced \$250 to your Committee, to enable them to do so."

Within a very few weeks nearly the whole amount was raised, the brethren responding liberally according to their means.

The Lodge has participated in a number of public Masonic ceremonies, of which no record appears on the minutes; among these may be mentioned the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple in New York, in 1870; the dedication of the same in 1873, and the laying of the corner-stone of the Egyptian Obelisk, in 1880.

Notwithstanding the frequent "weeding out" process, Star of Bethlehem Lodge has held its own in point of numbers. The last Annual Report to the Grand Lodge, in June, 1888, shows a total membership of 89.

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF STAR OF BETHLEHEM LODGE,
FROM 1853 TO 1888, INCLUSIVE.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—Amos C. Page, 1853-4-5; Arthur Boyce, 1856-7-8; Pierre L. Pierce, 1859; Arthur Boyce, 1860; Thomas E. Purdy, 1861 to 1865, inclusive; Daniel M. Haff, 1866; James Boyle, 1867; Samuel G. Law, 1868-9; George F. Miller, 1870-71-72; Thomas E. Purdy, 1873; George F. Miller, 1874;

Napoleon Palmer, 1875; Peter G. Bungart, 1876; James West, 1877-8; John Bingham, 1879; John Taylor, 1880; John C. Lang, 1881; James West, 1882; John C. Mullins, Jr., 1883-4; Peter J. Bungart, 1885; Frank J. Donaldson, 1886; Alex. W. Murray, 1887; James West, 1888.

SENIOR WARDEN.—Arthur Boyce, 1853-4-5; W. A. Batcheller, 1856; John T. Hall, 1857; George Ingraham, 1858; James Boyle, 1859; E. L. Combs, 1860; John C. Kennedy, 1861; James Bliss, 1862; John W. Halliday, 1863; George Davis, 1864; Daniel M. Haff, 1865; John Q. Adams, 1866; Samuel G. Law, 1867; John O'Keefe, 1868; Geo. F. Miller, 1869; D. Corcoran, 1870-71; Joseph C. Hands, 1872-3; Napoleon Palmer, 1874; Frank J. Donaldson, 1875; James West, 1876; John Bingham, 1877-8; John Taylor, 1879; John C. Lang, 1880; Avery B. Dodge, 1881; John C. Mullins, 1882; John Matier, 1883; Samuel H. Johnson, 1884; Louis Wauke, 1885; Alex. W. Murray, 1886; Louis B. Hart, 1887; John Matier, 1888.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—W. A. Batcheller, 1853-4-5; George Ingraham, 1856-7; Pierre L. Pierce, 1858; Ed. L. Combs, 1859-60; James Bliss, 1861; George Davis, 1862-3; Daniel M. Haff, 1864; James C. Sherlaw, 1865; Edwin Hayward, 1866; John O'Keefe, 1867; P. J. McGurrian, 1868; D. Corcoran, 1869; George Russell, 1870; Henry Bennett, 1871; John Matier, 1872-3; P. J. Bungart, 1874; James West, 1875; John Bingham, 1876; John C. Lang, 1877; John Matier, 1878; Fred. Wiebe, 1879; Avery B. Dodge, 1880; Ed. J. Thomas, 1881; Thomas Foreman, 1882; Fred. Wiebe, 1883; H. E. Gamble, 1884; Thos. W. Lindsay, 1885; Louis B. Hart, 1886; Walter B. Clarke, 1887; Henry Block, 1888.

TREASURER.—Richard T. Holmes, 1853; S. C. Foote, 1854-5-6; Henry Gilbert, 1857; Wm. Scrimgeour, 1858 to 1865, inclusive; G. Davis, 1866; Thos. E. Purdy, 1867; J. Boyle, 1868 to 1871, inclusive; George Russell, 1872 to 1883, inclusive; John H. Wiecken, 1884-5-6-7-8.

SECRETARY.—Edwin H. Burnett, John D. Ammerman, 1853; John T. Hall, 1854-5; William H. Pope, 1856; P. Lapage Pearce, 1857; James Boyle, 1858; John Hall, 1859; John C. Kennedy, 1860; Russel Kelsey, 1861; Edward Combs, 1862-3; John Quincy Adams, 1864; P. McGurrian, 1865-6-7; W. R. Dunn, 1868; John Taylor, 1869 to 1877, inclusive; Louis E. Wiebe, 1878 to 1884, inclusive; John C. Mullins, Jr., 1885; H. E. Gamble, 1886-7-8.

JOHN TAYLOR,

PAST MASTER STAR OF BETHLEHEM LODGE.

Bro. Taylor is not only one of the oldest, but one of the most earnest, energetic, and faithful members that this Lodge has ever had. He is still in the meridian of life—hale, hearty and strong—and yet some years have passed since he was known as a veteran. The Lodge had reached but a single decade when he was brought as a “rough ashler” to the door of the Lodge, and, after passing through the hands of the Craftsmen, became in due time a highly-polished “living stone,” fitted for the builder’s use. He was initiated April 7, 1865, passed April 28, and raised May 19, 1865. He passed through the chairs of Junior Deacon, Senior Deacon, and served as Secretary from 1868 to 1877, inclusive. He served as Senior Warden in 1879, and Worshipful Master in 1880, and as S. D. in 1888. His long experience as a Craftsman fitted him for the high position to which he was eventually called, and which he filled with honor to himself and the Craft. He is a member of Nassau Chapter No. 109, R. A. M.

Bro. Taylor was born in Dundee, Scotland, January 18, 1837. He was but eleven years of age when he became a subject of “His Satanic Majesty,” and was duly installed as a “printer’s devil.” He served six years at the printing business, and came to America in 1854, being then not quite eighteen years of age. He was married the same year to Miss Jessie Scollay, a native of his own town in Scotland. This union was blessed with five children, only one of whom are now living. On October 15, 1887, he celebrated the thirty-third year of his married life. The occasion was made one of great rejoicing, and numerous friends met at his house to congratulate him. Young as he was on his arrival here, he had no difficulty in obtaining employment. He was employed at different times on the *Courier and Enquirer*, the *World*, the *Tribune* and the *Herald*, and in 1863 was one of the first compositors employed on the *Brooklyn Union*, now known as the *Brooklyn Standard Union*. He is ex-President of Typographical Union No. 98. In June, 1870, he established an office at No. 6 Whitehall street, New York, where he has since received a fair share of the down-town patronage. He is extensively known in Caledonian circles, being a noted prize dancer of the New York Caledonian Club, and is an ex-chief of that organization, and was for several years Secretary of the Thistle Benevolent Association of New York. In 1887 he was Chairman of the Committee on Hall and Asylum Fund, and worked faithfully and earnestly to raise the quota of Star of Bethlehem Lodge for that fund. The Report of the Committee on March 20, 1888, shows the result of these efforts.

WOR. PETER J. BUNGART,

PAST MASTER OF STAR OF BETHLEHEM LODGE.

Bro. Bungart is a whole-souled, warm-hearted, earnest Craftsman, who well deserves the honors that have been awarded him by this Lodge. He is never so much in his true element than when he is spreading the cement of brotherly love, and trying to promote the happiness of those around him. The seeds of masonry sown in his heart sprung up quickly, and have never ceased to bear fruit. He will never cease to be a "living stone" in this great temple until the breath leaves his body. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Star of Bethlehem Lodge, Sept. 9, 1864, an eventful period in his life. He was elected Junior Warden in 1874, and Worshipful Master in 1876; was again elected in 1885. During the ten years from 1864 to 1874 he learned to use the tools of speculative masonry, and when he was called to the South he was duly and truly prepared, and his subsequent promotion was rapid. He did himself and the Craft honor in the positions he filled. He is a member of Brooklyn Chapter No. 148, R. A. M., and of Montauk Lodge No. 114, I. O. O. F.

Bro. Bungart was born in Cologne, Prussia, April 15, 1843. He left his native country when he was ten years of age, and soon after his arrival here settled in Brooklyn. He learned the trade of sign painter with his father, and followed the occupation some years. For the past twenty-four years he has been engaged in the manufacture of varnishes. In 1866 he married Mina Kamlah, of Hudson City, N. J., by whom he has had ten children, only four of whom are now living.

WOR. JOHN C. MULLINS, JR.,

PAST MASTER OF STAR OF BETHLEHEM LODGE.

Bro. Mullins is one of the most earnest and active members of this Lodge and was never known to refuse any reasonable request from a brother Mason. If an appeal is made for a worthy object, his hand gravitates to his pocket as naturally as the needle does to the North Pole. The one prominent weakness is that of "hiding his own light under a bushel," and magnifying the virtues of others. He never thinks of self when called on to serve his brethren. He was initiated, passed and raised in Star of Bethlehem Lodge in 1871; was soon after appointed S. M. C.; and in 1882 was elected Senior Warden. While filling this position he acted as Worshipful Master for nine months; at the expiration of which he was duly elected Master, serving

during the years 1883-4. He was exalted in DeWitt Clinton Chapter No. 142, R. A. M., and served as Master of the First Vail for two years.

Bro. Mullins was born in New York city, Oct. 15th, 1843; received a good public school education and was afterwards apprenticed to the printing business. At the breaking out of the war he enlisted as a private in the 37th N. Y. V., and was subsequently promoted Sergeant-Major of the regiment, serving with honor and credit until he was honorably discharged. He is at present Commander of Cushing Post No. 231, G. A. R., of Brooklyn, where he is greeted with the same welcome by his comrades as by the brethren of Star of Bethlehem Lodge. On Jan. 11th, 1866, he married Margaret Elizabeth Rockefeller, of New York city. The union was blessed with three children, but saddened by the loss of all. Bro. Mullins is generous to a fault and if he had the wealth of the Vanderbilts he would soon impoverish himself to aid his old comrades in arms and brother Masons.

WOR. JAMES WEST,

MASTER OF STAR OF BETHLEHEM LODGE.

Bro. West is one of the best presiding officers in this masonic jurisdiction. Grace, ease, dignity and self-possession characterize his every movement. His work is excellent, and his familiarity with the ritual as well as his thorough knowledge of all that pertains to the work, evince careful study and research. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, Oct. 4th, 1872, and was soon after appointed Chaplain; he was elected Junior Warden in 1873; served as Senior Warden in 1874-5; was elected Worshipful Master in 1876-7; again in 1880, and in the fall of 1887 was elected to that position for the *fourth* time, to serve for the ensuing year. His great administrative ability and many noble qualities of heart and mind, are the important features that have led to his repeated election to this important position. He is a member of Gate of the Temple Chapter, R. A. M., but his time is principally devoted to Blue Lodge Masonry.

Bro. West was born in Edinboro', Scotland, March 18th, 1833. He acquired a thorough knowledge of the rudimentary branches of education, both at public and private school, and subsequently learned the business of typographical engraver. He came to this country in 1860 and continued to follow the same business successfully. In 1880 he assisted in organizing the Manhattan Type Foundry, in which he is a large stockholder and has been its President since 1880.

He married in 1855, before he came to this country, Miss

Jeanet Wilson, of Scotland. By her he has had four children, only two of whom are now living. He was for two years (1877-8), a resident of Cleveland, Ohio, and during that period was President of the St. Andrew's Society. On his retiring from the presidency, just previous to his departure for the East, he was presented by the Society with an elegant gold-headed cane in token of their high appreciation of his able efforts to promote the interests and strengthen the bonds that united the brethren of the same nationality and kindred ties together. He was Chief of the Caledonian Club of New York, during the years 1879 and 1880.

Bro. West is a man of fine physique, well proportioned, of fine and manly bearing, frank, open-hearted, sympathetic; possessing in a pre-eminent degree the many noble traits that characterize the Scottish people.

JOHN MATIER, S. W.

Bro. Matier was made a Mason in Star of Bethlehem Lodge in 1869; was appointed S. M. C. the following year; served as Junior Warden in 1872-3 and as Senior Warden in 1888. He is a member of Montauk Lodge No. 119, I. O. O. F., and of the North Western Masonic Insurance Company.

Bro. Matier was born in Ireland, Aug. 24th, 1839. He came to this country in 1850. He has been for several years engaged in the lighterage business.

JOHN H. WEICKEN, TREASURER.

Bro. Weicken was raised in Star of Bethlehem Lodge in 1874. In 1883 he was elected Treasurer and has since continued faithfully to discharge the duties of his office.

Bro. Weicken was born in Germany, May 29th, 1839. He engaged in the grocery business until he came to this country in 1859. He soon afterwards settled in Brooklyn and engaged in mercantile affairs. In 1872 he married Marguereta Helena Peters, of Brooklyn.

HENRY E. GAMBLE,

SECRETARY STAR OF BETHLEHEM LODGE 322.

Bro. Gamble was initiated into the secrets of Masonry in Star of Bethlehem Lodge in 1882; he was elected Junior Warden in 1884 and Secretary in 1886-7-8. Endeavoring always to divide his time according to the teachings of Masonry he has

attended faithfully to all his duties and been careful in the observance of all his obligations.

Bro. Gamble was born in Albia, Monroe Co., Iowa, Nov. 4th, 1860. He removed with his parents to Philadelphia when he was but four years of age. He received a good education and was graduated from the high school. He served his time in the job printing office of Allen, Lane & Scott, of Philadelphia; he came to New York in 1880 and is at present connected with the Trow Printing and Bookbinding Co., New York. He removed to Brooklyn in 1882 and in 1883 married Jennie F. Allan, daughter of James N. Allen, of Star of Bethlehem Lodge. Two children have been born to them.

DONALD F. McCULLAGH, SENIOR MASTER CEREMONIES.

Bro. McCullagh is a bright, promising young Craftsman, with a bright future before him. His heart is in the work and his time and energies are devoted to it. He is regular in his attendance and earnest in his efforts to assist the Master and the brethren. He was made a Master Mason in Star of Bethlehem Lodge in 1886 and in December following was appointed Senior Master of Ceremonies and re-appointed the following year. He was exalted in Standard Chapter No. 252, R. A. M., of New York, in February, 1888, and Knighted in Greenwood Commandery, K. T., of Brooklyn. He has been president and is now vice-president of the Heights Mutual Benefit Association of Brooklyn.

Though a thorough American in sentiment and education Bro. McCullagh can trace his ancestry to one of the oldest and most distinguished of the Scottish chieftains of Clan McCullagh, of Edinburgh, who figured prominently during the early part of the seventeenth century.

Bro. McCullagh was born in Mineola, L. I., of Scotch parentage, January 27th, 1863, but went to Glasgow, Scotland, with his parents, when he was but two years of age. He returned three years later and was prepared for college at the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, and entered Williamstown College, Pa., in 1878 and withdrew after two years, but returned in 1880 and was graduated in 1885. The same year he started in the retail hat business in Brooklyn, but in 1887 sold out and went South. In 1888 he returned to Brooklyn and is now in the wholesale hat business in New York.

DAVID S. NICOLAY.

The occupation of Bro. Nicolay has prevented him from assuming the duties of office, to which his brethren would gladly have exalted him, but it has not prevented him from discharging the obligations which he took upon himself as a Master Mason. While he never fails to recognize these, the true principles on which our Order is founded are inborn with him, and were developed long before he entered the portals of Masonry. He was exalted to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Star of Bethlehem Lodge, in January, 1876. In 1880 he was exalted in DeWitt Clinton R. A. M.; was Knighted in DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 72, K. T., of Brooklyn. He is also a member of the Knights of Honor, of the North Western Masonic Insurance Ass'n and of the New York and New Jersey Sandy Hook Pilots' Benevolent Association.

Bro. Nicolay was born in New York city, Oct. 25th, 1843. He commenced a seafaring life at a very early age and continued until he was eighteen years of age. He entered the Sandy Hook pilot service May 20th, 1861, and has already served over twenty-seven years. He served as boat-keeper for some years; he held this position on the James Avery, pilot boat No. 9, from Oct., 1866, to April, 1867; he was then transferred to the pilot boat Christianburg, No. 16, continuing from April to Sept., 1867; he was steamboating for several months after this and in November, 1868, he returned to the pilot service as boat-keeper of the Isaac Webb, pilot boat No. 8, where he remained until November, 1873, when he was regularly licensed as a pilot and has continued in the service ever since, being now attached to the pilot boat Jesse Carl, No. 10. He was married to Florence May, of Saugerties, Ulster Co., N. Y. They have had two boys—one deceased. Bro. Nicolay is still a frequent visitor at the Lodge, where he is always greeted with a hearty welcome.

HISTORY OF CENTRAL LODGE NO. 361.

Application was made to the Grand Lodge, in December, 1854, for a Dispensation to erect a Lodge to be known as Central No. 361. The Application was indorsed by Palestine No. 204, Doric No. 280, Joppa No. 201, Holland No. 8 and Eureka No. 253.

The following-named brethren were recommended for its first officers, viz.: Gustavus Swan, MASTER; Alden S. Crowell, SENIOR WARDEN; Alphonso Prescott, JUNIOR WARDEN.

Dispensation was granted January 5, 1855, by M.: W.: Joseph D. Evans, Grand Master.

The omission of all other data relating to this Lodge is explained in the following letter, to which no reply was ever received by the writer:

487 Third Street,

BROOKLYN, N. Y., *June 20, 1888.*

TO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF

CENTRAL LODGE No. 361, F. AND A. M.

Dear Sir and Brother:—I visited your Lodge on the evening of June 12, 1888, for the purpose of seeking your co-operation in the compilation of a history of the several Lodges of the Third Masonic District, so far as related to the history of your Lodge. Through your courtesy I was kindly afforded an opportunity to present the matter to the brethren for their consideration. I read a communication, signed by Bro. McClanahan, Historian of the Grand Lodge of New York, and other prominent Masonic Brethren, indorsing the work. I then briefly outlined my plan, which was to write the history of every Lodge in the Third Masonic District, including the individual records of the present officers and Past Masters; to publish the same, when completed, in connection with the "History of Masonry in North America, from 1730 to 1800;" asking no financial support from the Lodges, but leaving it entirely voluntary with the brethren to subscribe to the work or not, as they might elect. R.: W.: Bro. Jones was not present at the time, and on his entrance to the Lodge a few minutes later you repeated to him the substance of my remarks. He stated briefly that he was averse to having the individual history of members published in book form and made public, and gave his reasons therefor. The matter was then referred to a committee for further consideration. The work in which I am engaged I believe to be worthy of the support of the fraternity, and I think none will question my motives. I respect the views of those brethren who differ with me, and if the sentiments expressed by R.: W.: Bro. Jones are shared by the brethren of Central Lodge, I have no desire to press the matter further, and simply ask that your committee will prepare such a history of the Lodge as they are willing to have published, and place the same in my hands on or before the 1st of November next.

With great respect I remain,

Fraternally yours,

HENRY WHITTEMORE.

HISTORY OF LONG ISLAND LODGE NO. 382.

The early records of this Lodge were imperfectly kept, and important data of great interest to the fraternity has been omitted. One of the Minute-Books, covering several years of its history, is missing altogether. No record appears of meetings held prior to its final organization. An application was made to the Grand Lodge in June, 1855, for a Dispensation to erect a Lodge. The application was endorsed by Anglo-Saxon No. 137 and Lexington No. 310. It was signed by 22 Brethren, as follows: From LEXINGTON 310, John E. Johnson, Wm. A. B. Sachman, Alexander Campbell, Edward Hanson, John M. White, Wm. Magee, John Stone, John Taylor, George Martin. From MONTGOMERY No. 68: George Cuscaden, Neal Dougherty, Thos. McCarty, Thos. J. Bell, P. C. Muldoon, John Matthews; from JOPPA 201, Sol. Frink, Wm. St. Clair Nichols; from MISSOURI No. 1, Edmund Cleary; from St. JOHN'S No. 1, George Falk; UNKNOWN, Henry Oswald, William Johnson. The following Brethren were recommended for the first officers and were subsequently installed: For MASTER, John Johnson; for SENIOR WARDEN, John Matthews; for JUNIOR WARDEN, William Magee.

The Dispensation was issued under date of June 11th, 1855, signed by M.: W.: Grand Master J. D. Evans, and R.: W.: James M. Austin, Grand Secretary.

The first regular meeting of the Lodge was held at 345 Fulton street, June 12th, 1855, at which time were present the following assistant officers, viz.: Wm. Johnson, Treasurer; J. M. White, Secretary; W. A. B. Sachman, S. D.; T. McCarty, J. D. Three propositions for membership were received and referred to the committees for investigation. The three first officers of the Lodge were appointed a committee on By-Laws and Regalia. The compensation for the Tiler was fixed at \$1 per night, and that of the Secretary at \$30 per annum.

The Lodge continued to work U. D. until the meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1856, when a Warrant was issued by M.: W.: John L. Lewis, Jr., Grand Master, dated January 10th, 1856.

At the first regular communication under the Warrant, held June 10th, 1856, R.: W.: McCoy, Deputy G. M., with the officers of the Grand Lodge, were in attendance, and dedicated the rooms (cor. of Court and Union streets), after which the officers were duly installed and took their respective places.

The Lodge continued to meet on Tuesday evening of each week at 343 Fulton street, until January 8th, 1856, when the place of meeting was changed to the corner of Court and Union

streets. On April 28th, 1857, the Lodge removed to Anglo-Saxon room, corner of Court and Montague streets and the time of meeting changed to Friday evening. It continued to meet weekly at that place until April, 1887, when it removed to its present quarters and the time of meeting changed to the 1st, 3d and 5th Thursdays of each month, in May, 1888.

On May 9th, 1862, they paid \$100 for a set of solid silver jewels, 16 pieces, the most of which are still in use.

The Lodge had some difficulty the first year in raising funds to meet its current expenses, and at a communication held March 18th, 1856, a committee previously appointed and "for the purpose of devising ways and means to relieve the Lodge of its indebtedness" reported in favor of giving a lecture, but in place of this a ball was given the proceeds of which were \$151.37. In consequence of its continued financial embarrassments, the Lodge, at a regular communication held April 14th, 1857, a motion was made to "surrender its Warrant." The motion, however, was lost, and the Lodge still struggled on. At the same communication the Trustees were instructed by a vote of ten to five "to hire a room on Fulton avenue over the new market at a yearly rent of \$150," which action was rescinded at the next communication. The Lodge was thinly attended and there appeared to be a lack of unity as to the best course to pursue. Wiser councils, however, prevailed, and it was not long before the Lodge was placed on a firm financial basis, succeeded by a degree of prosperity that enabled it to fulfil its noble mission, and from a position bordering on bankruptcy it became noted for its benevolence and great liberality.

In the great struggle for supremacy in 1857, between the two Grand Bodies of the State, Long Island Lodge remained firm in its adherence to the original Grand Lodge, presided over by Grand Master Lewis.

In October, 1866, a committee of five was appointed "to devise means towards raising a suitable amount in aid of the Hall and Asylum Fund." The Brethren entered heartily into the work, aided by their wives and lady friends, and the table presided over by Long Island Lodge at the fair held in New York city, yielded a large sum in aid of this noble work. In 1872 the Lodge declined to participate as a Lodge in a similar Fair held in New York city in aid of the same objects.

The annual report of the Secretary for 1869 shows a degree of prosperity highly encouraging. There had been 86 applications for membership; 66 had been elected, 10 rejected and 10 had not been acted upon. The receipts for the year were \$3,169.12. The balance on hand was \$1,603.41. The Lodge numbered at this time 315 Master Masons, 6 Fellowcrafts and 12 Entered Apprentices. From this time forward the Lodge became one of the most charitable in the State. In 1869, \$1,191

was voted for the "assistance of worthy distressed Brethren and their widows and orphans." Another year \$2,000 was given for the same objects; the aggregate of six years amounting to \$6,000. Owing to the loss of one of the Minute-Books the exact amount given from 1867 to 1888 cannot be obtained, but it would doubtless reach nearly \$20,000. The Lodge, in addition to this amount, voted in one year over \$700 for a Past Master's Jewel and a gold watch to prominent officers. An amendment to the By-Laws was subsequently enacted forbidding the use of the Lodge fund for this purpose.

The Lodge has taken part in many public ceremonies since its organization, no record of which appears on the minutes. One of the notable events was its participation in the ceremonies of placing the obelisk in Central Park, New York.

In 1879 twenty-four members withdrew from this Lodge and organized "Fortuna" Lodge. The latter had only a brief existence; in less than two years its warrant was withdrawn by order of the Grand Lodge for "irregular and unmasonic conduct."

The total membership, as shown by the Grand Lodge report in June, 1888, was 208. The Lodge is still in a flourishing condition and maintains its reputation for charity and benevolence. Some years ago the Lodge fees for membership were raised to \$35, the additional \$5 being devoted for two years to the payment of the Hall and Asylum Fund.

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF LONG ISLAND LODGE FROM 1855 TO DECEMBER, 1888:

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—John E. Johnson, 1855-6-7-8-9; Wm. W. Carman, 1860; James DeRevere, 1861; Denis E. Smith, 1862-3; John H. Beshier, 1864-5; Aaron H. Davison, 1866-7; Wm. M. Post, 1868; Judson Curtis, Jr., 1869; John Scrimgeour, 1870; Isaac J. Thomas, 1871; John C. Heineman, 1872; Chas. Baldwin, 1872; James H. Taylor, 1874; Wm. M. Post, 1875; John Lee, 1876; Wm. Parker, 1877; Wm. M. Perry, 1878; Thomas B. Watson, 1879-80-81; Charles L. Clark, 1882-3; James Bowen, 1886-7; Lafayette Halsey, 1888.

SENIOR WARDEN.—John Matthews, 1855-6-7; Richard Oliver, 1858; Wm. H. Carman, 1859; James DeRevere, 1860; Denis Smith, 1861; Robert F. Smith, 1862; John H. Dixon, 1863; Wm. M. Post, 1864; Aaron H. Davison, 1865; Isaac J. Thomas, 1866; Chas. S. Baldwin, 1867; Judson Curtis, 1868; John Scrimgeour, 1869; Isaac J. Thomas, 1870; John C. Heineman, 1871; James H. Taylor, 1872; W. Fred. Selleck, 1873; George Ingraham, 1874; John Lee, 1875; William Parker, 1876; Wm.

M. Perry, 1877; Thos. B. Watson, 1878; Edwin F. Page, 1879-80; Chas. L. Clark, 1881; Thos. C. Morris, 1882; S. H. Mildenburg, 1883; James Bowen, 1884-5; Lafayette Halsey, 1886-7; George Pook, 1888.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—Wm. Magee, 1855-6; David M. Carman, 1857; Henry Thompson, 1858; Chas. H. Delius, 1859; Denis E. Smith, 1860; Robert E. Smith, 1861; Elisha Sands, 1862; John H. Beshier, 1863; J. C. Brower, 1864; Chas. S. Baldwin, 1865; Henry Vanderveer, 1866; John H. Heineman, 1867; John Scrimgeour, 1868; Edward Van Riper, 1870; W. Fred. Selleck, 1871; James W. Smith, 1872; Thomas C. Morris, 1873; Wm. Parker, 1874; P. Fred. Kraushaar, 1875; Wm. M. Perry, 1876; Thos. B. Watson, 1877; Edwin F. Page, 1878; Edwin Ides, 1879; Wm. P. Wild, 1880; John J. Alexander, 1881; Chas. H. Rollins, 1882; George G. Pook, 1883; Lafayette Halsey, 1884-5; Phillip Munnich, 1886-7; Abraham Noden, 1888.

TREASURER.—Wm. Johnson, 1855; Wm. M. Stone, 1856; P. C. Muldoon, 1857-8-9; Geo. E. Wheeler, 1860 to 1866, inclusive; John E. Johnson, 1867; Chas. S. Baldwin, 1868 to 1872, inclusive; Isaac J. Thomas, 1873 to 1880, inclusive; Wm. P. Wild, 1881; Samuel W. Cornell, 1882 to 1888, inclusive.

SECRETARY.—J. M. White, 1855; Richard Oliver, 1856; Michael Dowling, 1851-2; Godfrey Taylor, 1859; Wm. Matthews, 1860-61-62; Chas. H. Delius, 1863; J. W. W. Hayward, 1864; R. V. Asten, 1865-6; John H. Platt, 1868; Aaron H. Davison, 1869; John C. Heineman, 1870; Edward S. Van Orden, 1871-2; John Scrimgeour, 1873-4; John C. Heineman, 1875 to 1888, inclusive.

JAMES BOHEN, PAST MASTER OF LONG ISLAND LODGE.

For nearly a quarter of a century Bro. Bohen has devoted his time and energies to the cause of Masonry and to assist in building up Long Island Lodge. Thoroughly imbued with the principles of the Order, he has sought by precept and example to inculcate its teachings. He was entered, passed and raised in this Lodge in 1864; served as Junior Deacon, Senior Master of Ceremonies, and in 1884 was elected Senior Warden and served as Worshipful Master in 1886-7. It was during his administration that this Lodge was called upon to meet its quota of the Hall and Asylum Fund. The Lodge at the time was in a weak financial condition, but Bro. Bohen, with the assistance of others, raised the requisite amount by individual subscriptions, which the Lodge afterwards assumed and liquidated. Great

credit is due to Bro. Bohen for his energetic efforts to meet this obligation. It was a determined hand to hand and man to man appeal, and the full quota was raised within a few weeks.

Bro. Bohen was born in New York city, Oct. 13th, 1838. After completing his education he learned the trade of sail-making, which he followed until he was twenty-four years of age; he then started in the express business, first as an employee and in 1865 acquired a half interest with one Colyer. This was known as the Brooklyn and New York Express. In 1867 he bought out his partner and has since carried it on in his own name. His patronage has largely increased and he has continued to do a successful business. In October, 1860, he married Miss Mary A. Cooper, of New York, by whom he has had 13 children, only five of whom are now living. Bro. Bohen was for five years a member of the old volunteer fire department, both in New York and Brooklyn; he served two years with Engine No. 20, of New York, and four years with Crystal Hose Company, of Brooklyn; he was assistant foreman of the latter. He was formerly a member of Principal Lodge No. 48, I. O. O. F. He is at present a member of the North Western Masonic Life Insurance Company, of Harvard Lodge No. 2154, Knights of Honor, and of the Cleveland, O., Masonic Insurance Company; joined Masonic Veterans in 1886, was a charter member of Past Masters' Association of the Third District. He was appointed a member of the Historical Committee in May, 1888, to assist in compiling a history of the Lodge. Owing to his long experience and familiarity with its past history he was of very great assistance in the work.

THOMAS C. MORRIS,

PAST MASTER OF LONG ISLAND LODGE No. 382.

Brother Morris was born in Monmouth Co., N. J.; was educated in a private school; lived with his parents on a farm. In 1849 commenced his apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade in the city of Brooklyn. In 1850 he joined the volunteer firemen of Engine No. 13. He was married in 1853, returned to his native town in 1856 and commenced business as a builder. About that time he with others organized Co. A, 2d Regiment, Monmouth and Ocean Brigade, N. J. State Militia, in which he rose from private to the rank of captain. In 1859 the Lieutenant-Colonel offered a prize for the best drilled man in the regiment, which was awarded to him with a set of resolutions accompanying it. At the breaking out of the war he with his company were among the first to volunteer their services, but were not accepted. At the first call for three years' men he raised sixty men for the 29th Regiment N. J. Volunteers. In

1864 his first wife died leaving one child. In 1874 he married Margaret Carlile, of Brooklyn, by whom he had four children, two of whom are still living. He went to South America in 1864, returning in 1866. In 1869 he was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Long Island Lodge and was appointed S. M. C. in 1870; was elected J. W. in 1871, Senior Warden, 1882; S. Deacon, 1883, and Master in 1884-5. His administration as Master was very successful and met the hearty approval of the brethren. He is a member of the Masonic Mutual Relief Association and director of the L. I. Lodge.

He is a member of Clinton Council No. 24, Order of Chosen Friends, and was its Chief Councilor for two years; after serving six months as Past Chief Councilor he was unanimously re-elected Chief Councilor. He is also a member of Past Masters' Association of Third Masonic District.

He carried on carpenter and building business since 1869 successfully, and is a member of the Master Carpenters' Association, and is also a member of the Veteran Volunteer Fire Department of the Western district.

LAFAYETTE HALSEY,

WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF LONG ISLAND LODGE.

Bro. Halsey received the mental training and the heart preparation long before he took upon himself the obligations of a Master Mason. His grandfather was a member of St. John's Lodge No. 1, of New York, the oldest Lodge in the State. Abraham Halsey, his brother, is one of the oldest members of St. Nicholas Lodge, New York, and he has a nephew who is Senior Deacon of Anglo-Saxon No. 137, of Brooklyn; so that Bro. Halsey not only belongs to a masonic family, but the principles of masonry were early instilled into his youthful mind and heart. He was duly and truly prepared, and made a Master Mason in Long Island Lodge in 1878; was appointed Chaplain in 1879; served as Junior Warden in 1884-5, as Senior Warden in 1886-7, and, at the annual election in December, 1887, was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. When the effort was made—in 1886—to raise the quota of this Lodge for the Hall and Asylum Fund, he was among the first to assume the heavy financial obligations, and maintain the credit of the Lodge. He is looked upon by the brethren as one of its most earnest and staunchest supporters. During his brief administration he has exhibited that wisdom and discretion in the government of the Lodge that have ever characterized his worthy predecessors. His labor of love has not been confined to Blue Lodge masonry. He was exalted in Gate of the Temple Chapter No. 208, R. A. M.; is a member of

Harvard Lodge No. 2154, Knights of Honor, in which he has also rendered efficient service, having passed through the several chairs, and is now Past Dictator.

Bro. Halsey is a native of Brooklyn, born Dec. 16, 1840. He was instructed in the rudimentary branches and acquired a knowledge of the classics at home, having spent but three years at school. His father was for many years cashier of the Brooklyn bank, and young Halsey entered the American Exchange Bank of New York when he was but fourteen years of age, remaining until 1857. He joined the army in 1864 as paymaster's clerk, and was stationed at Chattanooga, Tenn.; Dalton and Atlanta, Ga.; and in 1865 was ordered to St. Paul, Minn., being the headquarters of the Division of the Army of the Northwest. He left the army in the spring of 1865, and soon after his return East entered the employ of the Tradesmens National Bank, where he has since continued. He was married in 1864, to Miss Anna Kent, of Brooklyn. Six children have been born to them—all living. He was for some years a member of the volunteer fire department, and was attached to Engines No. 9 and 20.

GEORGE G. POOK, SENIOR WARDEN.

Bro. Pook was made a mason in this Lodge in 1879; served as S. M. C. in 1880, Junior Deacon in 1881, Senior Deacon in 1881-2, Junior Warden in 1883, and in December, 1887, was elected Senior Warden for the ensuing year. He is a nephew of Adolpheus Andreas, one of the oldest masons in New York, who was Knighted—over sixty years ago—on the same evening with Genl. La Fayette.

Bro. Pook was born in Brooklyn, Aug. 19, 1843; served his time at pattern-making, which he has followed ever since. He was for some time a resident of Boston, and was for two years and eight months a member of Company A, 5th Regt., Massachusetts Militia; was also a member of the volunteer fire department for one year.

WOR. CHARLES L. CLARK,

PAST MASTER, AND SECRETARY, PRO TEM., OF LONG ISLAND LODGE.

Bro. Clark became a member of this Lodge by initiation in 1871; served as Senior Deacon in 1877-8, and again in 1880; he was Senior Warden in 1881, and Worshipful Master in 1882-3. He made an excellent presiding officer, and was highly respected by the brethren. On his retirement as Master, in 1883, he was presented with an elegant gold watch and chain by Wor. Bro. William Taylor (since deceased), on behalf of the members of

Long Island Lodge, in consideration of his eminent services rendered. In May, 1888, he was appointed Chairman of the Committee for compiling a history of Long Island Lodge, his long experience, constant attendance and thorough knowledge of the transactions of the Lodge for the past seventeen years rendering him peculiarly adapted to the work.

Bro. Clark was born in Monticello, Sullivan County, N. Y., July 30, 1849. He had the advantages of both public and private school education. He came with his parents to Brooklyn in 1862; he was engaged for a time in the dry goods business, and afterwards in the business of glassware and crockery. In 1866 he entered the service of the *New York Herald*, as clerk at the main office in New York, and has been continuously in the employ of the firm for nearly twenty-three years. Bro. Clark has been twice married: his first wife deceased in 1875, and in 1879 he married Miss Victoria Isele, of Brooklyn.

ABRAHAM NODEN, JUNIOR WARDEN.

Bro. Noden was made a Master Mason in Long Island Lodge, in 1876. He served as S. M. C., and at the annual election of 1887 was elected Junior Warden.

Bro. Noden was born in England, in 1842, where he spent a portion of his early life. He came to this country in 1854, and settled in Brooklyn, where he has since been engaged in mercantile affairs.

HISTORY OF COMMONWEALTH LODGE NO. 409. F. & A. M.

Commonwealth Lodge was established on the broad principles of love, charity and benevolence; and as the name signifies, "*the common good or happiness.*" The founders were men of liberal views, who, in their previous masonic connections had been under severe restraint owing to the illiberality of some of their associates, and, in erecting a new Lodge, they determined that "no pent up Utica should contract their powers." They laid the foundation broad and deep, and were exceedingly careful in the selection of building material so that when the work was finally commenced "there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house while it was building."

The incident that led to the organization of Commonwealth Lodge was a division of sentiment among the members of Star

of Bethlehem Lodge in regard to the payment of the funeral expenses of a deceased brother, a majority having decided not to pay the bill. The small minority were indignant at this action of a majority of their brethren and paid the bill out of their own pockets, at the same time asking for their dimits, which were granted. The brethren who withdrew were James M. Fuller, Benjamin Price, Joseph Stockbridge, Fred. W. Showering, Charles Weeks, Jr., William Howard and Henry Smith. It is but just to state that a more liberal and charitable course has since characterized Star of Bethlehem Lodge, and the brethren of the present generation would discountenance such action as unmasonic and uncharitable. The brethren who withdrew hoped to find a home in another Lodge more in harmony with their liberal views. Failing in this they decided to organize a new Lodge; Bro. James M. Fuller, now familiarly known as "Pop" Fuller, was the leading spirit in these initial movements. He obtained the following signatures to the Application for a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge: Robert D. McChesney, Brooklyn No. 288; James M. Fuller and Benjamin Price, Star of Bethlehem No. 322; Chas. F. Hermance, Frank Webb and John D. Ammerman, Polar Star No. 245; William Howard, Joseph Stockbridge, Fred. W. Showering and Henry Smith, Star of Bethlehem No. 322; Robert B. Turner, Brooklyn No. 288.

The following persons were named in the Application for the three principal offices: Robert D. McChesney, Master; Benjamin Price, Senior Warden, and James M. Fuller, Junior Warden.

In addition to the foregoing the following names, which were subsequently added, constituted the Charter Members: Charles Weeks, Jr., Star of Bethlehem No. 322; John J. Byram and James H. Clayton, Sylvan Grove No. 275; James L. Smith, Brooklyn No. 288.

The Application, dated May 20th, 1856, endorsed and strongly recommended by Joppa Lodge No. 201, met with strong opposition from other quarters, but was finally granted and a Dispensation issued May 25th, signed by M.: W.: Joseph D. Evans, Grand Master.

The first meeting of the Lodge, held under Dispensation, was on June 3, 1856, at the corner of Court and Montague Streets, with the following officers in their several places, *viz.*: R. D. McChesney, Master; Benjamin Price, Senior Warden; James M. Fuller, Junior Warden; Joseph Stockbridge, Treasurer; William Howard, Secretary *pro tem.*; Chas. F. Hermance and Frank Webb, Deacons. Seated in the East, Wor. George B. Nicholl, Past Master of Excelsior Lodge No. 195; the latter Brother was a frequent visitor and a warm supporter of the Lodge and often assisted in the work. The following named brethren were

appointed a committee to draft By-Laws: Benjamin Price, James M. Fuller and William Howard.

The first resolution adopted by the Lodge was a vote of thanks to Joppa Lodge, for their unanimous recommendation of the petition. The first work of the Lodge was the initiation of Monroe F. Gale, on June 17th, 1856. The By-Laws were adopted on June 24th, and on July 15th Bro. Monroe F. Gale was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. On July 20th occurred the first death, *viz.*: that of Bro. Robert B. Turner, a charter member. On July 29th, with an exceedingly limited exchequer, the Lodge donated the sum of \$25 to benevolent purposes, thus fulfilling the proverb: "There is that giveth and yet enricheth; there is that withholdeth and yet impoverisheth."

In all their efforts the Lodge received the hearty support and co-operation of Joppa Lodge, whose members were frequent visitors and assisted in the work. On Aug. 5th, Bro. John Hackett, of Joppa Lodge, presented Commonwealth with a set of columns.

On Oct. 9th, the Lodge took part in the dedication of Anglo-Saxon Hall, corner of Court and Montague streets. Commonwealth rented the rooms of Anglo-Saxon Lodge, and continued to meet on every Tuesday at this place until 1866; they then met in Phoenix Hall alternate Tuesdays and Saturdays until April 28th, 1868, when they moved to their present quarters which they had fitted up at great expense.

Aided and encouraged by her sister Lodges in this locality Commonwealth Lodge persevered in the good work so auspiciously begun, and on March 31, 1857, received from the Grand Master a congratulatory letter which was read before the Lodge; but, unfortunately was not spread on the minutes, and has since become mislaid or lost. On April 14th, of this year, preparations were made for celebrating the first anniversary of the organization of the Lodge, and the procuring of the Warrant, which was now a foregone conclusion. The infant was about to lay aside its swaddling clothes and start forth on its mission of love as a full grown youth, with the motto of "Excelsior" inscribed on its banner, to achieve a success unparalleled in the history of Masonry in Brooklyn. A committee was appointed at this communication, consisting of Wor. Brothers McChesney, Price, Fuller, and Brothers Byram and Howard, to make suitable arrangements for this event.

Application having been made to the Grand Lodge, a Warrant was issued by M.: W.: John L. Lewis, Grand Master, under the date of June 3, 1857, and on June 9th following, a Communication was held at the Lodge room for the purpose of having the Lodge duly constituted and the officers installed. Grand Master Lewis and his staff with a large number of visiting brethren were present and at the close of these interesting ceremonies

the brethren of the Lodge escorted the Grand Lodge Officers to the Pierrepont House, where a banquet was served in celebration of this important event.

Only two brethren have been elected Honorary Members of the Lodge since its organization. The first to receive this honor was Wor. Bro. George B. Nicholl, of Excelsior Lodge No. 195, on the evening of October 13th, 1857. Allusion has already been made to the valuable assistance and encouragement rendered by this brother. The next to receive this honor was R.: W.: E. W. Richardson, who was elected October 13th, 1885, and has continued to be a regular attendant at the weekly Communications, at all times ready to render valuable assistance to the officers of the Lodge.

On Nov. 10th, 1857, Commonwealth voted to join the Brooklyn Masonic Board of Relief, and appointed as delegates Bros. Fuller, Howard and Stockbridge.

The first public ceremonies participated in by Commonwealth was on July 5th, 1858, when, in conjunction with Lexington Lodge No. 310, they assisted in the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the Brooklyn Arsenal, which were performed by M.: W.: John L. Lewis, Jr., Grand Master.

The year 1861 will be remembered as one of the most eventful in the history of this as well as many other Lodges. When President Lincoln issued his first proclamation calling for 75,000 troops to put down the rebellion, there were thousands of brave patriots ready to sacrifice their lives in defense of the Union; but to those who had families dependent on them for support it became a serious question with them as to whether they should leave their wives and little ones to starve during their absence. Commonwealth was among the first Lodges to solve this question, and at a regular Communication held May 7th, 1861, adopted the following Preamble and Resolution:

"Whereas, Several of the members of this Lodge having left us to join the Army in defense of the flag of our Union, therefore be it

Resolved, That during their absence the first three officers of the Lodge be empowered to visit the families of such of our Brothers who have thrown themselves into the breach to sustain the Constitution and Laws of our glorious Union, and render them such assistance as their circumstances may require."

These duties were faithfully performed and the hearts of the absent ones were gladdened and encouraged by the assurance that their loved ones at home were being cared for and their wants attended to.

The first member of the Lodge whose name was inscribed on the *Crimson Roll of Honor* was Bro. John J. Byram, a charter member of this Lodge, who was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862. The fact was announced at a regular

communication of the Lodge held on Dec. 30th, following, and suitable action taken in connection therewith. On July 14th, 1863, the announcement was made to the Lodge that Bro. Warner, of this Lodge, was severely wounded while in the discharge of his duty on the battle field of Gettysburg.

No other records appear on the minutes in connection with the events of the war. Such of the brethren as escaped its ravages returned to their homes and were gladly welcomed by the brethren of Commonwealth Lodge.

At a communication held April 18th, 1865, announcement was made of the assassination of President Lincoln and resolutions were adopted by the Lodge expressive of the deepest grief and indignation at the sad and cruel event. As an expression of its sorrow the Lodge agreed to wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

In the early part of the year of 1868 the great success the Lodge had attained warranted the brethren to believe that they were entitled to a "Home" of their own; accordingly the trustees were empowered to lease the present quarters, 317 Washington Street, since known as Commonwealth Hall, which was furnished in such a manner as to leave nothing to be desired in the way of comfort and convenience. On the evening of April 28th, 1868, the rooms were formally dedicated, the ceremonies being public, the wives and friends of the brethren were present in great numbers, and enjoyed the hospitalities of the Lodge, the evening being spent in social entertainment, at the close of which a banquet was served in the large hall on the floor below, now occupied by the post-office. Wor. Lester W. Beasley presided on this occasion, being the master of the Lodge at that time.

The year 1870 marked a new era in the history of Commonwealth Lodge. This was the beginning of the interest awakened in its members in the great enterprise of the Hall and Asylum Fund, in which the Lodge subsequently bore such a conspicuous part. The first action taken by the Lodge was at a communication held June 7th, 1870, at which time the Secretary reported that "he had procured by order of the Lodge, a Silver Medal to be deposited in the corner stone of the Masonic Hall, to be laid June 8th, 1870, at the corner of Sixth Avenue and 23rd Street., New York. The medal had on one side the officers' names for 1870, and on the other the number of members at previous report (567) and the names of the trustees."

The Lodge met in a body and participated in the ceremonies of that important event.

Commonwealth Lodge has not only taken care of its own needy and suffering brethren and their families as well as members of the fraternity beyond its jurisdiction, but has never turned a deaf ear to the appeals of suffering humanity from

whatever source they came. On October 10th, 1871, a committee of fifteen was appointed to raise funds for the relief of the sufferers of the great Chicago fire.

The sum of \$800 was raised by this committee, which was forwarded to the Mayor of Chicago by the Master of the Lodge. During the terrible yellow fever scourge at Memphis and other parts of the South. Again in 1881, when thousands of homes in Michigan were rendered desolate by fire; also in 1888, when the yellow fever caused such suffering at Jacksonville, Florida, the Lodge made liberal donations.

On June 24th, 1871, the Lodge visited Albany and participated in the ceremonies of the laying of the corner stone of the Capitol.

On April 22d, 1873, a Lodge of sorrow was held in memory of the brethren deceased previous to this date.

The Lodge room was so completely draped in the emblems of mourning that a person would think that he was in the realms of the dead. In the centre of the room was placed a Catafalque, surrounded with floral decorations. Upon the pall were inscribed the following names: Leonard J. Ham, Daniel Paul, E. W. Pearsall, Wm. H. Van Pelt, M. P. Gaddis, Edwin A. Ellis, F. B. S. Snell, Samuel Brown, Emons A. Gould, Allen T. Beller, Peter C. Garrison, Morris James, James Van Namee, Joseph Pentland, Jonathan Jones, J. Newton Howe.

The officers that assisted were R. W.: Bro. Henry S. Knapp, Master, Bro. John W. Reid, S. W. and S. S. Conant, J. W. As the Wardens advanced and recited their parts flowers were deposited upon the Catafalque. The Master laid upon it a cross of laurel. After each of these recitals one of the other officers advanced and extinguished a light. Bros. D. O. Ferris, then Chaplain, delivered the Eulogy, and Charles E. Dudley presided at the organ and conducted the musical part of the service. The choir was that of the Holy Trinity. Bros. George G. Martin was S. D., and Edwin Selvage, S. M. of ceremonies. Bro. Wm. Jennings, Jr., was stationed in an outer room and tolled the "Low Twelve" bell, as the Master gave an electric signal. A code of signals had been so arranged that each officer knew by a certain number that he was to render his part. This peculiar occasion has been chronicled as one of the most perfectly conducted Sorrow services that has ever occurred within the pale of Masonry.

The growth of Commonwealth Lodge is phenomenal. While some other Lodges in the District were struggling for an existence, it continued to increase its membership until 1874. The number then reached 585, the largest of any Lodge in the State. On October 24, 1874, a petition was received from Wor. Bro. L. W. Beasley, James M. Rowan, and others to form a new Lodge to be known as "Covenant." The petition was endorsed

by Commonwealth and "the petitioners were recommended to the Grand Lodge as being worthy to receive a Dispensation." Sixty-seven members withdrew to organize Covenant Lodge. As an evidence of the good will existing between these Lodges it is only necessary to state that the *Three Great Lights* used by Covenant Lodge at the present time were presented to Covenant by the members of Commonwealth.

On January 26, 1875, notice was received from M.:W.: Elwood E. Thorn, Grand Master, that the dedication of Masonic Hall in New York City, would take place on Wednesday, June 2, and requesting a donation for the dedication fund. In response to this request the Lodge donated the sum of two hundred dollars. On the day appointed the Lodge met as a Body, and after participating in the very interesting ceremonies wound up the events of the day by going on an excursion up the Hudson.

On June 14, 1881, the Lodge celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary by a banquet at Hotel Brighton, Coney Island.

In 1885 was the beginning of a series of events that was to place Commonwealth Lodge foremost among her sister Lodges of the State in the great work of lifting the burden of debt from the Fraternity, in connection with the Hall and Asylum Fund. The debt at this time was nearly half a million dollars. November 24, 1885, the Lodge was summoned to take action on the appeal of M.:W.: Frank R. Lawrence, Grand Master, for assistance in paying the debt of the Hall and Asylum Fund. Commonwealth Lodge had never been behind her sister Lodges in responding to appeals from the Grand Lodge; she fully realized the magnitude of this gigantic undertaking, and was not only the first Lodge in the State to assume her share of the burden, but her per capita tax voluntarily assumed was larger than that of any Lodge on Long Island. By a resolution unanimously adopted on this occasion, the Lodge pledged itself to "pay \$2,500, which was nearly \$500 in excess of the amount apportioned as her share of the debt," and at the same time appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions. The committee made a thorough canvass among the members of the Lodge, and raised by voluntary subscriptions, the sum of two thousand dollars, five hundred of which amount was paid by Wor. Bro. John A. P. Fisk; five hundred dollars additional was voted by the Lodge, making the sum total \$2,500, which was paid over to the Grand Master, March 30, 1886.

On April 13, 1886, M.: W.: Grand Master Frank R. Lawrence, with his staff, visited the Lodge, and was cordially welcomed in a few well chosen remarks by Wor. John W. Evans; Grand Master Lawrence responded in an eloquent manner, thanking Commonwealth Lodge for its prompt response to his appeal in behalf of the Hall and Asylum Fund, and for its noble and earnest efforts in aid of this great undertaking.

One of the most earnest, indefatigable and successful workers in this enterprise was Wor. Bro. Theo. A. Taylor. As a reward for his efforts his friends obtained for him the appointment of District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District, and on June 29, 1886, R.: W.: James M. Fuller surprised Bro. Taylor by presenting him with the warrant containing his appointment, signed by M.: W.: Grand Master Frank R. Lawrence.

The Lodge being called off for the summer, nothing was done by him in his official capacity until the following autumn. In the mean time a committee was appointed by the Lodge to provide the Brother with a suitable Regalia for his new position as D. D. G. M. On the evening of September 21, 1886, the committee made their report, and delivered the Regalia to Worshipful John W. Evans, whose pleasant duty it was to present the same to R.: W.: Bro. Taylor; this was done in a fitting and an appropriate manner, the speaker referring in glowing terms to the labors and successful efforts of Bro. Taylor in the past, and bidding him God speed in the new field of labor which he was about entering. Bro. Taylor gratefully accepted the gift as a renewed evidence of the confidence and esteem of his brethren, and of the hearty support they had given him in every undertaking.

A large number of distinguished visitors had come together on this occasion to congratulate Bro. Taylor on his appointment, and to offer him their aid and encouragement. It is estimated that there were over three hundred present. Bergstein's Quartette discoursed sweet music, and addresses were made by M.: W.: Joseph J. Couch, Rt. Wor. E. M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary; Right Wor. Fred. H. Burnham, Chief Commissioner of Appeals, and others. No Brother ever entered upon any undertaking under more favorable and promising auspices. The one great purpose which he had in view was to assist the Grand Master in his efforts to reduce the great burden of debt connected with the Hall and Asylum Fund. He entered at once upon his work, and in his official visitations to the various Lodges of the District was always accompanied by a large delegation consisting of the officers, past officers, and brethren of the Lodge; on many occasions there were as many as sixty members of Commonwealth present, never less than fifteen.

The hearty and earnest support rendered him by these brethren in the great work which he had undertaken was not only a source of encouragement to Bro. Taylor, but aided him very materially in bringing the work to the successful issue finally attained, which fact was gratefully acknowledged and duly appreciated by the Rt. Wor. Brother. This record would not be complete without giving special credit to Bro. Jos.

Stockbridge, a Charter Member of the Lodge, who missed but one of these visits throughout the year.

But few of the Lodges in the Third District had paid any part of their quota on the Hall and Asylum Fund debt, and a number had paid nothing. Bro. Taylor and his delegation met with a cordial reception at every Lodge they visited; and at each visit he urged upon his brethren to make one grand earnest effort to pay their quota at once, and thus relieve themselves of all future obligations in the matter.

The brethren caught his zeal and enthusiasm and went to work in earnest. Individual subscriptions flowed in, and at the close of his administration as District Deputy every Lodge in the District had paid its full quota, and was released from the fifty cent tax; this being the first District in the State to pay its full quota of the debt; it thus became the Banner District, and Commonwealth in turn, became the Baitner Lodge. The full amount paid by the thirty-one Lodges of the District was \$25,000.

Commonwealth Lodge has on several occasions been honored by the Grand Lodge in the selection of certain of her members for important positions in the Grand Lodge.

The first to be so distinguished was R.: W.: James M. Fuller, who was appointed District Deputy Grand Master in 1863, and in the following year Grand Steward.

R.: W.: Jas. M. Rowan was appointed to the position of District Deputy Grand Master in 1873; he was followed by R.: W.: Henry S. Knapp, who held the office of District Deputy Grand Master for the years 1874 and 1875.

R.: W.: Fred. H. Wight was appointed Grand Steward in 1879, and in the two following years held the office of District Deputy Grand Master; at the present time he holds the office of Representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of Wisconsin, near the Grand Lodge of New York.

R.: W.: Theo. A. Taylor was appointed District Deputy Grand Master in 1886, and on the evening of Nov. 13th, 1888, received his commission as Representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana; and in June, 1887, the Lodge was again highly honored by the selection of R.: W.: G. Frank E. Pearsall to fill the office of Grand Steward. Bro. Pearsall had been one of the most zealous supporters of M.: W.: Frank R. Lawrence in his efforts to extinguish the debt of the Hall and Asylum Fund, and was Chairman of the committee of Commonwealth Lodge that had the work in hand. He entered upon the discharge of the duties of the office with the same zeal and energy which had characterized his predecessors, who had without exception reflected credit upon their mother Lodge.

The last and final efforts made by Commonwealth Lodge in

aid of the Hall and Asylum Fund was in connection with the Ladies' Masonic Fair held in November and December, 1887.

A number of ladies, the wives and relatives of the brethren of Commonwealth Lodge, organized themselves into the "Commonwealth Ladies' Fair Association," for the purpose of co-operating with the "Ladies' Masonic Fair Association" of New York. The following were the officers of this Association, viz.: *President*, Mrs. John W. Evans; *Vice-President*, Mrs. Edwin Knowles; *Treasurer*, Mrs. Theo. A. Taylor; *Secretary*, Mrs. Edwin Selvage.

On November 22, a committee was appointed by the Lodge to assist the Ladies' Association.

Among the many valuable and interesting articles donated to Commonwealth Lodge for the Association was an elegant and costly quilt, presented by Mrs. Eleanor Burton, Past Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. This was disposed of for a large sum.

Several weeks were spent in preparation for this great event, and each vied with the other in their endeavors to make it a success. Most of the ladies and gentlemen from Commonwealth Lodge Ladies' Fair Association and Committee, were daily in attendance at the Masonic Hall in New York during the three weeks following November 28th, and the total sum of \$1,472.82 was realized from Commonwealth table, which was paid to the Grand Master.

On February 13, 1888, a committee of Commonwealth Lodge visited Masonic Hall, and presented to the Grand Lodge library a life-size portrait of Grand Secretary Ehlers, which was purchased by this Lodge at the fair. The pleasant duty of presenting this gift was assigned to Wor. Bro. Evans, who performed it in his usual graceful manner. It was received with thanks, accompanied by kind expressions, by R. W. Herman G. Carter, Grand Librarian.

In the beginning of 1888, Most Worshipful Frank R. Lawrence, G. M., desired to make an unofficial visit to the 3d District, and Commonwealth Lodge was accorded the honor of receiving him.

The evening of January 24th was set apart for that purpose. The Grand Master was received by the Wor. Master, Edwin Knowles, in an eloquent manner, giving expression to the pleasure felt by all at the presence of this well-beloved and distinguished Craftsman.

The Grand Master, in his usual happy and effective manner, acknowledged the cordiality of his reception, and expressed his delight in being once more among his brethren of the Banner District.

Many of the Grand Lodge officers were present, and thirty-one Masters and Past Masters of the 3d District.

The growth of Commonwealth Lodge is like the planting of the grain of mustard seed; starting with fifteen charter members, it had at the end of the first year forty-two. In 1872-73-74 it cast the largest vote ever cast in the Grand Lodge of the State. Since its organization in 1856 to the present time, a period of thirty-two years, it has made and affiliated 1,240 Master Masons. The highest aggregate membership at the close of any year was 586.

The sum total of receipts since the organization of the Lodge amounts to \$109,860.36; disbursements, \$105,620.63; and the sum paid out for purely charitable purposes amounts to the magnificent figure of \$29,000.

Three of the charter members of this Lodge are still living, two of whom are quite as active as they were thirty-two years ago. These are Brothers James M. Fuller and Joseph Stockbridge, and there is seldom a gathering of the Lodge during any part of the year that these two brethren are not present. Neither rain nor shine, heat or "blizzards," or other elements of the weather, can prevent "Pop" Fuller's presence, especially at a "raising." He comes all the way from his home in New York, and enters into the work with the same zeal and energy that he did thirty years ago. Masonry has become to him a second nature, and when the summons comes from the Great Architect above, "Pop" Fuller will die in harness.

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF COMMONWEALTH LODGE, FROM 1856 TO 1889.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—Robert McChesney, 1856, U. D., 1857; Benj. Price, 1858; Jas. M. Fuller, 1859, 1860-61; Nath'l Gladding, 1862-3; Jas. M. Fuller, 1864; Lester W. Beasley, 1865-6-7-8; James M. Rowan, 1869-70-71; Lester W. Beasley, 1872; Henry S. Knapp, 1873-4-5; Fred. H. Wight, 1876-7; T. B. Linington, 1878-9; John T. Palmer, 1880-81; Theo. A. Taylor, 1882-3; G. Frank E. Pearsall, 1884-5; John W. Evans, 1886-7; Edwin Knowles, 1888.

SENIOR WARDEN.—Benj. Price, 1856, U. D., 1857; Jas. M. Fuller, 1858; Wm. J. Mason, 1859; Nath'l Gladding, 1860; Edwin Swanton, 1861; Uriah T. Smith, 1862-3; Lester W. Beasley, 1864; Edward J. Riley, 1865; Phineas Potter, 1866; Chas. K. McDonald, 1867; James W. Rowan, 1868; Skidmore Pettit, 1869; Henry S. Knapp, 1870; W. H. Rossell, 1871; George B. Elmore, 1872; John W. Reid, 1873; W. F. Rossell, 1874; Samuel S. Conant, 1875; O. K. Buckley, Jr., 1876; Norman J. Jones, 1877; Alex. Gilchrist, 1878; John T. Palmer,

1879; Theo. A. Taylor; 1880-81; Edwin Selvage, 1882; G. F. E. Pearsall, 1883; John W. Evans, 1884-5; Edward F. Gordon, 1886; Pro tem., 1887; John A. Bennett, 1888.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—James M. Fuller, 1856, U. D., 1857; Wm. J. Mason, 1858; Nath'l Gladding, 1859; Edwin Swinton, 1860; Uriah T. Smith, 1861; Fred'k Hallington, 1862; Lester W. Beasley, 1863; George Elford, 1864; Sam'l Edgar, 1865-6; George Reock, 1867; Skidmore Pettit, 1868; Wm. H. Rossell, 1869; O. C. Buckley, Jr., 1870; Geo. B. Elmore, 1871; John S. Rossell, 1872; Sam'l S. Conant, 1873; Fred. H. Wight, 1874; T. B. Linington, 1875; Norman L. Jones, 1876 Alex. Gilchrist, 1877; Theo. A. Taylor, 1878-9; Edwin Selvage, 1880-81; Silas Robinson, 1882; John W. Evans, 1883; Edward F. Gordon, 1884-5; John A. Bennett, 1886; Edwin Knowles, 1887; Richard Waycott, 1888.

TREASURER.—Joseph Stockbridge, 1856 to 1864, inclusive; Theodore Linington, 1865; W. T. Gilbert, 1867 to 1871, inclusive; Theodore Linington, 1872 to 1884, inclusive; Theo. A. Taylor, 1885-6-7-8.

SECRETARY.—John D. Amerman, 1856-7-8; Robt. McChesney, 1859-60; Phineas Potter, 1862 to 1865; Jonathan Jones, 1866 to 1873, inclusive; Wm. Jennings, Jr., 1874; Fred. H. Wight, 1875; E. J. Campbell, 1876 to 1888, inclusive.

R.: W.: JAMES M. FULLER,

CHARTER MEMBER AND PAST MASTER OF COMMONWEALTH LODGE;

PAST DIST. DEPUTY G. M. THIRD MASONIC DIST.;

PAST GRAND STEWARD OF GRAND LODGE,

STATE OF NEW YORK.

Bro. Fuller has already passed his three-score-and-ten years—the allotted age of man—yet he is still able to attend to his masonic duties. One of the founders of Commonwealth Lodge, he has been for more than thirty years one of its staunchest supporters, and is loved and venerated by all the members, who look up to and address him as a father. There is probably not a man in Brooklyn whose venerable countenance and manly form is as familiar to the fraternity as that of Bro. Fuller. He was made a mason in Star of Bethlehem Lodge in 1855, and withdrew the same year to assist in the erection of Commonwealth Lodge. Of the fourteen others, only three still survive, he being one of the number. He was the first Junior Warden of this Lodge,

serving through 1856-7; as Senior Warden in 1858, and in 1859, '60 and '61 as W. M. In 1863 he was appointed Dist. Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District, serving in this capacity for one year. In 1862 he was again elected W. M. of this Lodge. In capitular masonry he is equally prominent, having served three years as High Priest of Orient Chapter No. 138, of Brooklyn.

Bro. Fuller was born at Albany, N. Y., Dec. 14, 1814, and received the best educational advantages, under private instruction, obtainable at that period. He came to Brooklyn in 1836 where for nearly fifty years he was engaged in business, retiring in 1880. As a business man he bore an unblemished reputation, and exemplified the teachings of masonry in all his transactions. In 1838, two years after he commenced business, he married Miss Julia A. Brown, of Providence, R. I. Eight children have blessed this union; five of whom are now living. During the present year he celebrated his golden wedding. Truly his lines have fallen to him in pleasant places and he has enjoyed a goodly heritage.

R. W. FREDERICK H. WIGHT.

PAST MASTER OF COMMONWEALTH LODGE; PAST GRAND STEWARD
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK; PAST DIST.
DEPUTY OF THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

Bro. Wight is one of the substantial pillars of Commonwealth Lodge, and for more than eighteen years has labored assiduously to advance its interests and promote its growth. He was raised in this Lodge in June, 1870; was Junior Warden in 1873; Secretary in 1874; and Worshipful Master in 1876-7. In 1878 he was appointed Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge by the M. W. Grand Master Charles Roome. In 1879 he was appointed Dist. Deputy of the Third Masonic Dist. by M. W. Jesse B. Anthony, Grand Master, and was re-appointed to the same position by M. W. Horace Taylor, Grand Master. He now represents the State of Wisconsin near the Grand Lodge of New York. He was exalted in Oriental Chapter No. 138, R. A. M., and ascended to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

Bro. Wight was born at Newton, Mass., Oct. 28, 1843. He came with his father to New York in 1853, and completed his education in the Public Schools and the N. Y. Free Academy. In May, 1861 (being then but seventeen years of age), he enlisted for three years for the war in Company D, 9th Infantry, N. Y. S. M., afterwards known as 83d Regt. N. Y. Vols. He took part in the battles of Ball's Bluff, Slaughter Mountain, Chan-

tilly, and was wounded at the battle of Antietam; sent to Finlay Hospital, Washington; from there to the Medical Director at Washington; thence to Dept. Headquarters, and spent the remainder of his time to the close of the war as clerk in the War Department. In 1865 he was employed in the office of the Secretary of the Treasury; in 1867 appointed custom house inspector, and for the past five years, up to 1888, held the office of Deputy Collector of New York. He was relieved during the last year of President Cleveland's administration for political reasons.

TIMOTHY B. LININGTON,

PAST MASTER OF COMMONWEALTH LODGE.

"Like attracts like" is an old and true adage, and there is something in every individual that either repels or attracts his fellow-men. Bro. Linington was undoubtedly a "powerful magnet," for from the time of his entrance into Commonwealth Lodge he has drawn others to him by some unseen influence, and forged the ties of friendship into such indissoluble bonds that only death can part them. He was raised in this Lodge in 1872 by Worshipful Bro. Henry S. Knapp, and two years following was taken from the floor and elected Junior Warden. He remained in the South for one year; thence to the West, and in 1877 was elected Worshipful Master, with only one dissenting vote, and the following year was unanimously re-elected. On retiring from the Lodge he was presented with an elegant Past Master Jewel, Worshipful Bro. "Pop Fuller" making the presentation address. During his administration he won the hearts of all by his urbanity of manner and his warm-hearted generous response to every appeal for aid and assistance, and his deep heartfelt sympathy for every brother in trouble or distress. Since 1885 his absence from the city has prevented his taking an active part in the work of the Lodge, but he is always present in spirit, though absent in body. He was exalted in Oriental Chapter No. 138, R. A. M., where he has been continuously in office up to the present time. He has been Treasurer of the Chapter for the past five years. He was Knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. S., in 1883. He is a member of the North Western Masonic Insurance Co., Brooklyn Masonic Mutual Ins. Co., Royal Arch Insurance Co., of which he is at present a director, also of Brooklyn Lodge No. 22, Order of Elks.

The ancestor of Bro. Linington, viz., Henry Linington, came from Hemel Hempstead, a Dutch settlement in England, in 1653, and settled in Hempstead, L. I., the latter place deriving its name from the former. The grandfather of Bro. Linington

was an enlisted soldier in the war of 1812 and was stationed at Fort Greene. Bro. Timothy B. Linington, the subject of this sketch, was born in Brooklyn, Oct. 16, 1848. He was educated at the Polytechnic Institute; he was a classmate with Hon. Seth B. Low and other Brooklynites who have since become prominent. He did not graduate, but left school to assist his father, who was largely engaged in the importation of cigars. He remained with his father for a number of years, and in 1874 acquired an interest in the business. He, in connection with his brother, succeeded the father in 1881, the latter having retired, and the business was continued under the firm name of S. Linington Sons until May, 1885, when Bro. T. B. Linington retired. He removed to Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., where he has since lived in the quiet enjoyment of a competence. He was married in 1879 to Miss Hess Lee Howard, daughter of Rev. R. T. Howard, an Episcopal clergyman, of Charleston, S. C. Two children are the result of this union.

WOR. J. T. PALMER,

PAST MASTER OF COMMONWEALTH LODGE.

Bro. Palmer was made a Master Mason in Commonwealth Lodge in 1872. He pursued the even tenor of his ways, never seeking office, but attending faithfully to his masonic duties and endeavoring by every means in his power to promote the cause of masonry during the six years that he served as an humble Craftsman. In 1878 he was taken from the floor and placed in the West. After serving one year as Senior Warden he was elected Worshipful Master, filling the position with great ability during 1880-81. He is equally devoted to Capitular Masonry, and is a member of Orient Chapter No. 138, R. A. M., of which he is at present E. King.

Bro. Palmer is a native of England, born January 29, 1830. His early life was spent in his native country, where he received both his secular and commercial education. He followed the dry goods business for some years in the city of London, and in 1855 he resolved to seek his fortune in the New World. He settled in Brooklyn where for many years he carried on a successful dry goods business. In 1882 he removed to Ridgewood, continuing in the same line of business, making many friends and no enemies. He identified himself with the people and assisted as far as his business duties would permit in promoting public improvements. He was made President of the Volunteer Fire Association, in which he has taken a great interest. He still clings fondly to his early associations, and has been for some years a member of the Order of the Sons of St. George, of

which he was formerly President. In 1856 he married Miss Mary Ann Marquis, a native of the island of Guernsey. He has one son, who is also a member of Commonwealth Lodge.

R.: W.: THEODORE A. TAYLOR,

TREASURER AND PAST MASTER OF COMMONWEALTH LODGE; PAST
DIST. DEPUTY G. M. OF THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

Bro. Theodore A. Taylor has erected to himself a monument far more enduring than the pile of granite that entered into the construction of the Masonic Temple, for when that building, made with hands, shall have crumbled to dust, his noble deeds, inscribed on the pages of masonic history, will live through ages to come, and "succeeding generations shall rise up to call him blessed." His unselfish devotion to the cause, and his untiring efforts in raising the requisite amount assigned to the Third Masonic District towards the liquidation of the debt resting on the Temple, are facts familiar to every Craftsman in this District. So quiet and unostentatious was he in his efforts—which were crowned with success—that the shafts of envy, if any were aimed by the uncharitable, fell harmless long before they reached the mark, and he received the hearty congratulations of his brethren of sister Lodges, who cheerfully awarded him the credit he honestly earned. This was called the "Banner District." Commonwealth Lodge led the van and Bro. Taylor bore the banner aloft to victory.

Bro. Taylor was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Commonwealth Lodge, in January, 1876. He could not have chosen a more auspicious period to commence his masonic career and enter upon the noble work to which he has dedicated the best years of his life. Near the close of the same year he was appointed S. D., continuing in that position during 1878. The knowledge acquired in this most important position laid the foundation for his subsequent successful masonic career. He served as J. W. during 1879 and 1880; as S. W. in 1880 and 1881, and as Worshipful Master in 1882 and 1883. His administration was one of the most successful and important of any in the history of this Lodge, and his brethren showed their high appreciation of his efforts on several occasions by costly gifts accompanied with appropriate and impressive ceremonies. The first of these was at the close of his first term as Master, in December, 1882, when he was presented with a life-size crayon of himself enclosed in an elegant frame, intended for his wife. On January 24, 1884, soon after his retirement from the East, he was presented by the Lodge with an elegant gold watch and chain; on Sept. 21, 1886, he was presented with a District Deputy Jewel, very valuable and unique, being designed by R.:

W.: Brother Pearsall; at the same time, on behalf of the Lodge, he was presented by Worshipful Bro. John W. Evans, then Master, with a beautiful Grand Lodge Apron. On retiring from the East he was elected trustee, and in 1884 was elected Treasurer, and has since been annually re-elected to the same position. In June, 1885, he was appointed Dist. Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District, by M.: W.: Grand Master Frank R. Lawrence. A wiser selection could not have been made. His nine years' experience, added to careful study and observation, had thoroughly qualified him for the position, and he entered at once upon the duties with characteristic zeal and devotion. With one exception (viz., Commonwealth Lodge), the Lodges of this District had done but little towards raising money to pay their quota of the Hall and Asylum Fund debt. This state of affairs would have discouraged most at the outset. When Napoleon was informed by one of his marshals that the Alps was between him and the enemy, he exclaimed: "*Then there shall be no Alps.*" With that sublime courage and determination that always insures success, Bro. Taylor entered upon this arduous undertaking, firmly resolved that no obstacles should prevent the accomplishment of his purpose. He made a vigorous lodge-to-lodge canvass, and man-to-man conference, making official visits to the Lodges as rapidly as possible, and laying before the members of every one of them the subject of paying the Hall and Asylum Fund debt, urging it with all the power of persuasion and eloquence at his command. As the result of his efforts every Lodge in the jurisdiction paid its full quota, and the sum of \$25,000 was raised towards the extinguishment of the debt. Bro. Taylor refers with pride to the noble manner in which Commonwealth Lodge stood by him in the performance of his official duties. A delegation of never less than fifteen from this Lodge, and often as many as 60, accompanied him in all his official visits to other Lodges.

Bro. Taylor is a New Yorker by birth, where he first saw the light of day Oct. 31, 1850. He was liberally educated, having passed four years at the College of the City of New York. Soon after leaving school, Sept. 1, 1870, he entered the employ of the Willcox & Gibbs Sewing Machine Company, at their New York office. His fidelity to the interests of his employers, and his assiduous attention to his duties, led to his advancement, and in 1880 he was made manager of all the Company's affairs in Long Island, with his office at Brooklyn. Under his able management the business of the Company has largely increased.

The same year that Bro. Taylor entered upon his masonic career, he led to the altar Miss Lizzie, daughter of Edward Larkin, Esq., of New York. Four children—two boys and two girls—have blessed this union.

A man of strong sympathies, of genial disposition, he attracts

his fellow-men as the magnet does the needle, and leaves his impress on every heart. He is of medium stature, of strong, robust constitution, and is eminently fitted to execute the plans prompted by his own generous nature.

R. W.: G. FRANK E. PEARSALL,

PAST MASTER OF COMMONWEALTH LODGE; GRAND STEWARD OF
THE GRAND LODGE, STATE OF NEW YORK.

Bro. Pearsall was raised in Commonwealth Lodge July 2, 1878, and in 1882 was taken from the floor and elected Senior Warden. He was Master in 1883-4. His administration was remarkably successful, and he fully maintained the reputation of the Lodge for excellent and expeditious work. Twenty-six candidates were raised during his term of office, among whom was the present Worshipful Master Knowles and the present Junior Warden, Bro. Waycott. Among the distinguished visitors during his administration was Most Worshipful Grand Master Frank R. Lawrence, then Chief Commissioner of Appeals, who received a very cordial and hearty reception. As an indication of his remarkable foresight and strong attachment to his friends, Bro. Pearsall made a prediction that was subsequently fulfilled almost to the letter. The occasion was the presentation of a gold watch to Bro. Taylor. Bro. Pearsall in the course of his eulogistic remarks addressed to his esteemed friend and predecessor, said that "Bro. Taylor would again, in the near future, he hoped, be honored by a testimonial which might be of the *royal purple*." One year following this prediction Bro. Taylor was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District. On retiring from the East, Bro. Pearsall was presented with an elegant Past Master's Jewel, evincing the high appreciation in which he was held by the brethren of this Lodge.

At the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1887, Bro. Pearsall was appointed Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge by M. W.: Frank R. Lawrence, Grand Master, and in December, 1887; Commonwealth Lodge presented him with the apron of the Grand Steward. He has also been highly honored in Orient Chapter 138, R. A. M., of which he is a member. He was elected Scribe in 1882, and in 1883 was elected Most Excellent King, but declined the honor to accept the position of Master of Commonwealth Lodge, to which he was elected about the same time.

Bro. Pearsall is a native of New York city, born Dec. 23, 1841. He subsequently removed with his parents to Saratoga, N. Y., where he completed his education. He took up the study of photography while the art was still in its infancy, and

grew up with it, always keeping apace with the many improvements and perfecting himself in the art. He served his apprenticeship with an uncle in Williamsburg, but his success is due to his own unaided efforts. Before he completed his majority he "packed his traps" and took passage for the West Indies, where he astonished the natives by the wonders of the photographic art. After spending four or five years in traveling through the islands, he went to Cuba, and thence to South America, successfully plying his vocation in every place he visited. On returning to the States in 1866, he married Miss Elizabeth L., daughter of Samuel Conrow, Esq., of Brooklyn. Soon after his return he became associated with J. Gurney & Son, 5th avenue, N. Y. This was a valuable experience for him and helped to lay the foundation for the great reputation he has since attained. In 1870 he opened a photographic studio in Brooklyn, where, for nearly twenty years, he has continued with unvarying success. Pearsall is to Brooklyn what Sarony is to New York, and his pictures have attained a national reputation. In his personal intercourse he evinces the characteristics of the true artist—never sounding his own praises, but resting alone on the merits of his work.

WOR. JOHN W. EVANS,

PAST MASTER OF COMMONWEALTH LODGE.

Though small in stature, Bro. Evans is a giant in Speculative Masonry and wields the working tools of his profession with rare skill and great intellectual force, while his heart beats with responsive sympathy for the sufferings of his fellow Craftsmen. Possessed of a retentive memory, with a mind well stored with masonic knowledge, acquired through careful study and research, he has become, after a brief masonic experience, one of the brightest masons and most accomplished instructors in this jurisdiction. A single decade covers his masonic experience, he having received the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Commonwealth Lodge in 1878. He served as Senior Deacon in 1880-81; he was elected Junior Warden in 1883; Senior Warden in 1884-5, and Worshipful Master in 1886-7. His record, as well as his work, is well-nigh perfect. During eight years he was only absent from two communications of the Lodge. The evening of January 24, 1888, was a "red letter day" in his experience. On this occasion M. W. Bro. Frank R. Lawrence, Grand Master, accompanied by the resident Grand Officers, visited the Lodge, and were received in "due and ancient form." After brief addresses by the visiting brethren, Worshipful Master Evans was conducted to the floor of the Lodge, where, on behalf of Commonwealth Lodge, he

was presented by M. W. Bro. Lawrence with a beautiful Past Master's Jewel. The address accompanying the presentation recounted the eminent services rendered by the recipient in an eloquent and impressive manner. The jewel was procured by a special committee appointed by the Lodge and the expense borne by the Lodge. During the administration of Bro. Evans the Lodge paid \$2,500 on the Hall and Asylum Fund. Other important events occurred; notably, the presentation made to R. W. Bro. Taylor. In Bro. Taylor's visits to the several Lodges in this Masonic District he was accompanied by Bro. Evans, who heartily co-operated with and assisted him in raising the necessary quota for the Hall and Asylum Fund.

Bro. Evans is a native of Brooklyn, born March 27, 1855. After receiving a good education he learned the art of wood engraving, and is now considered one of the most skillful in his profession. The fact that he has been for several years connected with the *Century Magazine*, where none but the best artists are employed, would alone be sufficient to establish his reputation, but his talents would command equal success in any other field connected with his profession. Bro. Evans married, in 1878, Miss Matilda Armstrong, of Brooklyn. Four children have been born to them, one deceased. His field of benevolence is not confined to masonry, he is equally prominent in the Royal Arcanum, and is Regent of Fort Greene Council No. 1048, and its present Representative to the Grand Council, State of New York. He is also a trustee of the Royal Arcanum Hospital Bed Fund Association of Brooklyn. His love for the work is hereditary, his father having been a member of Commonwealth Lodge for nearly thirty years.

JOSEPH STOCKBRIDGE, CHARTER MEMBER.

Bro. Stockbridge was one of the number who withdrew from Star of Bethlehem Lodge and assisted in organizing Commonwealth. While he has never sought the honors of official position, he has been a firm supporter of this Lodge and remained true to his convictions. He was made a mason in Star of Bethlehem Lodge in 1855, and the same year assisted in the erection of Commonwealth Lodge. He was its first Treasurer, continuing in office for nine years. He was subsequently a member of the finance committee, and for some time past has been a trustee. On January 24, 1860, the Committee on Testimonials presented him with a handsome silver pitcher, on which was a suitable inscription testifying to the brotherly love and esteem of the Brethren of this Lodge for him.

Bro. Stockbridge was born in Hartford, Conn., Dec. 25, 1820, and educated at the public schools. He entered upon a

commercial career as clerk in a grocery store. He came to New York in 1845, and was employed as bookkeeper by Knowlton & Lyman, a Hartford firm of grocers, remaining with them until the dissolution of copartnership. He subsequently established an importing and jobbing business, under the firm name of Stockbridge & Cutler, which afterwards changed to Stockbridge & Martin. He succeeded his partner and continued the business alone for many years, retiring from business about 1876. He became a resident of Brooklyn about 1846; in 1847 he married Miss Amanda Elizabeth Plumb, Litchfield, Conn., who deceased in 1880, leaving two children; his eldest daughter was married to the Rev. John G. Backus, D.D., an Episcopal clergyman, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

WOR. JOHN A. P. FISK,

PAST MASTER OF LAFAYETTE LODGE.—AFFILIATE OF COMMONWEALTH LODGE.

Bro. Fisk has been a *"bright and shining light"* in masonry for more than thirty years, and, while Commonwealth Lodge owes him a lasting debt of gratitude for his generous contribution of five hundred dollars (the largest of any subscription in the Third Masonic District) to the Hall and Asylum Fund, he feels that he can never repay the debt of gratitude he owes to masonry as an educator, and for its influence on his life and conduct. He has made no show of his charities, but has obeyed the injunction: "Let not thy right hand know what thy left hand doeth."

Bro. Fisk was made a mason in Lafayette Lodge 64, New York city, in 1858. He passed through the several chairs, and was finally elected Worshipful Master for two terms. During his administration he endeared himself to the brethren by his many noble acts of kindness and charity, as well as by the able and impartial manner in which he discharged the duties of his office. On his retirement he was presented with an elegant and expensive set of silver, accompanied by an elaborate and beautifully-engrossed set of resolutions. In 1874, having removed to Brooklyn, he affiliated with Commonwealth Lodge. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Zethland Chapter No. 141, but subsequently affiliated with Corinthian Chapter No. 159.

Bro. Fisk is descended from an old New England family, a branch of which removed to New York, and from whom the subject of this sketch descended. His grandfather was a prominent actor in the revolution, and it was in his orchard and on his farm that the battle of White Plains was fought.

Bro. John Anson Peckham Fisk was born in New York city,

March 30, 1837. His father at this time kept a restaurant under the old Franklin Market, corner of Old Slip and Front street, and young Fisk was taken from school when he was but nine years of age to assist his father. His avoirdupois at this time had increased enormously, and his father promised him that when his (the son's) weight should exceed the father's, the sign over the door should bear the son's name, and he should have an interest in the business. This actually occurred when he was but twelve years of age, and the old sign, according to promise, was taken down, and the new one—Fisk & Father—put up. Young Fisk became sole proprietor of the business in 1863. In 1869 he moved to 47 and 49 William street. It was then the firm of Fisk & Wilson. His partner withdrew in 1876, and went to South Africa. The business has been carried on for several years past at 76 Broad street, under his own name. The extreme corpulency of Bro. Fisk has been a source of great merriment to himself and his large circle of friends. He represented the Fat Men's Club in 1869-70, and was President of both the Connecticut and New York Associations.

The domestic life of Bro. Fisk has been an extremely happy one. With his great heart and sympathetic nature it could not be otherwise. He was married in 1863. Three children have been born to him—a son and two daughters—all living.

R.: W.: E. W. RICHARDSON,

HONORARY MEMBER OF COMMONWEALTH LODGE.

The title of *Honorary Member* conferred on a Craftsman by Commonwealth is an honor of which any man may well feel proud, as only one other has ever received this distinction, and in the present case the honor is equally shared by the Lodge and its recipient. Bro. Richardson's masonic experience covers the same period of time as that of Commonwealth Lodge. He was initiated, passed and raised in Charter Oak Lodge No. 249, New York city in 1857. He passed through the several chairs and served as Worshipful Master in 1881-2-3-4. He still continues his active membership with Charter Oak Lodge, although a firm supporter of and a frequent visitor to Commonwealth. In 1884 he was appointed Dist. Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District by M.: W.: Grand Master Wm. A. Brodie, and in 1886 was appointed Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge by M.: W.: Grand Master Frank R. Lawrence, and reappointed the following year. In June, 1887, he was elected trustee of the Hall and Asylum Fund for three years. He is a member of Orient Chapter No. 138, R. A. M., and of Morton Commandery No. 4, K. T., of New York. He is one of the brightest and most prominent masons in the State.

In person he is tall, erect, well proportioned, of fine and commanding appearance; a man of rare executive ability, of great force and determination of character.

FELIX EVANS.

It is through such members as Bro. Evans that the "living stones" in the temple of Speculative Masonry are held firmly together by the constant application of the cement of brotherly love. Bro. Evans has been highly honored by Commonwealth Lodge, being only one of five, out of a membership of thirteen hundred who have been made Life Members. He was raised in this Lodge in 1860 and has since been a constant and regular attendant. He has given a worthy son to the Lodge in the person of Past Master John W. Evans.

Bro. Felix Evans was born in England, May 14th, 1817. He followed for a time the business of tin and sheet iron worker. He came to this country in 1849, continuing for three or four years in the same business, but finally started in the hotel business, which he followed successfully for thirty-two years, retiring in 1881.

In 1844, previous to coming to America, Bro. Evans married Miss Sara Pitt, a descendant of the "Pitts and Harrisons," famous soldiers in their day; her grandfather, his two brothers, two of his first cousins and her grandmother's two brothers, all serving in the same regiment under Wellington at Waterloo. Bro. Evans also comes of famous fighting stock, his uncle having fought under Wellington and his father having served over fourteen years in the army during the Peninsular war.

Bro. Evans inherited none of the fighting qualities of his ancestors, his whole life having been spent in peaceful pursuits and in trying to promote the happiness of his fellow-men. It is said of him that he has not an enemy in the world, and his kindly face and sympathetic heart prove the truth of the statement. He has had a family of eight children, four of whom are still living.

Bro. Evans was a charter member of Lodge No. 94, Sons of St. George, of Brooklyn. He is also a member of the Mutual Aid Association of Brooklyn. During his early residence in England he was a member of the I. O. O. F., but discontinued his membership after coming to this country.

WOR. EDWIN KNOWLES, MASTER.

"A combination and a form, indeed,
Where every god did seem to set his seal,
To give the world assurance of a man."

Charlotte Cushman was once inquired of as to the secret of her success; said she: "I was in earnest—*terribly* in earnest." The earnestness, zeal and devotion with which Bro. Knowles has pursued his calling would necessarily insure success, not only in this but in any calling to which he might devote his energies. Measured by the lapse of time, he is still a youthful Craftsman, but, measured by the result of his attainments after two years experience, he is a veteran. The same elements that characterized his first entry upon the stage of life, and enabled him to reach the goal of his ambition have conduced largely to his success as a Master Mason. He took his Entered Apprentice's degree in Commonwealth Lodge, June 2, 1885. He passed to the degree of Fellowcraft June 1st after, and on June 30th, 1885, he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. He devoted himself assiduously to the acquirement of a thorough knowledge of Blue Lodge Masonry, and one year after his initiation he was taken from the floor and elected Junior Warden. At the annual election in December, 1887, he was elected Worshipful Master. Fully appreciating the character he represents, he presides with ease and dignity, and, without any apparent effort on his part, gives a dramatic effect to all his work. He was exalted in Constellation Chapter No. 209, R. A. M., of Brooklyn, was Knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T., advanced to the 32^d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, through Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Aurora Grata Council Princes of Jerusalem, Aurora Grata Chapter of Rose Croix, and New York Consistory, and a member of Kismet Temple Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is Thrice Potent Grand Master of Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Assistant Robbin in the Mystic Shrine and First Lieut.-Commander of the Council of Deliberation of the State of New York. He was a charter member and the first President of the Aurora Grata Masonic Club of Brooklyn and continues to hold that position.

The ancestors of Bro. Knowles came from England about 1711 and settled in Rhode Island. He was born at Hamlet, R. I., June 27th, 1845, his immediate ancestors being members of the Society of Friends. He received a good common school education and, possessing natural histrionic ability, resolved to pursue a dramatic career. After a preparatory course of study he made application to Ben. Baker, manager for the famous Worrell Sisters, who were then running a theatre on Broadway, New York, opening May 6th, 1867. He was at first assigned to small parts, but by degrees gradually worked his way up until

he became "leading man." During this period he was a close student and a keen observer, and when he was finally cast for leading parts, he was "duly and truly prepared, worthy and well qualified" for the positions assigned him, and soon became famous in his profession. He has supported many of the most prominent actors and actresses during the past fifteen years, receiving from them the highest encomiums of praise for his ability as an actor; among these may be mentioned Mme. Jan-auscheck, Fanny Davenport, Lawrence Barrett, W. J. Florence and wife, and others equally prominent. He subsequently assumed the role of manager. Temperate in his habits and gifted by nature with rare executive ability, his success as a business manager was quite as marked as that of his professional career. He ran for one season the Tabor Opera House, in Leadville, Col., and subsequently organized one of the finest stock companies ever taken West, the success of which was phenomenal. He afterwards played an engagement at the Madison Square Theatre, New York, for one year. In September, 1882, he assumed the management of the Grand Opera House, Brooklyn, in connection with Col. Theo. Morris, and for more than six years has delighted the Brooklyn theatre-goers with some of the best dramatic productions ever offered to the American public, represented by the best dramatic talent obtainable.

Bro. Knowles is domestic in his habits and devoted to the partner of his joys, formerly Miss Sarah Elizabeth Goodrich, a native of Kaneville, Ill., whom he married in 1876. He is a man of great personal popularity, and, like most others in his profession, his heart often expands to double the size of his purse. He is a trustee of the Actor's Fund of America, of the Aurora Cathedral, and of the Brooklyn Masonic Hall Fund.

WOR. JOHN A. BENNET,

SENIOR WARDEN AND MASTER ELECT (FOR 1889).

Bro. Bennet is not a man that will ever "hide his light under a bushel." His constant efforts to magnify the virtues and qualifications of his fellow Craftsmen is reactive in its influence, and causes his own lamp to burn brightly, reflecting a halo of glory by his own bright example, and illustrating in his daily life one of the most important precepts taught in masonry, viz., never to speak ill of a brother, but to carefully guard his reputation and shield him from the attacks of his adversaries. His outward conduct is but the reflex of the motives that govern his mind and conscience. He was initiated, passed and raised in Commonwealth Lodge in 1883; was Senior Deacon in 1884-5, its Grand Warden in 1886, Senior Warden in 1888,

and in December of the same year was elected Master for 1889.

Bro. Bennet was born in Freedom, La Salle Co., Ill., in 1853. He came East when he was but twelve years of age, and settled in Brooklyn. He soon after entered the employ of Cook, Valentine & Co., of New York, where he remained until he was twenty years of age. He then commenced the manufacture of ladies' neck-wear, which he continued until 1880, when he opened an undertaking establishment in Brooklyn, where he still continues.

In 1873 he married Miss Elena Teasdale, of Boston; three children have blessed the union. His desire to aid his fellow-men led him to identify himself with other benevolent orders. He is a member of Magnolia Lodge No. 166, I. O. O. F. He has passed through the several chairs of his own Lodge and is at present Grand Junior Warden of the State Grand Encampment. He is also a member of the O. U. A. M., and of Amaranth Council, Royal Arcanum.

RICHARD WAYCOTT, JUNIOR WARDEN.

The masonic career of Bro. Waycott is limited to about three years, but during that period he has made the most of his opportunities and fairly earned the promotion which his qualifications entitled him to receive. He was made a mason in "due and ancient form" in this Lodge in 1885; and was appointed J. M. C. in the fall of that year; the two years following he served as Senior Deacon, and at the annual election in 1887 was elected Junior Warden. He has fulfilled the duties of every position with marked ability and success.

Bro. Waycott was born at St. Andrews, N. B., February 22, 1859, and received a good education at Charlotte Co. Grammar School. He came to New York in 1876, and entered the service of the Western Union Telegraph Company. His industry, perseverance and faithful performance of his duties have earned for him the promotion which has been, from time to time, awarded him, and he is now a chief operator in the main office.

In 1887 he married Miss Anna F., daughter of John H. Portner, Esq., of Brooklyn. Bro. Waycott is conscientious in the discharge of all his masonic duties, a punctual attendant at the regular communications of the Lodge, and is highly esteemed by the brethren of Commonwealth Lodge.

EDWARD J. CAMPBELL, SECRETARY.

Nearly a quarter of a century has elapsed since Bro. Campbell entered the portals of masonry, and yet he has not "grown

weary of well-doing," but is just as active and earnest to-day as when he first took upon himself the obligation of a Master Mason. He was raised to this Sublime Degree in Benevolent Lodge No. 28, in June, 1864. He served as Senior Deacon one year and as Junior Warden one year. In 1882 he affiliated with Commonwealth Lodge, and three years after was elected Secretary. So well and faithfully has he discharged its duties that his brethren have persisted in keeping him in this position. Earnest in his efforts to serve the brethren, affable and agreeable in his manner, he has won the confidence and is held in high esteem by all. He was exalted in Orient Chapter No. 138, R. A. M., in 1869, and about two years after was appointed Captain of the Third Vail, but after one month's service he was solicited to accept the Secretaryship, and has held the position continuously since 1871.

Bro. Campbell is a native of England, born March 11, 1842; he was educated at private school; left home in 1857 and settled in New York city, where he followed the occupation of book-finishing. He became a resident of Brooklyn in 1865, and the same year married Sarah, daughter of Thomas Dent. Eight children have been born to them—one deceased. His oldest son is a member of Commonwealth Lodge. In 1886 Bro. Campbell started in business for himself. His long experience and thorough knowledge of the business insured his success from the start, while the principles of masonry, which entered into every fibre of his nature, taught him to use the cement of brotherly love, and in his intercourse with the world, to practice the golden rule; he thus laid the foundations broad and deep, and has continued to reap the reward. His only connection, outside of masonry, is as a member of Long Island Council No. 173, Royal Arcanum.

STEPHEN H. ACKERMAN, ORGANIST.

The position of Organist in a Lodge is peculiar. He can have no ambition beyond his profession, for he can attend to no other duties, and yet no officer or member of the Lodge contributes more to its peace and harmony. For six years past Bro. Ackerman has filled this position with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren of this Lodge. He was made a Mason in this Lodge in 1878, and was appointed Organist in 1884. He was exalted in Orient Chapter 138, R. A. M.; was knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T.; is a member of Brooklyn Council, R. & S. M.; and of Fern Lodge, K. of H.

Bro. Ackerman was born on the Island of Guernsey, England, January 22, 1857; came to this country in 1866, and was

graduated from Grammar School No. 9, Brooklyn. He studied music under Professor Dudley (since deceased), who was then Organist of Dr. Van Dyke's Church, and during the latter's illness filled his place as Organist. He has since filled the same position in some of the most prominent churches in Brooklyn, among which are Christ Episcopal Church, Grace Episcopal Church, Trinity Chapel, and St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, and Grace M. E. Church. He has been the Organist for Ezel Lodge, F. & A. M., for the past five years, of Constellation Chapter, R. A. M., for six years, Orient Chapter eight years, Progressive Chapter one year; has been Musical Director and Organist of Clinton Commandery for five years, and is at present Organist of Brooklyn Council, R. & S. M. In addition to his professional duties a portion of his time is occupied in commercial pursuits.

In 1883 Bro. Ackerman was married to May Belle, a sister of Wor. Bro. Evans of Commonwealth Lodge. Three children have been born to them.

GEORGE REOCK, TILER.

Bro. Reock was born in Orange, N. J., Oct. 2, 1828. In April, 1861, he enlisted in Company G, 8th Regiment, N. J. Vols., for three months; he took part in the first battle of Bull Run, and in 1862 he went out as Sergeant with the same regiment for three months. He became a resident of Brooklyn the same year. He has been for the past five years in the employ of the Dunlap Hat Mfg. Co.

Bro. Reock was made a Mason in Commonwealth Lodge March 31, 1863. He served as Senior Warden *pro tem.* for one year, and was Junior Warden in 1867. At the close of his term he was appointed Tiler, and has continued to hold the position ever since. He is a member of Orient Chapter No. 158, R. A. M., of Brooklyn Lodge No. 22, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, being one of its first members. He married, in 1853, Miss Margaret Adelia Cooper, of New Jersey.

O. K. BUCKLEY, JR.

Bro. Buckley has not been conspicuous as an *office-holder* in Commonwealth Lodge, but there are few members who have done more to *hold the Lodge* together and spread the "cement of brotherly love" than this worthy brother. He was raised in Peconic Lodge, Greenpoint, L. I., in 1857. He filled the position of Senior Deacon in that Lodge with great credit. He removed to Brooklyn in 1859, and in 1860 affiliated with Com-

monwealth Lodge. He was Junior Warden in 1870, and Senior Warden in 1876. He served as a member of the Board of Relief in 1868, and continued in that position for eight years, until the Board was dissolved by the Grand Lodge. He represented the Lodge for several years in the Masonic Board of Relief. He is a member of Orient Chapter No. 158, R. A. M., in which he served as M. E. King for three years, and M. E. High Priest for four years. He represented Orient Chapter in the Grand Chapter of New York for six successive years, the most successful years of the Chapter. He has taken the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and is a life member of the New York Consistory. He was Grand Senior Warden in the Lodge of Perfection for two years. He is a member of Kismet Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, also a member of Brooklyn Council Royal Arcanum.

Bro. Buckley was born at Riverhead, L. I., March 11, 1836. He followed the sea for a number of years, and afterwards learned the trade of carpenter and builder. He has been a prominent contractor and builder in Brooklyn for the past twenty-five years. He has been twice married; in 1858 to Martha B. Webb, of Greenpoint, L. I., who deceased in 1874, and in 1879 married Emma F. Welch, of Brooklyn. He has three living children by his first wife.

Bro. Buckley is a man of strong character, cool and self-possessed, and of large-hearted liberality. His business career has been uniformly successful.

THOMAS J. CORNELL.

Bro. Cornell had the honor of being raised in this Lodge by "Pop Fuller" in 1860. His qualifications as a Craftsman, and his skillful use of the tools of speculative masonry would have led to his promotion to important positions in the Lodge, but his duties in the police department prevented his acceptance of honors which his brethren would gladly have conferred upon him. He was exalted in Orient Chapter No. 138, R. A. M., in 1888.

Bro. Cornell is a native of Norfolk, Va., born July 24, 1828. He came with his parents to Brooklyn when but three years of age; was educated at public school No. 8, on Middagh street. He afterwards became an interior decorator and scenic artist, and was employed by some of the leading theatrical managers of that day. He was appointed patrolman of the Brooklyn Police Department on January 3d, 1855, and in 1858 was promoted Sergeant, and in 1873 was made Captain. During his whole active service he preserved an unblemished record, and there were many noble and heroic acts performed by him, the

details of which are hidden between the leaves of the police records. He was upright, conscientious and fearless in the discharge of his duty, often incurring great personal risks, but never shrinking from any danger where duty called him. In 1875 he made application to be detailed to police headquarters and relieved from further active service. In consideration of his long and faithful service of twenty years, his application was granted, and he has since remained on duty at headquarters. He was married in 1850 to Miss Maria Armitage, of Brooklyn, by whom he has two boys, both living. He was a member of the old volunteer fire department, and was Secretary of Engine No. 2 for four years. He was a member of the independent military organization known as the Union Blues, and afterwards joined the first company of Continentals organized in Brooklyn. On an excursion made by this company to Philadelphia, as guests of the Pennsylvania Grays, they numbered 316, rank and file.

WILLIAM H. ARMSTRONG.

The upright and exemplary life led by Bro. Armstrong during his twenty-four years as a Master Mason show his appreciation of the teachings of masonry, and of the solemn obligations he took upon himself when he entered Commonwealth Lodge, 1865, having been proposed by "Pop" Fuller. That he has not been called upon to take part in the work of the Lodge, and assume the duties and responsibilities of an office, is due to the fact that his occupation as steamboatman necessitated his absence from home during the greater portion of each year. His liberal contributions in aid of all charitable and other enterprises connected with the Lodge, and his firm adherence to the principles on which it was founded, place him among the most worthy and efficient of its members and entitle him to a place in its history.

Bro. Armstrong is a native of New York city, born April 7, 1839. His parents removed to Williamsburgh in 1845, but he lived with his grandfather at Spring Valley, Rockland Co., N. Y., until he was fourteen years of age, when he returned to his parents, and has been a resident of Brooklyn ever since. He learned the mason's trade and followed it for about seven years, working most of the time with his father, who was a prominent builder. In 1859 he married Miss Amanda V. Mead, a niece of Mrs. Daniel Drew. This led to a change of occupation. He obtained a position as steward on the People's Line of Steamers, where he has continued for the past twenty-six years. In his works of benevolence he has not confined himself to Blue Lodge masonry. He was exalted in Orient Chapter No. 138, R. A. M., in 1869, where he still continues his membership.

He was one of the early members of the Masonic Mutual Relief Association of Brooklyn, having joined in 1869; he is also connected with the Boatmen's Relief Association of Albany, in which he is a director. To do good and alleviate the sufferings of his fellow-men has been the chief aim of his life, and this has brought its own reward.

GEORGE W. VAN BUSKIRK.

Bro. Van Buskirk has passed his twenty-first year in masonry, and is still a *living stone*, possessing all the life, vigor, and enthusiasm as when he first entered its portals as an Entered Apprentice of Commonwealth Lodge, April 6th, 1867; he was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft, April 20th, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, May 18th of the same year. He served as S. M. C. for two years, since which time he preferred to labor as an industrious Craftsman rather than accept the emoluments of office. His efforts to promote the interests of this Lodge and spread the cement of brotherly love have been duly appreciated by his brethren, who esteem him for his many noble virtues and his unselfish devotion to the cause of masonry. He was exalted in Orient Chapter No. 138, R. A. M., in 1867, served as Scribe one year and as Excellent King one year. He is a member of Adelphi Council No. 7, R. & S. M., of New York, in which he has served as Conductor; is a member of Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T., of Brooklyn, also of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction, having taken the 32d degree. In the Lodge of Perfection he served as Junior Grand Warden one year and as Senior Grand Warden four years; in the Council of Princes of Jerusalem he was Junior Warden three years, and in Rose Croix Chapter was Orator one year. He is also a member of Mecca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Bro. Van Buskirk is descended from an old Holland family of that name; he was born in New York city, June 24th, 1844; removed with his parents to Norfolk, Va., at the age of twelve years and completed his education at the Norfolk Academy. He returned to New York in 1861 and became a resident of Brooklyn about the same time. He entered the employ of the Home Life Insurance Company, New York, and has remained continuously with this company ever since, being promoted through different grades to his present responsible position. He has taken a prominent part in politics and has been Vice-President of the 23d Ward Republican Association. His public and private record alike exemplify the teachings of masonry and illustrate its noble principles.

AMOS FRENCH LEARNED.

Bro. Learned was taught both by precept and example the noble principles of our Order by his father, who was a member of St. John's Lodge of Boston, the oldest Lodge in this country, deriving its authority from St. John's Grand Lodge of Boston. Duties of paramount importance have prevented him from accepting any official position, but he has given fully of his limited means and contributed liberally to the support of every worthy object. He was entered, passed and raised in Commonweath Lodge on Feb. 12th, 1869, and was subsequently exalted in Orient Chapter No. 138, R. A. M., of Brooklyn.

On his paternal side Bro. Learned is connected with one of the most conspicuous and bravest officers of the American Revolution. His great-great-grandfather, Colonel Abraham Learned, served under General Washington, and, during the attack on Boston by the British army under Lord Howe, Colonel Learned commanded the left wing of the Continental Army and received from the British colonel commanding the outer works, the terms of capitulation and conveyed them to headquarters. Bro. Learned was born in the city of Boston, Dec. 23, 1829; was educated at the public school and commenced his apprenticeship with his father on the *Boston Shipping List and Price Current* in 1842. In the fall of 1843 he entered the employ of the *Boston Journal*, and after remaining a year was apprenticed to the *Boston Transcript*, where he served six years. After reaching his majority he accepted a position on the *Boston Transcript* as telegraph editor and compositor. In May, 1851, he was married to Miss Catharine Louisa Conlin, a niece of Bishop Conlin, of Dublin, who was appointed by Queen Victoria to translate the Bible into the Celtic language. The issue of this marriage was nine children, only three of whom are now living. Bro. Learned was employed for about a year on the *Boston Chronicle* as editor; from there he went out by appointment to the New England agency of the Associated Press as assistant agent under Wm. G. Blanchard, continuing until 1860 when, upon the unanimous vote of the proprietors and editors of the New England Associated Press, he was appointed New York agent of the New England Associated Press. On the Friday previous to his departure for New York he was banqueted by the Boston Press Club, at Young's Hotel. He entered upon his new duties on the 1st of April, 1860. During the war he had the entire management of the Associated Press, supplying news to all loyal newspapers throughout the Union. On Nov. 12th, 1867, General Agent Craig was removed, and Mr. J. W. Simon-ton appointed in his stead; an effort was made at this time, by Messrs. Craig, Learned and others, assisted by Murat Hal-

stead, Joseph Medill and other Western editors, to form a press organization, which should include every paper printed in the United States. After three months trial the effort failed. On February 12th, 1868, Mr. Lawrence, by order of Col. E. C. Daly, President of the New England Associated Press, was re-appointed to his old office as agent of the New England Press and correspondent of the *Boston Herald*. In 1882, Mr. Simonton, who deceased, was succeeded by Wm. H. Heuston, as agent of the Associated Press. Bro. Learned then resigned his position as agent of the New England Associated Press to accept the position as cable editor of the regular Associated Press and the agency of the Southern Press. At the end of one year he resigned, having become the veteran of the Associated Press of thirty-one years standing. He then accepted the position of telegraph editor of Cyrus W. Field's *Mail and Express*. He resigned in November, 1883 and has since been a frequent contributor to some of the leading magazines and weeklies. He is at present Secretary of the Standard Hydro-Carbon Fuel Co., for the working of the Avery Gas System.

JOHN W. COOPER.

Bro. Cooper has been content to remain a humble Craftsman of Commonwealth Lodge for more than eighteen years, and, believing that he could be more useful in the ranks, he has invariably declined the honors that others sought to thrust on him; he has never failed, however, in his duty as a brother mason; and has contributed liberally toward the worthy objects for which Commonwealth has always been noted. He was made a Mason March 1, 1870. He has served as a member of the Finance Committee and the Committee on Claims, and in temporary positions around the Lodge. He was exalted in Orient Chapter No. 138, R. A. M., Dec. 12th, 1873, and is at present a member of the Board of Trustees. He is also a member of the Masonic Mutual Relief Association of Brooklyn.

Bro. Cooper comes from a family of patriots. His father took part in the War of 1812, and his grandfather participated in the War of the Revolution. He was born in Brooklyn, Dec. 4th, 1845, his education was obtained at the public schools of that city and at the age of fourteen he commenced his business career with Metcalf & Duncan, ship brokers, New York; he was afterwards offered a better position with Davis, Morris & Co., drug brokers; from there he went with Hall, Bradley & Co., paint manufacturers; he finally became connected with Mr. Gilbert Thompson, dealer in horns, bones, ivory, etc., where he remained as chief clerk and bookkeeper for eight years, the last two of which he had an interest in the business. A difficulty

arose between the partners which resulted in a lawsuit. The matter continued in litigation for several years, which was finally decided in favor of Bro. Cooper. In 1870 he resumed the business on his own account and for a number of years past has been established at 36 and 38 Dover street, New York, where he has built up a successful trade.

SAMUEL SMITH.

Bro. Samuel Smith is one of the old stanch supporters of Commonwealth Lodge, and but for the fact that his important official duties for many years prevented his regular attendance at its weekly communications, he would long ere this have been honored with high official positions as a reward for his fidelity and devotion to the cause. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in this Lodge in 1870, and, notwithstanding his advanced years, is still an ardent and devoted Craftsman; his love for the cause has never grown cold, and he has never ceased to practice the noble principles inculcated by our Order, the foundation of which is, "love to God and love to man."

Bro. Smith was born in Maine in 1828. He received only a common school education, but the occupation he selected, namely, that of printing, afforded him an opportunity of acquiring a practical education that was equal if not of greater benefit than a collegiate course.

He has been a resident of Brooklyn since 1857. In 1864 he was appointed to a clerkship in the New York Post Office, was promoted a few years after, by the Postmaster General, to the position of U. S. Post Office Inspector, which he resigned in 1884 to accept the Assistant Postmastership of Brooklyn. Bro. Smith entered upon the duties of his present position with the same zeal and devotion that had characterized his efforts in other departments, and is credited with having rendered efficient aid in effecting such improvements in Brooklyn's postal service as to entitle it to be classed with the most efficient in this country. If it is true that "poets are born, not made," it is equally true that positions of this character require *natural* qualifications and a peculiar fitness with which few men are gifted. Wisdom, discretion and an intuitive knowledge of human nature, combined with great physical courage and moral executiveness, are among the qualifications required for this office. He entered with an intense zeal and devotion upon the work assigned him, and if the secret records of the Post Office Department could be brought to light it would show the self-sacrificing spirit which characterized his work and the success attending his efforts. His long continuance by the government

in this position is the only evidence of his marked ability and uniform success.

Bro. Smith is a man of untiring energy, great determination and force of character, reserved in manner, but courteous and polite to all, making no distinction of race, nationality or social conditions.

EDWARD A. DEVEAU.

Bro. DeVeau was made a mason in Sagamore Lodge No. 371, of New York, in 1863; he filled the office of Junior Deacon for one year. He became a resident of Brooklyn in 1865, and in 1873 affiliated with Commonwealth Lodge, of which he has since been a consistent and upright member, contributing liberally to its success and aiding to the extent of his ability in its advancement. He was exalted in Orient Chapter No. 138, R. A. M.; is a member of Brooklyn Council No. 4, R. & S. M.; was knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T.; advanced to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, through the Aurora Grata Bodies and New York Consistory. He crossed the burning sands in Mecca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, but dimitted from there and assisted in organizing Kismet Temple, of Brooklyn.

Bro. DeVeau is descended from one of the oldest and most illustrious of the Huguenot refugees, Frederick DeVeau, who fled from France after the edict of Nantes, and settled in New Rochelle, N. Y. The descendants of Frederick have preserved untarnished the bright escutcheon, which was the only legacy bequeathed to them, the titles having long since ceased to exist. Bro. Edward A. DeVeau, the subject of this sketch, was born on 12th street, near 5th avenue, New York, March 17, 1835. He was educated in the rudimentary branches in New York, and was graduated at James Belt's Academy, of Stamford, Conn., in 1849. He then spent one year as clerk in the employ of the Penn. R. R. Co. His father, who was then the agent of the Stonington Line of Steamers, offered him a more lucrative position with that Company, which he accepted, and in 1871 succeeded his father as the regular agent of the Line. During the seventeen years of his administration the business has largely increased, requiring in its management the highest order of executive ability, but Bro. DeVeau has been equal to the growth of the business, having successfully managed its affairs from the time he first assumed control. Bro. DeVeau had a military experience of five years as a member of the 12th Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y. He was married in 1853 to Miss Charlotte K. Carter, of Boston, Mass. They have had three children, only one of whom is now living.

WILLIAM WHITE.

Bro. White has been a consistent and devoted Craftsman for the past nineteen years, and, though modest and unassuming in his demeanor, never seeking or aspiring to the emoluments, he "hath done what he could" to promote the cause of masonry and advance its interests. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Lafayette Lodge, New York, in 1869, by his old employer, Past Master John A. P. Fisk, so well and favorably known to the members of Commonwealth Lodge. Bro. White served for a time as S. M. C., and filled temporarily all the chairs except the East. He affiliated with Commonwealth about 1877. While he has not taken a very active part in the work of the Lodge, his purse strings are always loose, and his heart beats responsive to every call from this Lodge for aid or assistance of any kind. His leisure time is devoted to the cause of masonry. The only other order with which he is connected is Brooklyn Council, Royal Arcanum.

Bro. White is a native of New York city, born Dec. 11, 1833. After completing his education he was for a number of years engaged in the meat business at Jefferson Market, New York. In April, 1861, he enlisted under the first call for volunteers in Company B, 11th Regiment, N. Y. Vols., for three years or the war. He was wounded in the first battle of Bull Run and contracted a disease that disabled him from active service in the field. He was transferred to the Quartermaster's Department at Nashville, Tenn., where he remained until the close of the war. Soon after his return he entered the service of John Fisk, with whom he remained for nine years. In 1875 he started a restaurant at 36 Pine street, New York, where for a number of years he has carried on a successful business. In 1867 he married Miss Isabella Phyfe, of New York, by whom he has had three children, two of whom are still living. He keeps up his old army associations, and is a member of Farnham Post No. 458, G. A. R., Department of New York. He was sent as a delegate to Albany in 1887.

JOHN W. PALMER.

Bro. John W. Palmer followed closely in the footsteps of his worthy father, a Past Master of Commonwealth Lodge, and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in this Lodge in 1878, just after attaining his majority. He exhibits the same earnestness and enthusiasm in the work that has always characterized his father, and has already filled temporarily important positions in the Lodge. Whatever he under-

takes it is with an earnestness of purpose and perseverance in effort that insures success. He was exalted in Orient Chapter No. 138, R. A. M., in 1879, and is now Royal Arch Captain.

It is a significant fact that Bro. Palmer was born May 23, 1857, the same year that gave birth to Commonwealth Lodge. After receiving a thorough education at Public School No. 9, he engaged in the printing business. When he was but twenty years of age he had charge of an office in California. He subsequently returned to Brooklyn, and in 1880 established the printing business, which has been steady and permanent in growth. He has a large patronage among the leading business men of this city, who appreciate his promptness in filling orders, as well as the thoroughness of his work. In 1884 he married Miss Adaline Armstrong, of Brooklyn. He is an active member of Commonwealth Lodge No. 59, Sons of St. George, where the same qualities of mind and heart that have endeared him to his masonic brethren have been equally potent in the former in establishing the same close relations. He is a man of fine appearance, frank, open and generous to a fault.

COLONEL H. S. MANNING.

Bro. Manning has not been particularly conspicuous for his zeal and activity in masonry, having been prevented by other pressing duties from taking an active part in the work, but his brilliant record as a soldier and patriot, and his spotless reputation as a man, were qualities appreciated by the brethren of Commonwealth Lodge. It is more than ten years since he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in this Lodge, and, though not a frequent attendant at its communications, he continued faithfully to discharge his duties as a Brother. He was exalted in Orient Chapter 138, but takes no special interest in Capitular Masonry.

Bro. Manning is a native of Brooklyn, born Nov. 7, 1844. He entered Yale College in 1860, and was graduated in the Scientific Department in 1863. The same year he joined the 23d Regiment, N. Y. S. M., where he acquired a knowledge of military tactics, and was soon after commissioned 2d Lieutenant and assigned to Company B, 10th Corps d' Afrique, afterwards known as 82d Regt. U. S. Colored Infantry. He was attached to Generals Butler's, and Banks' and Canby's corps, Department of the West Mississippi, and participated in several engagements, notably the assaults on Baton Rouge and Port Hudson, La., and the expedition to the Red River.

His regiment was afterwards sent to West Florida for rest, and for some months was engaged in making short raids to draw the Rebels' attention from more important points, and

particularly from annoying Sherman on his famous march to the sea, going up into Alabama and Georgia, participating in many minor engagements and constantly being annoyed by Guerrillas and Bush-whackers.

His command was repulsed at Pollard, Geo., and in their retreat towards Pensacola, he was wounded at Mitchell's Creek and taken safely to Fort Barrancas. His regiment participated in the siege of Mobile made in connection with the navy.

He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and afterwards Captain, being most of the time on staff duty. He served on the staff of Brig. General Hill of the regular army, on the staff of Gen. Ashboth and others, and on his own regimental staff. He was afterwards promoted Assistant Adjutant-General. On his return from the war he resumed his connection with the 23d Regiment N. G. S. N. Y.; he was soon elected 2d and 1st Lieutenant, and appointed Adjutant. He was subsequently detailed on General Meserole's staff as Captain and Senior Aid; later he was commissioned Major and Inspector of Rifle Practice, and retired as Major and Engineer, with a Brevt. Lieut. Colonelcy, and served on Generals Meserole and Beebe's staffs. He is at present a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the U. S. He is a man of fine appearance and soldierly bearing.

At the close of the war he commenced his mercantile career as clerk in the export commission business. In 1867 he started in the turpentine business, spending three years in the "piney woods" of Florida. In 1870 he joined his father in the zinc business, continuing for three years. In 1873 he started the business of railway and machinists' tools and supplies, under the firm name of H. S. Manning & Co.; he took in another partner in 1880, when the firm changed to Manning, Maxwell & Moore. He was married in 1880 to Miss Leona Pearce of Philadelphia. They have three children.

WILLIAM P. HOWELL.

Bro. Howell needed no official honors to stimulate him to greater efforts in promoting the principles of masonry; for eighteen years he has labored in the ranks as an humble Craftsman, with no other ambition than to serve his brethren to the best of his ability. He was raised in Union Lodge No. 19, New Brunswick, June 18, 1870, and affiliated with Commonwealth Lodge, January 25, 1881. He served as Junior Deacon for two years, since which time he has been content to serve his brethren in the humble capacity of layman. He was exalted in Nassau Chapter No. 109, R. A. M., in 1872. He is Past Thrice

Illustrious Master of Brooklyn Council No. 4, R. & S. M., of Brooklyn, and is now Conductor of Council. He is also a member of Brooklyn Council No. 9, Order of True Friends.

Bro. Howell is a native of New Brunswick, N. J., born Aug. 25, 1832. After receiving a good common school education he learned the business of printing wall paper, with Martin A. Howell, of New Brunswick, with whom he remained for sixteen years. In 1850, being then but eighteen years of age, he married Angeline Merrell, of New Brunswick, daughter of a prominent member of the I. O. O. F. He has four daughters and one son. His business took him to Brooklyn in February, 1865, but he did not become a permanent resident until April, 1871. He has been for the past twenty-three years in the employ of Robert Graves & Co., manufacturers of wall paper. Bro. Howell served some ten years in the volunteer fire department of New Brunswick, and is a member of the Exempt Fireman's Association. He has been a member of the Masonic Mutual Relief Association, of Brooklyn, for the past seventeen years and is at the present time one of the Directors.

WILLIAM STEEL BECKLEY.

Bro. Beckley has but recently started on his masonic pilgrimage, but it is with bright hopes and joyous anticipations, and with a sincere desire to become a skillful Craftsman. He has already learned the proper division of time and caught the self-sacrificing spirit which leads him to labor for the benefit of his fellow-men and endeavor to promote their happiness. He had long been impressed with the beauties of masonry, and was led to seek an entrance into Commonwealth Lodge in April, 1887, through his old friend and schoolmate, Rt. Wor. Bro. Taylor.

Bro. Beckley was born in New York city, on Sept. 25th, 1850, where he has always resided. He was educated at the College of the City of New York. In 1868 he entered the employ of the Fifth National Bank, commencing as a boy and gradually working his way up to the position of Receiving Teller, which he reached in 1883. His has not been an eventful life; but with a steadfastness of purpose and unswerving integrity he has pursued his calling, winning the confidence and esteem of his associates and making for himself an imperishable record. He was married in 1876 to Miss Alice Warner, daughter of James B. Warner, Esq., of New York city. Three children have been born to them, all living. "His lines have fallen to him in pleasant places and he has enjoyed a goodly heritage."

A. H. STUART.

"All the world's a stage."

The three degrees in Blue Lodge masonry constitute one of the oldest dramas in existence; and there is no institution in the world that affords a greater opportunity for the display of histrionic ability than that of masonry; there is no class of men who appreciate more fully the noble virtues inculcated, or observe more strictly the obligations of masonry, than those of the theatrical profession, which has furnished some of the brightest lights in masonry. The broadest charity, the greatest liberality, and the strongest ties of brotherly love and friendship are distinguishing characteristics of the profession. When Bro. Stuart took upon himself the obligations of a mason he was fully prepared to accept its teachings and practice its precepts. But a few months have passed since he entered Commonwealth Lodge as a "rough ashler," but he has already endeared himself to the brethren by his many noble qualities of mind and heart. He received his Entered Apprentice's Degree from Wor.: Bro.: Knowles, who worked that degree for the first time, and in December, 1887, he was raised by Worshipful Bro. Evans, who conferred that degree for the last time as Master of the Lodge. Bro. Stuart was advanced to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the Aurora Grata Bodies and New York Consistory. He is a member of Kismet Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Bro. Stuart was born in New York city, January 19th, 1853, but removed with his parents to Brooklyn in childhood. His education was received at Public School No. 15. His love for adventure led him to follow the sea for three years, after which he entered the theatrical profession and rose from the humble position of "sup" to that of "leading man." His first experience was in San Francisco, Cal., in 1873. He has since played with most of the leading stars on the American stage, among whom are Edwin Booth, John McCulloch, Lawrence Barrett, Chas. Fechter, Chanfrau, Fanny Davenport, Modjeska, and Madam Janauschek. The able support he has given these prominent stars is mentioned in the most flattering terms by the press throughout the country. One of the daily journals in referring to Mme. Janauschek in "Dr. of Lima" says: "It is apparent that Mme. Janauschek was attracted by its possibilities, and her subtle, life-like and pathetic acting made it almost interesting. *She was assisted in her heavy task by a most capable actor, Mr. Alexander H. Stuart, whose intelligence bolstered several absurd scenes.*" Bro. Stuart has on several occasions given recitations before Commonwealth Lodge, where his histrionic ability as well as his many social qualities are highly appreciated by the brethren. He has a voice of great power and depth; his enuncia-

tion and delivery are perfect, his acting is natural, showing depth of feeling, a just appreciation and sympathy with the character delineated. He is large, well and compactly built and of fine personal appearance.

CHARLES N. PORTER.

Bro. Porter has nearly reached his majority in masonry, having entered its sacred precincts nearly twenty years ago as a member of Girard Lodge No. 631, of New York city. He served for a time as J. D. and seven years as Chaplain. In January, 1888, he affiliated with Commonwealth Lodge. He was never ambitious for office but preferred to serve as an humble Craftsman, doing good as opportunity occurred, assisting worthy distressed brethren and spreading the cement of brotherly love.

Bro. Porter was born in Hebron, Conn., March 20th, 1838. He enjoyed the usual educational advantages of boys at that period and for many years followed the trade of harness-maker. At the breaking out of the war in 1861 he was residing in Newark, N. J., and responded to the first call for troops by President Lincoln, by enlisting in Company E., 1st N. J. Vols., for three months and subsequently re-enlisting as a member of Company A, Fifth N. J. Vols., for nine months. He took part in the first battle of Bull Run, passing through it unscathed. Owing to severe illness he was discharged before the expiration of his term of service. He was taken to the house of Alderman James M. Smith, of Newark, where through good nursing and gentle treatment he gained his health. He was for a number of years a member of the volunteer fire department, of Newark, and served within three months of the time required to become an exempt fireman.

In 1868 he married Mrs. H. A. Waterbury, of New York, a widow with one child named Mary Theresa. In 1869 another daughter was born named Eva Lorinda, now the wife of Bro. F. D. Maltby, of Crescent Lodge No. 402. Bro. Porter commenced life as a public caterer, and opened a restaurant in Maiden Lane, New York, where for more than twenty years he has "fed the hungry" and reaped a reward for his labors.

He is a man of strong, robust constitution, warm hearted, genial in his nature, one who believes that the greatest pleasure a man can enjoy on earth is in trying to promote the happiness of his fellow-men, and to this end he devotes his time and his means.

He is a member of Stella Council No. 400, A. L. of H., of Brooklyn Council No. 72, Royal Arcanum, and of the Masonic Mutual Insurance Association.

HISTORY OF DELTA LODGE NO. 451.

The early records of Delta Lodge would form an interesting chapter in the History of Masonry, connected with the Third Masonic District, if it were possible to obtain them, but everything pertaining to the history of the Lodge previous to 1858 has been lost or destroyed, and for some time after that year the minutes were kept on slips of paper and memorandum books.

It is stated by some of the present members that the Lodge was an off-shoot of Independent Royal Arch No. 2, of New York, and that it formerly worked the Chapter degrees in connection with the Blue Lodge; some of the best Masonic authorities, however, deny that any of the Blue Lodges ever worked these degrees. The first record in the Grand Lodge Reports relating to Delta Lodge was at a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge held at the City Hotel, New York, December 22, 1851, when it appears that "An application for a Charter to be called Delta was on motion granted *free of charge*."

The statement "free of charge" indicates that it had a previous existence under the name of Delta or some other name; and it is claimed by the present members that it was warranted originally by St. John's Grand Lodge previous to 1847. The warrant of the Grand Lodge in 1851 was numbered 242. The Lodge applied for admission and was received into the Phillips Grand Lodge in 1853, as appears by the following record taken from the Phillips Grand Lodge Reports:

"On the 6th of September, 1853, the Grand Lodge being in Quarterly Session, the R.: W.: Grand Master addressed the Grand Lodge and stated, that 'soon after the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, he had granted a Dispensation to a Body of Masons in the City of Brooklyn, who had been organized by the Body in this State, antagonistic to this Grand Lodge, under the name of Delta No. 242, which Lodge had by a unanimous vote resolved to recognize M.: W.: Mordecai Myers as the legitimate Grand Lodge of Masons in this State, and claimed the protection of this body. That protection he had granted; and under his Dispensation they had continued to work as a Lodge, and that he had visited the Lodge, and was much pleased with the spirit of harmony which existed among the members; that they have made a return and paid their dues to the present time.'"

At the same meeting R.: W.: Nathaniel F. Waring, D. G. M., being in the chair, and Isaac Phillips, P. G. M., present as D. G. M., a Petition for a Warrant was presented for the mem-

bers of Delta Lodge, U. D., together with the Dispensation which had been granted on the 22d of June last. The application was not accompanied with a recommendation from a Lodge as required by the regulations, and the subject was referred to the Grand Officers with power.

At a Quarterly Meeting held on Dec. 6, 1853, the same officers being present, the Rt. Wor. Grand Master reported that "on Monday evening, 7th October, he convened under Fifth Act of the General Regulations, a sufficient number of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, at the Hall, on the corner of Court and Sackett streets, City of Brooklyn, and then and there dedicated said Hall to masonic purposes for the use of Delta Lodge No. 144."

The only record of the Lodge connected with the foregoing shows that the last communication held under authority of the Grand Body referred to, was on August 19, 1858, at 93 Boerum Place, Brooklyn. The officers at that time were Henry Ward, Master; Andrew Dezendorf, Senior Warden, and R. W. Dockson, Secretary.

The Lodge at this time was in a weak financial condition, and but few of the old members were left.

The first Communication under the new Charter was held on Thursday evening, Sept. 2, 1858, with the following officers, viz.: John Cross, *Worshipful Master*; Henry Ward, *Senior Warden*; George Cross, *Junior Warden*; R. W. Dockson, *Secretary*; Henry O'Brien, *Junior Deacon*; and W. H. Cross, *Tiler*.

For some years it struggled against adversity and made slow progress. As its records were so imperfectly kept, it is difficult to ascertain the true condition during that period. The only record appearing on the Minute Book of any importance up to 1858 was that of a visit paid by M. W. Bro. Robert Morris, Past Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky, who had just returned from Palestine. He gave an interesting lecture before the Lodge at this time which was listened to by an appreciative audience.

From 1860 to 1870 the Lodge increased in numbers and financial strength. At the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall, New York City, in June, 1875, the Lodge turned out 175 strong, led by a band of music which they furnished, and participated in the ceremonies of that occasion, and at a later period took part in the ceremonies incident to the dedication of the Masonic Hall. They also participated in the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the Hall of Records, in Brooklyn, in 1885, and in the laying of the corner-stone of the 47th Regiment Armory. The Lodge was well represented at the Fair held in the new Masonic Temple in the fall of 1887.

The following presentations have been made in recognition of personal esteem and distinguished services:

Wor. Bro. Benjamin Lewis was presented with a gold watch and chain, probably in '68.

W. Aaron Morley was presented with a silver snuff-box, lined with greenbacks; also with a testimonial, together with a life membership, on the anniversary of his golden wedding.

W. John Bruce was presented with a set of engrossed resolutions, framed; and also with a certificate of honorary membership on his leaving for England.

The Lodge has always been prominent in social matters, and for years its annual excursions were the largest that left Brooklyn, becoming at last too unwieldy for the Lodge to handle; while its concerts, in point of artistic merit, have been surpassed by nothing of the same nature given by any association in Brooklyn.

At the time of the yellow fever scourge, in 1878, the Lodge raised \$150.

At a Communication held February 6, 1882, the old jewels were brought out and voted to be placed in a conspicuous position in the Lodge room.

Officers of the Lodge who have been distinguished for their zeal and faithfulness in the work have at different times received due recognition of their services. On March 20, 1883, Wor. Bro. Baker, after three years' service as Master, was presented by this Lodge, at the hands Wor. Bro. Taylor of Fortitude Lodge, with a beautiful set of engrossed resolutions, enclosed in an elegant frame. On June 11, 1886, Wor. Bro. Taylor, of Fortitude Lodge, was presented with a certificate of Honorary Membership at the hands of R. W. Henry J. Smith. On Sept. 11th, 1886, occurred the death of this same Bro. Taylor, and resolutions of condolence for the widow in her affliction were adopted by the Lodge and sent to the widow.

Under the Mastership of W. David Trotter, and mainly due to his untiring efforts, Delta Lodge discharged her proportion of the Hall and Asylum Fund debt and was thus released from all subsequent obligations connected therewith.

At the Annual Report to the Grand Lodge for 1888 the membership was shown to be 95. Peace and harmony, with a fair degree of prosperity prevailed, and Delta is on the best of terms with her sister Lodges. In her works of benevolence and charity "she hath done what she could." All worthy distressed brothers, their widows and orphans, have been guarded with a jealous care, and all their wants attended to. The Masonic Mutual Benefit Association for the relief of sick and disabled brethren owes the germ of its existence to this Lodge, W. Bro. Baker being the originator, ably seconded by W. Bros. Joseph, Schofield, Doxsey, Trotter and other members. Delta Lodge thus becomes the founder of one of the most useful benevolent organizations in the Third Masonic District.

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF DELTA LODGE No. 451, FROM
1858 TO 1888, INCLUSIVE.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—John F. Cross, 1858-9; R. W. Dockson, 1860-61; H. J. Connolly, 1862; Benj. Lewis, 1863; Wor. Aaron Morley, 1864-5; R. W. Dockson, 1866; Benj. Lewis, 1867-8; M. Connolly, 1869; Benj. Lewis, 1870; R. Swithenbank, 1871; R. W. Dockson, 1872; P. McDonald, 1873; Benj. Lewis, 1874; John Bruce, 1875-6; Wm. J. Orr, 1877-8; Henry Joseph, 1879; Edward Baker, 1880-81-2; Edwin Schofield, 1882-4; John Doxsey, 1885; David Trotter, 1886; Geo. W. Walters, 1887-8.

SENIOR WARDEN.—Henry Ward, 1858; R. W. Dockson, 1859; H. O. Brien, 1860; H. J. Connolly, 1861; Joseph Eagleton, 1862; J. J. Stilwell, 1863; F. R. Penfold, 1864; H. J. Connolly, 1865; R. Swithenbank, 1866; H. C. Fraser, 1867; Ulrich Kreidler, 1868; Edwin Schofield, 1869; John Bruce, 1870; John H. Doxsey, 1871; Peter McDonald, 1872; Wm. J. Orr, 1873; Geo. D. Knight, 1874; S. Leighton, 1875; Geo. Gilbert, 1876; Geo. W. Walters, 1877; Walter Moore, 1878; Edwin Baker, 1879; Wm. E. Gregory, 1880; F. Boschen, 1881; Edwin Schofield, 1882; John H. Doxsey, 1883; David Trotter, 1884; F. Boschen, 1885; Richard Twiss, 1886; Jas. Stewart, 1887; S. H. Annin, 1888.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—George Cross, 1858; Henry O. Brien, 1859; H. J. Connolly, 1860; B. Lewis, 1861; J. J. Stilwell, 1862; Frank E. Penfold, 1863; Abraham Nathan, 1864; R. Swithenbank, 1865; Wm. Booth, 1866; U. Kreidler, 1867; M. Connolly, 1868; John H. Doxsey, 1869; P. McDonald, 1870; J. L. Rile, 1871; H. Joseph, 1872; G. E. Knight, 1873; S. Leighton, 1874; Geo. Gilbert, 1875; George Orr, 1876; Walter Moore, 1877; Edward Baker, 1878; G. E. Knight, 1879; F. Boschen, 1880; J. L. Pye, 1881; M. J. Hanley, 1882; Robert Richardson, 1883; C. S. Moore, 1884; Richard Twiss, 1885; J. Stewart, 1886; S. H. Annin, 1887; F. Goldsmidt, 1888.

TREASURER.—John F. Cross, 1858-59-60; J. Devausene, 1861; Geo. Hudson, 1862-3-4; George Close, 1865; H. J. Connolly, 1866; Edwin Schofield, 1867-8; Ulrich Kreidler, 1869 to 1876, inclusive; Wm. Ling, 1877; W. E. Gregory, 1878; David Trotter, 1879 to 1883, inclusive; John Learey, 1884 to 1888, inclusive.

SECRETARY.—R. W. Dockson, 1858; H. J. Connolly, 1859; Henry Ward, 1860; James Devausene, 1862 to 1865, inclusive; W. H. Norris, 1866-7; John Penfold, 1868 to 1871, inclusive; B. Lewis, 1872; Wor. R. W. Dockson, 1873; J. R. Penfold, 1874; Wor. R. W. Dockson, 1875-6; John Bruce, 1877-8; J. F. Learey, 1879; John Bruce, 1880-81; S. Leighton, 1882 to 1888, inclusive.

WOR. ROBERT SWITHENBANK,
PAST MASTER OF DELTA LODGE.

Bro. Swithenbank has made a faithful use of the opportunities he has enjoyed for advancing the interests of the Craft, more especially those of his own Lodge. He was made an Entered Apprentice in Delta Lodge, Oct. 1, 1862; passed to the degree of Fellowcraft, Oct. 14; and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, Nov. 12 of the same year. He served as Junior Deacon, Senior Deacon, and was elected Junior Warden in 1865, Senior Warden in 1866, Master in 1871, and has served several terms as Trustee. He has been a faithful and true friend to Delta Lodge, and has given liberally to the cause of benevolence and charity. Over twenty-six years of his life have been devoted to the cause and he still continues in active service.

Bro. Swithenbank was born in Leeds, England, February 13, 1823. He received a fair education and afterwards learned the trade of iron moulder and finisher, which he followed for many years. He served three years as a soldier in the British Army. He came to this country in 1849; settled first in New York and subsequently removed to Brooklyn. He continued to work at his trade for a time, but for some years past has been engaged in the wine business. He is a widower with two children, his wife having deceased in 1875.

WOR. HENRY JOSEPH, PAST MASTER OF DELTA LODGE.

Although it is several years since Bro. Joseph has laid aside the gavel of office, he has lost none of his interest in the great principles of symbolic masonry as especially pertaining to Delta Lodge. He is ever ready to strengthen and encourage the younger brethren in the work, and by his example and conversation to exemplify the teachings of masonry. He was brought to light in this Lodge in 1871, served one term as Senior Deacon, and was elected Junior Warden in 1872, and Master in 1879. The Lodge was successful and prosperous under his administration, and he labored faithfully to promote peace and harmony among the brethren. He gave earnest heed to the appeals for assistance from those who were in need and entitled to recognition from Delta Lodge. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Orient Chapter No. 138, and served for a time as Captain of the Guard. He was re-elected Master of Delta Lodge in December, 1888.

Bro. Joseph was born in New York City, Feb. 16, 1847; he removed to California in 1852, and returned to New York soon after the close of the war and was engaged for many years

as an employee in the manufacture of hats. In 1884 he started in business for himself at 299½ Broadway, New York, where he has since carried on a successful business. He was married in 1883 to Miss Lina P. H. Knowles of New Jersey, and is the happy father of three children, highly esteemed among his business associates, honored and respected in the community, a devoted and loving father.

WOR. EDWARD BAKER,

PAST MASTER OF DELTA LODGE.

Few brethren have been more highly honored, and deservedly so, by Delta Lodge, than Bro. Baker. One of the best presiding officers and most skillful Craftsmen the Lodge has ever had. Earnest and impressive in manner, manly and dignified in his bearing, he did much to build up and strengthen the Lodge during his administration as Master. At the close of his third term he was presented by the Lodge with a beautifully engrossed set of resolutions enclosed in a handsome frame as a token of the love and esteem, and the high appreciation of his eminent services as a Brother and officer of Delta Lodge. He was entered and passed in this Lodge in 1869, receiving his Third Degree Nov. 16 of that year. He was elected Junior Warden in 1878, Senior Warden in 1879 and Master 1880-81-82.

His efforts in the cause of benevolence have not been confined to his alma mater. He was the prime mover and founder and the first President of the Kings County Masonic Mutual Benefit Association, and has continued firm and steadfast in his support of this Association from the date of its organization up to the present time. Since 1885 he has been its Secretary, and continues to hold that position. The Masonic Fraternity of Brooklyn owe to him a life-long debt of gratitude for the good accomplished through this institution. He suggested the Masonic column in the *Brooklyn Review*, and was its first Masonic editor.

Bro. Baker was born near Chelmsford, Essex Co., England, January 31, 1845. He was educated at Christ's Hospital, London, one of the oldest public schools in England, founded by Edward VI. After completing his education he was apprenticed to the printing business in London, where he remained until 1866, when he concluded to try his fortunes on this side of the Atlantic. He has been connected with some of the best book printing establishments and the different New York journals as compositor, proof-reader, etc., and is now connected with the *New York Sun* as proof-reader.

WOR. EDWIN SCHOFIELD,

PAST MASTER OF DELTA LODGE.

No truer Craftsman or worthier Bro. Mason has ever sat in Delta Lodge than Bro. Schofield. Steadfast, earnest, persevering and painstaking, he has labored for twenty-three years to advance its interests, and assist the work of building up the Lodge and instructing the candidates. He is an accomplished and well-tried Master Builder, and his brethren showed their confidence in him and their appreciation of his efforts by electing him two successive terms as Master. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in this Lodge October 25, 1865. He served as Treasurer in 1867-8; as Senior Warden in 1869; as Senior Deacon in 1873, and again in 1881; as Senior Warden in 1882; as Master in 1883-4, and as trustee for three or four terms. He has been almost continuously in office since he first became a member. As Master, he assisted in laying the corner-stone of the 47th Regiment Armory, and rendered other important service, both in and out of the Lodge.

Bro. Schofield is a native of England, born Oct. 21, 1839, but has been a resident of Brooklyn for upwards of thirty-one years. He has become as thoroughly identified with his adopted city as though "to the manor born." From his boyhood up he has been engaged in the business of oil press mat maker; he was for many years in the employ of others, but since 1886 he has carried on the business for himself. His lines have not always fallen in pleasant places, he was married in 1871, and for several years his domestic life was peaceful and unclouded; the death of his wife in 1882, however, was to him a great bereavement; one child was left to comfort him in his declining years.

WOR. JOHN H. DOXSEY, PAST MASTER OF DELTA LODGE.

The great majority of Bro. Masons, after a few years of service, become tired of the work and cease their labors. Bro. Doxsey, however, was one of those who enlisted for life and never grew weary of well doing. He has already given twenty-three years of his life to the service, and is still a regular attendant and an active workman. He entered this Lodge in the usual way in 1865, receiving his Third Degree Sept. 12 of that year. He was Junior Warden in 1869, Senior Warden in 1871, and Master in 1885. He has served several times as Trustee and now occupies that position. The Lodge was prosperous under his administration as Master, and enjoyed a fair degree of prosperity. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Orient Chapter No. 138; he has served as Master of the 2d Veil. He has

been for some time a member of the North Western Masonic Insurance Company.

Bro. Doxsey was born in Jamaica, L. I., June 20, 1838, but became early in life a resident of Brooklyn, where he received his education. He tried mercantile affairs for a time as clerk in a store, but, with a natural love of adventure, he concluded to try a seafaring life; he accordingly shipped on board a whaling vessel, and after a voyage of thirty-two months gave it up. During the war he was connected with the Quartermaster's Department, devoting two and a half years to the service of the government. He has been for the past eight years or more in the employ of H. B. Claflin & Co. as engineer. His social and domestic life have been pleasant, and he is the father of nine children, three of whom are married. He was united to Miss Rosa Herron, of Brooklyn, in 1860.

WOR. DAVID TROTTER, PAST MASTER OF DELTA LODGE.

Bro. Trotter entered the Lodge Aug. 29, 1865, passed Dec. 5, and was raised December 12 following. He served as Treasurer in 1880-81-82-83; as Senior Warden in 1884, and Master in 1886. He was like the rough ashler in appearance and manner, but warm-hearted and of generous impulses, always ready to assist a friend in need, whether a Brother Mason or not.

Bro. Trotter was born in Quebec, Canada, April 7, 1830; removed to Brooklyn in 1836. For the past eighteen years he has been engaged in the business of fur skin dressing and dying.

WOR. GEO. W. WALTERS, MASTER OF DELTA LODGE.

The twenty-first birthday of Bro. Walters found him in the Master's chair with a record as a Craftsman of which any man might well be proud. During this period many of his contemporaries have passed to that "undiscovered country," and while his life has been prolonged it has not been in vain, for he has served his brethren faithfully and ministered to the wants of distressed worthy brethren. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in this Lodge on June 11, 1867, served for a term as Junior Deacon; in 1877 was elected Senior Warden, and is now on his second term as Master, viz., 1887-8. He was exalted in Nassau Chapter No. 109, R. A. M.; advanced to R. and S. M. in Brooklyn Council; knighted and dubbed in Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T., and completed his 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; he enjoys the benefits of the North Western Masonic Life Ins. Co.

Bro. Walters was born in New York city, Oct. 1, 1839,

received a good public school education, and was engaged as clerk in a mercantile house until the breaking out of the war. In May 1861, he enlisted in Company E, of the famous 14th Brooklyn Regiment, and served with distinction throughout the war. He participated in nearly all the important engagements in Virginia, among which were the First Battle of Bull Run, Bin's Hill, Falmouth, Spottsylvania (Aug. '62), Rappahannock Station, Sulphur Springs, Gainesville, Groveton, Manasses Plains, Chantilly, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Port Royal, Fitzhugh Crossing, Chancellorsville, Seminary Hill, Gettysburg. Mine Run, Wilderness, Laurel Hill, and Spottsylvania. He escaped with only a slight wound, and was honorably discharged, Dec., 1862.

He is a member of the 14th Regiment War Veteran Association, and of Moses F. Odell Post No. 443, G. A. R. Fourteen years ago he received an appointment as bill clerk in the Brooklyn Tax Office and from that has risen to be Chief Clerk. He was married in 1858 to Miss Hester, a daughter of the famous Dr. McAllister (of ointment fame). He has two children, one of whom he recently had the pleasure of raising in Delta Lodge. Bro. Walters served ten years in the old Volunteer Fire Department as a member of Washington Hose Company No. 6. He is now a member of the Exempt Fireman's Association.

STEPHEN LEIGHTON, SECRETARY.

Bro. Leighton is one of the old and honored members of Delta Lodge. His record covers a period of nearly twenty years of continuous and faithful service. He served as Junior Warden in 1874, and Senior Warden in 1875, and for the past seven years has been Secretary of the Lodge. A regular attendant at all stated communications, willing to devote his time and energies to the work in whatever position he could be most useful, he won the esteem and affection of his brethren, and has made for himself an honorable record. He is a member of Protective Lodge 2832, K. of H.

Bro. Leighton was born in London, England, July 28, 1841. He received a liberal education in the rudimentary branches, and afterwards learned the printing business. He arrived in this country in 1864, and for the past twenty-four years has been a resident of Brooklyn.

HISTORY OF ZEREDATHA LODGE NO. 483.

Zeredatha Lodge was organized in 1859, but was the outgrowth of a previous organization which existed by the authority of what was known as the St. John's Grand Lodge. The following reference to the original organization is taken from an Historical Address (compiled by Wor. Bro. C. P. Marrat, the then Master of the Lodge) delivered before Zeredatha Lodge, in 1866, by Bro. J. Windle Fowler, Secretary.

"At a Special Communication of Trowel Lodge No. 14, held at its rooms, Washington Building, corner of Court and Joralemon streets, on the evening of December 27, 1857, the following Brothers signed a petition to the Most Worshipful George Ely, Grand Master of the St. John's Grand Lodge for a Dispensation to form a Lodge under the name and title of St. John's Lodge No. —. The Petitioners were: Wor. Salmon Winchester, L. W. Jacobs, Joseph Mesigh, Aaron Morley, James I. Jones, Gottlieb Sprechelman, George P. Hower and John Torrison. The prayer of the petitioners having been granted, St. John's Lodge, U. D., held its first Communication at Myrtle Hall, No. 190 Myrtle avenue, on Wednesday evening, December 30, 1857, Bro. Salmon Winchester in the Chair.

The dispensation was then read, empowering the members of St. John's Lodge, U. D., to meet as a Masonic body and make Masons. The first officers were: Bro. Salmon Winchester, Master; W. L. Jacobs, Senior Warden, and James M. Carpenter, Junior Warden. At a Regular Communication held January 6, 1858, Bro. Jefferson Fowler was elected Treasurer; James I. Jones, Secretary; Joseph Mesigh, Senior Deacon; Aaron Morley, Junior Deacon, and Jeremiah Box, Tiler.

At a Regular Communication, held Wednesday evening, June 28, 1858, the Lodge received its charter. The Grand Officers being in attendance were received with the usual honors.

Soon after its organization, several members, having awakened to the conviction that they were not a legitimate body, became dissatisfied and withdrew. Efforts were made to heal the existing difficulties and bring the Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. Foremost among these was Wor. Bro. Salmon Winchester, Master of St. John's Lodge No. 1, who was also Secretary of the St. John's Grand Lodge. His first step was to attempt the disbandment of this Body. Accordingly on the evening of June 7, 1859, he offered a motion, which was seconded by Bro. Aaron Morley, Senior Warden of St. John's Lodge No. 1, to disband that Grand Body. The motion prevailed, and the Grand Body subsequently disbanded.

The action of these Brethren was fully endorsed by the members of St. John's Lodge No. 1, and at a Regular Communication held June 15, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that the late members of St. John's Lodge No. 1 apply to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York for a Dispensation.

On motion, it was further resolved that the name of the Lodge be ZEREDATHA.

Bro. Winchester was appointed a Delegate to visit Grand Master Lewis, Jr., at Pen Yan, who gave the matter his favorable consideration.

The Petition was sent to the Grand Lodge on July, 1859, recommended by Progressive Lodge No. 354. It was signed by the following Brethren: Salmon Winchester, Joseph Mesigh, Jefferson Fowler, William Read, Philo Deming, C. P. Marrat, John Torrison, A. F. Warren, Elisha D. Hawkins, W. H. Brownson, Aaron Morley, J. Windle Fowler, F. C. Rockwell, Isaac W. Nevius, Thomas T. Bailey, Lester Morrell, Philip L. Jardin, James I. Jones, and Andrew M. Schermerhorn. The following officers were recommended by the Petitioners: Salmon Winchester, Master; Aaron Morley, Senior Warden; Joseph Mesigh, Junior Warden.

On Wednesday evening, July 12, 1858, a Special Meeting was held. The Dispensation having been granted to the brethren to form a Lodge under the name and style of ZEREDATHA LODGE, U. D., F. & A. M., the following named brethren of the late St. John's Lodge No. 1, were elected to membership by ballot, and their names ordered to be engrossed on the Charter: Albert W. Morley, Thomas Morley, Hoffman, Finney, Nevius, Daly, Brownson, Carter, Jacobs, Mead, Tabor, Denton, Main, Schermerhorn, Read, Foster, Martin, Smead, Rhodes, Howkins, Boyer, Bailey, Bergen, Morrell, Jardin, Tyson, Valentine, Acker, Luckey, Deming, Terry, Bridges, Brown, Wiggins and McMurray.

On Wednesday evening, July 20, 1859, the brethren met and proceeded in a body to St. John's Hall, corner of Bowery and Delancey Street, New York, and were then and there "healed" by R. W. John W. Simons, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, assisted by Wor. Enoch P. Breed. The original Square and Compasses used on that occasion have been carefully preserved, and are still in possession of the Lodge.

The first Regular Communication of Zeredatha Lodge, U. D., took place on Monday evening, July 25, 1859, at its rooms in Myrtle Hall, No. 190 Myrtle Avenue. The first petitioners for membership were Thomas Mosscrop and John

S. Morris. The place of meeting was subsequently changed to Montague Hall, No. 6 Court Street.

Wor. Bro. Salmon Winchester continued to serve as Master until Feb. 29, 1860, when he asked to be excused from further service, and on March 7, following, his resignation was accepted with many regrets, and a Preamble and Resolutions were adopted expressive of the sentiments of the Lodge concerning him. The following brethren were then elected to fill the offices for the unexpired term, U. D.: Wor. Bro. Benjamin Price, Past Master of Commonwealth No. 409, Master; Bro. Edward A. Hodgson, Senior Warden; Bro. Charles P. Marrat, Junior Warden. On March 27, 1860, a communication was received from R. W. John W. Simons appointing these brethren in place of those named in the original Dispensation.

At the same communication Wor. Bro. Winchester applied for a dimit, which was granted.

The Charter was granted June 5, 1860, and at a Communication on June 13th following, the Lodge was duly Constituted, and its officers elect installed by the officers of the Grand Lodge. R. W. James M. Austin acted as Grand Master, assisted by Wor. Bros. Breed, Kane, Millard, Ames, McChesney, Boyce, Fuller, Carman and Willetts. The following were the officers installed on this occasion: Benjamin Price, Master; Edward A. Hodgson, Senior Warden; Jefferson Fowler, Treasurer; J. Windle Fowler, Secretary; Charles A. McMurray, S. D.; F. C. Rockwell, J. D.; Isaac W. Nevius, Tiler.

For the first two or three years the Lodge had a hard struggle for existence, but the brethren stood shoulder to shoulder and gave even of their penury to assist the needy and unfortunate, especially the families of those who had given their lives in defense of their country. Bro. Winchester, the former Master of this Lodge, was killed during the second year of the war, and the Lodge immediately voted a monthly allowance towards the support of his family, cared for the widow during a lingering illness, and at her death performed the last sad rites of burial, and then assumed the care of the orphans.

A Special Communication of the Lodge, in conjunction with Stella Lodge No. 485, was held on Dec. 23, 1862, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to the memory of Bro. Winchester. His remains were buried in the Soldiers' Plot in Greenwood Cemetery, and those of his wife were subsequently laid by his side. [A sketch of Bro. Winchester will be found under the head of Biographical Sketches.]

On March 12, 1866, Miss Warren, the guardian of the children of Bro. Winchester, presented the Lodge with a beautiful portrait of the deceased brother.

The Secretary's Report (Bro. J. Windle Fowler) at the close of the sixth year, shows a more prosperous condition of the

Lodge. There were then 268 members in good standing ; large amounts had been contributed to the support of distressed worthy brethren ; five widows of deceased brethren were in receipt of a weekly or monthly allowance for the maintenance of themselves and children.

On April 23, 1866, a history of the Lodge (compiled by Wor. Bro. C. P. Marrat), was read by Bro. J. Windle Fowler, the then Secretary, and 300 copies ordered to be printed.

On March 26th, of this year, the Lodge paid its last tribute of respect to Bro. W. H. D. Brownson, the late Treasurer. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. H. M. Gallaher.

The year 1865 appears to have been one of unusual financial prosperity for the Lodge, besides donating to charitable purposes the sum of \$1,150, there was a cash balance in bank of \$2,279.62.

In 1870, the donations to charitable purposes amounted to \$1,130.57. The following year, 1871, the Lodge donated to the sufferers from the great fire in Chicago the sum of \$50, and to the Charleston yellow fever sufferers, in 1884, \$150. On Feb. 3, 1872, a Finance Committee was appointed, with instructions to examine the books, vouchers, etc., and prepare a detailed statement of all receipts and disbursements. At the same Communication a Relief Committee of three members was appointed, whose duty it was to visit each and every one of the widows and others having claims or receiving pecuniary aid from the Lodge, and report their conclusions in detail, previous to the appointment of their successors. All applications for charity were to be referred to said committee.

Sept. 21, 1874, M. W. J. W. Simons presented a collection of the portraits of the Past Masters and present officers of the Lodge, which was gratefully acknowledged.

The Lodge has participated at different periods in many of the public ceremonies of the day, notably, the funeral obsequies of President Lincoln in 1865; the laying of the corner-stone and the dedication of the Masonic Hall in New York, in 1870-75; and the Egyptian Obelisk ceremonies in 1884.

On Dec. 5, 1881, the Lodge celebrated its twenty-first anniversary. M. W. John W. Simons, P. G. M., with members of the Grand Lodge and a number of distinguished visiting brethren, occupied seats in the East. Bro. Simons made an earnest and eloquent address, alluding to the fact that he signed both the Dispensation and Charter for the Lodge. He congratulated the Lodge on its growth and prosperity. Short addresses were made by the other brethren present, after which the Lodge retired from labor to *refreshment*, and partook of a bountiful collation.

In June, 1885, the Lodge celebrated its quarter centennial. A large number of distinguished masons were present. Ad-

dressess and musical exercises formed a part of the evening's festivities. A grand banquet followed.

The regular communications of the Lodge were held in the Phoenix Building, No. 16 Court street, until 1877. On June 4th of that year they removed to the Cochran Building, 304 Fulton street, taking a ten years' lease of the same, at \$800 per annum. At the expiration of that period they removed to their present quarters, 38-40 Court street.

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS FROM 1859, U. D., TO 1888, INCLUSIVE.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—S. Winchester, 1859, U. D.; Benjamin Price, 1860-61; Aaron Morley, 1862; Ed. A. Hodgson, 1863; C. A. McMurray, 1864; Charles P. Marrat, 1865-6; Jas. Williamson, 1867; Chas. P. Marrat, 1868; N. U. Elwood, 1869-70; Reuben Riley, 1871-2; Samuel Ayers, 1873-4; Edward Payne, 1875; P. Fred. Lenhart, 1876; A. Stringham, Jr., 1877; P. Fred. Lenhart, 1878; John S. Payne, 1879; Wm. Veideman, 1880; Edward Boyce, 1881-2; Jas. A. Cassidy, 1883-4; Wm. A. Bennet, 1885-6; John Berrie, 1887-8.

SENIOR WARDEN.—Aaron Morley, 1859, U. D.; Ed. A. Hodgson, 1860-61; Hosea D. Searles, 1862-3; Charles P. Marrat, 1864; C. A. Fredericks, 1865; James Williamson, 1866; Samuel Ayers, 1867; Nelson U. Elwood, 1868; Reuben Riley, 1869-70; Edward Payne, 1871; Wm. Veideman, 1872; Wm. W. Stoddard, 1873; P. Fred. Lenhart, 1874; A. Stringham, Jr., 1875-6; John S. Paine, 1877; Wm. A. Bennet, 1878; Jas. A. Cassidy, 1879; Edward Boyce, 1880; John Berrie, 1881; Wm. A. Bennet, 1882; R. S. Wickett, 1883; Jos. E. Pattison, 1884-5; Jacob H. Cohen, 1886; Henry R. Van Keuren, 1888.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—Joseph Mesigh, 1859, U. D.; Charles P. Marrat, 1860; Hosea D. Searles, 1861; C. A. McMurray, 1862-3; C. A. Fredericks, 1864; Nelson U. Elwood, 1865; Thomas Marsden, 1866; H. C. Packard, 1867; Robert Hill, 1869; Wm. Veideman, 1870; Jacob M. Askins, 1871; Wm. W. Stoddard, 1872; P. Fred. Lenhart, 1873; A. Stringham, 1874; John S. Paine, 1875-6; James A. Cassidy, 1877; John Day, 1878; John Berrie, 1879; Jos. E. Pattison, 1880; Julius S. Welch, 1881; R. S. Wickett, 1882; Thos. H. Talmage, 1883; Geo. W. Downs, 1884; Francis G. Hanson, 1885; George R. North, 1886-7; James W. Browne, 1888.

TREASURER.—Jefferson Fowler, 1859-60; W. H. D. Brownson, 1861 to 1866, inclusive; H. C. Tonge, 1867 to 1879, inclusive; P. Fred. Lenhart, 1880 to 1888, inclusive.

SECRETARY.—J. Windle Fowler, 1859 to 1865, inclusive; C. A. McMurray, 1866–7–8; H. C. Packard, 1869 to 1876, inclusive; Edward Payne, 1877 to 1888, inclusive.

R. W. SALMON WINCHESTER,

FIRST MASTER AND FOUNDER OF ZEREDATHA LODGE.

The following sketch of Bro. Winchester is taken from an "Historical Address," read before the Lodge in 1866, by Bro. J. Windle Fowler: "Bro. Winchester commenced his Masonic career by receiving the three symbolic degrees in Eureka Lodge No. 1, hailing from under the then jurisdiction of St. John's Grand Lodge; he was subsequently exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in Orient Chapter No. 1, and afterwards dubbed and created a Knight Templar in Melita Encampment No. 1, worked by members owing allegiance to St. John's Grand Lodge. He was a prominent member of that Grand Body and was Grand Secretary at the time of its disbandment.

"At the breaking out of the Civil War, Bro. Winchester promptly answered the call of his country and volunteered his services, receiving a Commission from Gov. Morgan, dated April 23, 1861, as Captain of F Company, Tenth Regiment National Zouaves, N. Y. Vols. He fought in the battle of Big Bethel, passed unharmed through the Seven Days' Battles, under General McClellan, and participated in the battles of Antietam, South Mountain, and Sheppard's Ford. At the battle of Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862, under Major General Burnside, having command of the regiment, he fell, mortally wounded, while gallantly leading his men into action, and on the 16th of December, 1862, he breathed his last in the city of Washington, D. C. Those who knew him best loved him most. He was kind and loving in his disposition, an earnest worker and seeker after truth, brave and generous to a fault, and an upright man and zealous Mason."

WOR. CHARLES P. MARRAT,

PAST MASTER AND CHARTER MEMBER OF ZEREDATHA LODGE.

The life of Bro. Marrat has become so clearly interwoven with Zeredatha Lodge as to form a conspicuous feature in its history, and while he can hardly be called the *father* of the Lodge, yet he exercises over it a paternal influence, and his wisdom and counsel are always sought on matters of importance. He was "brought to light" in Eureka Lodge, New York, about 1856, and in 1859 was one of the petitioners for the

erection of Zeredatha Lodge, and was named in the Dispensation for Junior Warden; became Senior Warden in 1864; Master in 1865-6, and again in 1868; has served seven years as Trustee; has been almost constant in attendance, and has been an active worker in the Lodge from its organization to the present time. In 1867, he was presented with an elegant gold watch and chain, and has received from his brethren other substantial tokens of their love and affection. Was exalted in Nassau Chapter No. 109, R. A. M., of which he was twice High Priest, and has served as its Secretary for the past twelve years, and is still in harness. In Cryptic Masonry he toiled in the quarries of Brooklyn Council No. 4, of which he is Past Recorder and Past Principal Conductor of the Works; was Knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 14; in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, received the grades of ineffable Masonry in the Lodge of Perfection, of New York City; was one of the Charter Members of Mecca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in 1874; is Past Chancellor, Past Keeper of Records and Seal, and Past Grand Representative of the Knights of Pythias; has been a Trustee and Director in the Masonic Mutual Relief Association for sixteen years, and Secretary and Treasurer for several years of the Associated Board of Trustees, and is also a member of the Masonic Veterans' Association of New York.

The grandfather of Bro. Marrat was an eminent scholar and forcible writer of *Blackwood's* (Scottish) Magazine and other foreign periodicals. Bro. Marrat was born in Liverpool, England, December 16, 1831, educated at the Mount Street Collegiate Institute of that city, graduating in 1848, chose for his occupation "the art preservative of all arts," came to New York in 1852 and was connected at different times with some of the oldest and most prominent printing houses in that city and Philadelphia. In, 1854 he, with others, started a paper called the *Irish People*, which proved a successful venture. In 1858, he was one of the founders of the *Emerald*, and later the *American Celt*, all of which attained a wide circulation and yielded fair returns. For some years past he has been engaged in the book and job printing business at No. 26 Vesey street, New York. His domestic life has been a happy one; united in 1854 to Miss Elizabeth Mary Haywood, of New York, a lady of refinement, intelligence and culture, who has made his home pleasant and delightful. Seven children have been born to them, five of whom are now living. He is a devoted husband, loving father, true and steadfast friend, a worthy Brother Mason and skillful Craftsman.

As a writer he wields a facile pen, and is always instructive and entertaining. For the past sixteen years Bro. M. has been and still is the Masonic editor of the *Brooklyn Review*, a posi-

tion filled by him with great ability and unvarying success. His department is replete with sterling editorials, lively gossip of lodges and their doings, pleasant personal and general information.

The subject of this notice is of fine presence, genial manners, and courteous discourse; in his walk and conversation, ever commanding that respect which he never fails to extend to his host of friends with the right hand of fellowship.

RT. WOR. REUBEN RILEY,

PAST MASTER OF ZEREDATHA LODGE AND PAST GRAND STEWARD
OF THE GRAND LODGE, STATE OF NEW YORK.

No man has more zealously guarded the interests of, or has been more faithful to the trusts and responsibilities committed to him in, Zeredatha Lodge, than Bro. Riley. For twenty-three years he has labored to build up and maintain the principles on which the Lodge was founded, and to keep out everything that would disturb the peace and harmony which have continued to prevail since its organization. Bro. Riley was made a Mason in this Lodge in 1865; in 1869 he was taken from the floor and made Senior Warden; was re-elected the following year, and in 1871-2 was its Master. He governed with firmness and dignity and received the hearty support of his brethren. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Nassau Chapter; dubbed and Knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T. In 1878 he sat in the grand Lodge as its Grand Steward, under M. W. Edward L. Judson. He has been a Director in the Masonic Mutual Relief Association, of Brooklyn, served as its Vice-President one year, and two years as President. He has been continuously in office in this Association for fifteen years.

Bro. Riley was born in Tuckahoe, Westchester County, N. Y., Oct. 25, 1838; received a good public school education; came to New York in 1854; served five years' apprenticeship as machinist and engineer at the machine shop of Henry Esler, in South Brooklyn. In 1863 he was appointed Assistant Engineer U. S. N., and assigned to the U. S. Steamer Honey Suckle, attached to the East Gulf Squadron. He was promoted to Second Assistant Engineer in charge of machinery, on the same vessel, in 1864, in which capacity he served until the close of the war, being honorably discharged, with thanks of the department, Aug. 21, 1865. Soon after his return he started in the general machinery business under the firm name of Riley & Cowley.

Continued success has followed his efforts in this as in all other undertakings. He formed a life partnership in 1860 with Miss Amanda Hilliker, of his native village, and is now the father of four children. He is a member of Devon Post 148, G. A. R., of which he has served three years as Chaplain, and is now a delegate to the Memorial Executive Committee, of Kings County; he has also served as a delegate to the State Encampment, and was appointed Aid-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. He served on the staff of Department Commander as Assistant Inspector, Dept. N. Y., G. A. A., in 1888; he was elected and installed as Commander of Devin Post No. 148, G. A. R., Dept. N. Y., for the year 1889.

WOR. EDWARD PAYNE,

SECRETARY AND PAST MASTER OF ZEREDATHA LODGE.

Bro. Payne has endeared himself to the brethren of Zeredatha Lodge by many acts of kindness, which have received due recognition and a just appreciation. He was made a Mason in this Lodge in 1869. He served one term as Senior Deacon, and was Senior Warden in 1871 and Master in 1875. At the close of his administration he was presented with an elegant gold watch and chain by his brethren. He was elected Secretary the following year and has since been annually elected to this position. He was exalted in Nassau Chapter 109, R. A. M., in which he has served as Captain of Host, Past Scribe, and Past King.

Bro. Payne is a native of New York City, born Aug. 9, 1840; received a good public school education; afterwards being associated with his father as an *Operative Mason*, thus acquiring the practical use of the tools long before he learned their symbolic use in Speculative Masonry. He has been for some years prominently identified with the Democratic party in Brooklyn, taking an active part in the campaigns. He is connected with the office of Commissioner of Jurors. He was married in 1861 to Miss Ella Thomas, of New York City. They have three children. Bro. Payne removed to Brooklyn some twenty-five years ago and has been a resident ever since.

WOR. P. FREDERICK LENHART,

TREASURER AND PAST MASTER OF ZEREDATHA LODGE.

Bro. Lenhart will never grow "weary of well-doing." It is almost a quarter of a century since he entered Zeredatha Lodge, and although he has "borne the burden and heat of the day,"

he is still the same earnest, faithful brother and officer. He entered the Lodge January 16, 1865; was passed February 6, 1865, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason March 6, 1865. He filled the subordinate offices and in 1873 was elected Junior Warden; Senior Warden in 1874; Master in 1876, and again in 1878. He has been Treasurer of the Lodge for the past ten year. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Nassau Chapter, serving three terms as its High Priest; was dubbed and Knighted in Clinton Commandery, K. T., No. 14; has passed to the Fourteenth Degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Lodge of Perfection, of New York City; crossed the burning sands in Mecca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; has been also a member of Steuben Lodge No. 109, I. O. O. F.

Bro. Lenhart was born in Germany, June 19, 1842; he crossed the ocean ten years later and settled with his parents in Brooklyn, where he has since resided. His father was a tanner, and he acquired a knowledge of that business from him. He left school at the age of twelve years and became a clerk with Joseph Wolf, New York, with whom he remained seven years. In July, 1861, he enlisted in F Company of the famous 69th Regiment and fought through the most important engagements, among which were Fair Oaks, White Oak Swamp, Garret's Farm, Malvern Hill, Harrison's Landing, South Mountain, Gaine's Mill, 2d Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Harper's Ferry, Antietam, and Sharpsburg. He was taken sick with typhoid fever in 1864 and discharged on account of physical disability. He returned home and started business in hatters' leathers. Subsequently, he joined Sprague's Battalion of Heavy Artillery of Brooklyn, which was consolidated with the 28th Regiment N. Y. S. M. He served at the front with this regiment for 100 days as Orderly Sergeant. On his return from active service he was elected 2d Lieutenant of Company K, 13th Regiment, State Militia, in which capacity he served until 1872, when his term of service expired. He is a member of Winchester Post No. 197, G. A. R. (named after Past Master Salmon Winchester, of Zeredatha Lodge, who was killed in 1862).

Soon after the close of the war he started again in the leather business with \$150 capital, saved from his limited army pay. This small capital has been increased to over \$100,000; he employs from 100 to 120 hands; fortune has smiled upon him as he justly deserved and given him a great measure of success, but this is due to his own untiring energy and industry.

Bro. Lenhart has been thrice married; his first wife deceased in 1872; second in 1887, leaving four children. In 1888 he married Miss Mary Anna Wahl, of Brooklyn. He is excessively fond of vocal music. He organized the Haydn Mannerchor Singing Society, of Brooklyn, and became its first

President. He was also its Secretary and Treasurer for several years.

WOR. JAMES A. CASSIDY,

PAST MASTER OF ZEREDATHA LODGE.

It is seventeen years since Bro. Cassidy entered Zeredatha Lodge in search of Masonic light, and he has since continued his journey towards the East, reaching next to the highest point attainable in Speculative Masonry. He entered the Lodge in 1871, serving in various capacities until 1877, when he took his seat in the South; he reached the West in 1879; was elected Master in 1883, and again in 1884. He did not lay aside the working tools of the Craft after receiving their honors, but resumed his place among the brethren, assisting and encouraging others to good works. He was exalted in Nassau Chapter No. 109, R. A. M., served as M. of V., and is now King; he entered Brooklyn Council R. & S. M., was Knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T., passed to the 32d degree Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, through the Aurora Grata Bodies of Brooklyn, and New York Consistory, crossed the burning sands in Mecca Temple Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; he is Past Noble Grand of Principle Lodge No. 48, I. O. O. F., a member of Bethlehem Encampment No. 10, of the same Order: He is also a member of Franklin Lodge No. 278, of the A. O. U. W. of Brooklyn.

WOR. JOHN BERRIE, MASTER OF ZEREDATHA LODGE.

Bro. Berrie has proved himself one of the most devoted and efficient officers that Zeredatha Lodge has ever had. Earnest, warm-hearted and sympathetic, he looks well to the sick and suffering brethren of his Lodge, and ministers faithfully to their wants. He is a man of good administrative ability, and adheres strictly to the ritual in his work. He was first brought to light in this Lodge in 1874; he served as S. M. C., S. D., and in 1879 took his place in the South for the first time. He was Senior Warden in 1881, and is now serving his second term as Worshipful Master. He was exalted in Nassau Chapter No. 109, R. A. M., serving as Captain of the Host and 1st and 2d Veil. He is a member of Morning Star Council, Royal Arcanum.

Bro. Berrie was born in Brooklyn, July 3, 1847. He left school at an early age and learned the business of tinsmith. Steady, honest and upright, persevering in the straightforward course he marked out for himself, his efforts were eventually appreciated, and he was rewarded for his fidelity. Six years

ago he was made superintendent of the extensive works of S. A. Ilsley & Co., of Brooklyn, one of the largest houses of its kind in this country. Bro. Berrie was for a number of years a member of the Volunteer Fire Department, and followed the fortunes of Hose Company No. 7. He was married in 1878 to Miss Sarah Morrison, of New Jersey, who deceased in 1883, leaving three daughters, to which he devotes his earnest care and attention. No brother more scrupulously divides the hours of the day into equal parts than does he, and never fails to give a portion to ministering to worthy distressed brethren, as well as to others who have no special claim on his kindness and benevolence.

HENRY R. VAN KEUREN, SENIOR WARDEN.

Bro. Van Keuren was made a mason in April, 1885, and, in December following, appointed Senior Deacon, 1886; Junior Warden, 1887; Senior Warden, 1888. He was exalted in Nassau Chapter No. 109, of which he has been Principal Sojourner for the past two years.

Bro. Van Keuren was born in Kingston, Ulster Co., April 29, 1852. He is at present superintendent of tolls of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge.

JAMES W. BROWNE, JUNIOR WARDEN.

Bro. Browne belongs to that race of people to whom the world is so largely indebted for the antiquity as well as the symbols of Speculative Masonry, a people who adhere with unyielding pertinacity to their fraternal obligations. His earliest knowledge of the mysteries of the Craft was acquired in Tompkins Lodge No. 471, of Richmond County, twenty-three years ago. He dimitted from there in 1884 and affiliated with Zeredatha Lodge the same year. His knowledge of the work, and familiarity with the ritual, acquired by long experience, fitted him for that advancement which he had fairly earned as a Craftsman, and in the fall of 1887 he was called to a seat in the South, which he willingly accepted, glad to serve the brethren in any capacity where he could be most useful. He has made equal proficiency in Capitular Masonry, and was exalted in Nassau Chapter No. 109, in 1885. He has already passed through the chairs of the 1st and 3d Veil and is now Captain of the Host; he is also a member of Brooklyn Council No. 4, Royal and Select Masters.

Bro. Browne was born in Scotland, June 30, 1832. Having a natural taste and inclination for practical gardening, he has followed that occupation with every success, beginning his

apprenticeship in 1847. He came to this country in 1853, and was for some time under instructions of one of the leading landscape gardeners in New York. His knowledge thus acquired has long been put into practical use, and in 1875 he started in business for himself. He has more than a local reputation and enjoys the patronage of many wealthy and prominent citizens in Long Island, Staten Island and New Jersey. In 1855 he took to himself an helpmeet, Miss Mary Ann Jutsum, of Bath, Eng. They have had five children, four of whom are now living.

HISTORY OF STELLA LODGE NO. 485.

The brethren who erected Stella Lodge were men of sterling worth and large-hearted benevolence. They acted on the proverb contained in Holy Writ: "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." They laid broad and deep the foundations, and scattered far and near the seeds of benevolence and charity. As a result the supply has always exceeded the demand, and since 1863 the Lodge has never been without a large balance in the treasury. Extreme care has been used in the selection of "living stones" for the edifice, "so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house while it was building." The social and intellectual status has been maintained from the date of its erection to the present time; the cement of brotherly love has united the several parts together in an indissoluble bond, and peace and harmony have been the result.

Stella Lodge grew out of Trowel Lodge No. 14, warranted by St. John's or Atwood Grand Lodge, whose members were afterwards healed and a new Dispensation issued by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York to Wyandank Lodge, July 27, 1859. The petitioning brethren were: Charles W. Willetts, Peter J. Creighton, Jeremiah Box, John R. Weyant, Tunis Tremper, John J. Morris, Isaac Haines, James Patten, James S. Serene, William Parker, W. H. Smith, John H. Buckley, George A. Scales, James W. Flinn, David S. Steward, William E. Quinn, David Smith, Elijah R. Graves, Jeremiah B. Tungney, John H. Mills, Stephen Jessup, A. B. Purdy, Martin H. Beebe, Daniel H. Cleanes, Joshua H. Wells, Abner Beebe. The officers named in the Petition were Charles H. Willetts, MASTER; Peter J. Creighton, SENIOR WARDEN, and Jeremiah Box, JUNIOR WARDEN.

The Lodge continued work, U. D., until the following year, when the name was changed to Stella Lodge, called after the infant child of Bro. Joseph Short, Jr., and was duly instituted under Warrant dated June 16, 1860, issued by Most Wor. Grand Master John W. Simons.

The first Communication of the Lodge was held at 40 Court Street; the place of meeting was afterwards changed to the corner of Flatbush Avenue and Fulton Street, where it remained for about a year, and then returned to 40 Court Street, the present place of meeting.

The first candidate initiated, passed and raised after the charter was granted was Thomas J. Atkins. Bro. Joseph Short, Jr., referred to as the father of the child from whom the Lodge derived its present name, was made in Wyandank Lodge, Under Dispensation.

Although the adjoining fee was fixed at \$60 when the Lodge was instituted, there was a continued increased in membership for some years in excess of the loss by death, dimission and unaffiliation. Soon after the close of the war the total membership exceeded 300. The adjoining fee was subsequently changed to \$40, but the same care and restriction were exercised in regard to the character of its members. In 1864 the total amount received from new members was \$2,300.

On June 16, 1864, the Lodge was called to mourn the death of Lieut. Stark H. Woodrow, a brave and accomplished officer, who was killed during the battle of the Wilderness. His loss was deeply deplored, and resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the Lodge at the sad event, were adopted and spread on the minutes.

Notwithstanding the large annual donations to worthy and distressed brethren of this and other Lodges, a large balance remained on hand at the close of each year. In December, 1865, there was a balance on hand of \$3,700, and in December, 1868, \$4,077.27. For several years the donations exceeded \$3,000 a year. The orphans of Wor. Bro. Winchester, a member of Zeredatha Lodge, killed in the early part of the war, were liberally provided for by this Lodge; annual donations of from \$200 to \$300 were given for some years in aid of this worthy object. On March 8, 1866, Bro. James Carpenter, of Zeredatha Lodge, presented this Lodge with a large photograph likeness of Bro. Winchester.

On May 9, 1867, the Lodge, by resolution, renewed the old, time-honored masonic custom by arranging for the celebration of the approaching St. John's Day. More than thirty years had elapsed since this day had been celebrated to any extent by the Fraternity. Union Lodge No. 121, of Philadelphia, and many distinguished brethren, both at home and abroad, were invited to participate. They met at the Mansion House,

Brooklyn, where a grand collation was served, with the usual accompaniments, viz., the "feast of reason and flow of soul," served up in "due and ancient form."

On November 29, 1867, the Lodge gave a concert at Plymouth church in aid of the Masonic Board of Relief, Western District. Madame Parepa Rosa and other distinguished artists sang on that occasion. The house was packed with an intelligent and appreciative audience, in which the Fraternity was well represented. The net receipts amounted to \$801.41.

On February 6, 1868, a communication was received relative to the death of Bro. Townsend of this Lodge, who was drowned on the passage from Liverpool to New York, by the sinking of the bark "Guardian Angel," about three miles off the coast of Wales, during a terrific gale. All hands were swept overboard, and Bro. Townsend was last seen clinging to a spar. A Committee was appointed by the Lodge to draft suitable resolutions, which were spread in full upon the minutes. The widow and orphans of the unfortunate brother were liberally provided for by the Lodge.

On October 12, 1871, an appeal was made to the Lodge on behalf of the sufferers from the great fire in Chicago, which occurred a short time previous. The sum of \$1,000 was appropriated from the treasury, and \$1,000 in addition to this sum was subscribed by the members. Such an act requires no comment; it speaks for itself; without attempting to draw any invidious distinction, it will doubtless compare favorably with the amounts raised by any of the Brooklyn churches of corresponding membership and ability.

In the efforts made by the Grand Lodge in 1872 for the framing of a new Constitution, Stella Lodge, through its representative, Wor. Bro. Joseph Short, Jr., bore a conspicuous part. He was elected to represent the Third Masonic District at the Syracuse Convention, which framed the Constitution, afterwards submitted to the several Lodges throughout the State. Through his efforts local conventions were held in the Third Masonic District to discuss the proposed amendments and suggest other changes; and to the efforts of Stella and Joppa Lodges, mainly through the instrumentality of Bros. Short and Couch, the present Constitution owes its existence.

While Stella Lodge was never in sympathy with the plans and movements connected with the Hall and Asylum Fund, she was prompt in responding to the appeals of the Grand Master for financial aid in liquidating the enormous debt, and was among the first to pay the entire amount of her per capita tax.

Stella Lodge has never failed to recognize in a substantial manner the distinguished services of those who have proved worthy of her confidence and esteem. When, in 1876, Wor. Bro. Short received the appointment of District Deputy Grand

Master, he was presented with an elegant jewel and apron, emblematic of his official position. Others have also received testimonials of the confidence and esteem of their brethren of this Lodge. Wor. Bro. Henderson, the present Master, was presented on a recent occasion with an elegant gold watch and chain. The total amount contributed by the Lodge and its members for benevolent purposes since its organization, would doubtless aggregate from \$30,000 to \$40,000. Its present condition, in point of intelligence, ability and financial strength, is no doubt fully equal to that of any Lodge in the State. The Annual Report of the Grand Lodge in June, 1888, showed the total membership to be 154.

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF STELLA LODGE FROM 1859 TO 1888, INCLUSIVE.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—Chas. W. Willets, 1859-60; Jeremiah Box, 1861-2-3; Joseph Short, Jr., 1864-5; Edward H. Craige, 1866; Benj. W. Palmer, 1867-8; Joseph Short, Jr., 1869; Chas. W. Willets, 1870; John H. Rhodes, 1871; Jacob M. Hopper, 1872; Robert Van Voorhis, 1873; Chas. A. Sterling, 1874; Jacob Steiner, Jr., 1875; Edwin Gates, 1876; Daniel J. Quinn, 1877-8; Wm. H. Slater, 1879; Leander S. Risley, 1880; Benj. R. Western, 1881; Joseph P. Abel, 1882-3; John Maguire, 1884; Wm. H. Slater, 1885; John R. Tredsedder, 1886; F. S. Henderson, 1887-8-9.

SENIOR WARDEN.—Peter J. Creighton, 1859-60; Isaac Haines, 1861-2; Joseph Short, Jr., 1863; Benj. W. Palmer, 1864; Edward H. Craige, 1865; Benj. W. Palmer, 1866; Robert Van Voorhis, 1867; Thomas Brasier, 1868; John H. Rhodes, 1869; Jacob M. Hopper, 1870-71; Fred. F. Phillips, 1872; Fred. E. Edgar, 1873; Jacob Steiner, Jr., 1874; Daniel J. Quinn, 1875-6; Leander S. Risley, 1877-8-9; Benj. R. Western, 1880; Joseph P. Abel, 1881; John Maguire, 1882-3; F. L. Jenkins, 1884; F. S. Henderson, 1885; F. L. Jenkins, 1886-7-8-9.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—Jeremiah Box, 1859-60; John H. Miller, 1861; Joseph Short, Jr., 1862; Edward Eales, 1863; Edward H. Craige, 1864; Robert Van Voorhis, 1865; Richard C. Gurney, 1866; Leonard M. Bergen, 1867; H. W. Hayward, 1868; Edwin Gates, 1869; J. M. Champney, 1870; Charles A. Sterling, 1871; Fred. E. Edgar, 1872; Jacob Steiner, Jr., 1873; Wm. H. Goff, 1874; John Maguire, 1875; Thomas Stratford, 1876; Wm. H. Slater, 1877-8; Joseph P. Abel, 1879-80; Chas. A. Stanley, 1881; Aaron H. King, 1882; F. L. Jenkins, 1883; F. S. Henderson, 1884; John R. Tredsedder, 1885; Joseph E. Carson, 1886-7-8.

TREASURER.—John H. Rhodes, 1861; Henry S. Young, 1862; Chas. M. Pellitreau, 1863 to 1870, inclusive; Chas W. Willets, 1871; James H. Hopper, 1870 to 1887, inclusive; Jacob Steiner, 1888.

SECRETARY.—E. W. Eabs, 1861–2; James Heppenstall, 1863–4; Geo. H. Cowpland, 1865; John A. Williamson, 1866; Chas. A. Willets, 1867; Daniel Grant, 1868 to 1888, inclusive.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

Any omissions of biographical sketches of members is owing to the fact that the sketches were not returned.

R. W. JOSEPH SHORT,

PAST MASTER OF STELLA LODGE, AND PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY
GRAND MASTER OF THE THIRD MASONIC LODGE.

Right Wor. Bro. Short is the godfather of Stella Lodge, he having named it from his infant child at the suggestion of his brethren, in place of the name of Wyandank with which it was originally christened. Since the name was changed he has become the adopted father of the Lodge, and may justly claim all of the present and many of the past as his children as well as his brethren. He has witnessed the little grain of mustard seed, planted thirty years ago, increase in size, spreading its branches, and exerting an influence that has permeated every fibre of the Fraternity throughout the State. His individuality is stamped on the present Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and his name will go down to posterity as one of its framers. Bro. Short is a child of Wyandank Lodge, which was originally Trowel Lodge No. 14, warranted by St. John's Grand Lodge, of New York, receiving the name of Wyandank after being healed by the Grand Lodge, of New York. He became properly a charter member of Stella Lodge, and was Junior Warden in 1862, Senior Warden in 1863, Master in 1864–5, again elected in 1869, and in 1876 was appointed District Deputy Grand Master by Most Worshipful Grand Master James W. Husted. Soon after his appointment he was presented by his Lodge with a beautiful District Deputy jewel and apron. About 1862 he received by communication several degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

When the New Constitution of the Grand Lodge was under consideration in 1872–3, Bro. Short was elected to represent the Masons of the Third Masonic District in a Convention held at

Syracuse in the autumn of 1872, for the purpose of framing a New Constitution. This was composed of one delegate from each Masonic District in the State. Bro. Short was intimately associated with those brethren who for years had given particular attention to questions relating to Masonic government, had long observed the practical working of the imperfect Constitution of 1854, saw clearly the conflicting elements which it contained, and was convinced of the necessity for a radical reconstruction. Fully appreciating the responsibilities of the position, he accepted the trust, and entered upon the discharge of his duties with earnest purpose and careful preparation. The result of the proceedings of this Convention is fully set forth in another portion of this work. On his return, Bro. Short called together his constituents and met with them from time to time in informal convention, where the several proposed amendments to the Constitution were discussed by the ablest men in the District, foremost of whom was Wor. Bro. Couch, of Joppa Lodge; and the present Constitution of the State, one of the best and most perfect forms of constitutional government ever framed by the Fraternity, is due mainly to the efforts of Most Worshipful Bro. Couch, of Joppa Lodge, and Right Worshipful Bro. Short of Stella.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Short was born in Granville, Washington County, N. Y., June 12, 1832, an honored son of his distinguished sire, who served as a Captain in the army in the War of 1812-15. Bro. Short was educated at Granville Academy and commenced his business career as clerk in a country store, and subsequently filled a similar position in Pawlet, Vermont. He came to New York in 1851 and was for several years engaged in the insurance business. He became a resident of Brooklyn about the same time, and since 1874 has been connected with the Department of Charities and Corrections of Kings Co.

RT. WOR. EDWIN GATES,

PAST MASTER AND CHARTER MEMBER OF STELLA LODGE.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Gates was made a Mason in Mokelumme Lodge, California, in 1851, and became Master of the same Lodge. He was exalted in Chapter No. 3, at Sacramento, Cal., in 1856; he was a charter member of Stella Lodge in 1860; was Junior Warden in 1869, and Master in 1876. He was Knighted in DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 27, K. T. (Brooklyn E. D.), from which he dimitted and joined Clinton Commandery No. 14. He was advanced to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, by Communication in 1865, and was a charter member of the Aurora Grata Bodies of Brooklyn. He held the Second office in Aurora Grata Consistory and was

Treasurer of the Aurora Grata Bodies for about fifteen years. On September 16, 1879, he was elected Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33d degree, at Philadelphia. He was the President, in 1885, of the Masons' Veteran Association of New York. He was appointed an officer of the Grand Lodge in 1877 by M. W. Joseph J. Couch, Grand Master. He represented Stella Lodge, by proxy, in the Grand Lodge, for eleven consecutive years.

Bro. Gates was born in Montague, Mass., April 15, 1820; educated at Amherst Academy, Mass.; and afterwards taught school in Connecticut for four years, and subsequently in New York. He removed to California in 1849, and in 1850 established the first American school on the Pacific coast, of which he was principal. He studied law and was admitted to practice in California in 1852. He returned East in 1857 and settled in Brooklyn, where he established a real estate and insurance business under the firm name of Gates & Anderson. He was married to Miss Susan H. Cornell, daughter of Richard Cornell, Sheriff of Queens County, L. I. Some time after the death of his first wife he married her sister, Miss N. Cornell. A daughter by the first wife married Wor. Bro. Babcock, a Past Master of Anglo-Saxon Lodge.

WOR. JAMES HOWELL,

PAST MASTER OF JOPPA LODGE; MEMBER OF STELLA LODGE.

Twenty-five years ago Wor. Bro. Howell was one of the most prominent and enthusiastic workmen in the Third Masonic District. The same zeal and energy that have characterized his efforts in every enterprise with which he has been connected through life, were exhibited in a marked degree in his own Lodge, which grew and prospered under his administration. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Joppa Lodge No. 201, about 1860; he was Junior Warden in 1863 (under the present Most Wor. Joseph J. Couch, P. G. M.). He was Senior Warden in 1874, and Master in 1865-6-7-8. He affiliated with Stella Lodge, May 25, 1875, but since his connection with the latter, his other duties have prevented his taking any active part in the work. He was exalted a Royal Arch Master in Brooklyn Chapter, and was created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Clinton Commandery No. 14.

The public career and business success of Bro. Howell affords a bright example to the youth of the present age. Born in England, October 16, 1829; ten years later finds him at New Lisbon, Ohio, then known as the "far West," as a youthful pioneer, with axe in hand clearing the forest; and later working the farm with his father. He picked up the rudiments of an

education during the short winter months, in the old log school house, where the schoolmaster, with ruler in hand, "taught the young idea how to shoot." He came with his parents to Brooklyn in 1845, and was apprenticed to the iron-working business. In 1855 he struck out for himself with a capital of \$225, the result of hard labor and strict economy. This little plant has grown to be one of the largest foundry firms in the country, under the firm name of Howell & Saxton, employing some 300 hands. His own experience as a workman taught him to appreciate the efforts of his employees, and his uniform kindness and liberality to them won for him their regard and almost fatherly devotion. The same peace and harmony prevails among them that characterized his government in the Masonic Fraternity. No strike or outward demonstration of disaffection has ever occurred among them.

His public life is familiar to every citizen of Brooklyn. In 1865 he was elected Supervisor of the 11th Ward on the Democratic ticket, and served three successive terms. He was twice elected Supervisor at Large, and in 1877, he was nominated and elected Mayor of the city by a majority of 3,000. He established many important reforms, and managed the affairs of the city on strict business principles. He was nominated for a second term and beat his Republican opponent, Franklin Woodruff, by a majority of 12,065.

His large experience as an iron-worker, and the great ability and unswerving interest displayed in his administration of public affairs, led to his appointment in 1883 as a member of the Board of Bridge Trustees. Two years later he was elected President, which position he still holds.

Fortune has smiled upon all his efforts and poured her golden treasures into his lap. Instead of hoarding for others to squander, he makes a liberal use of his means in his own quiet, unostentatious way, fully appreciating the scripture assurance, that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

WOR. JACOB STEINER,

TREASURER AND PAST MASTER OF STELLA LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Steiner has not only received all the honors that could be conferred by his own Lodge, but has traversed almost every known path in Masonry. He was "brought to light" in Stella Lodge, June 24, 1869; was elected Junior Warden in 1873; Senior Warden in 1874; Master in 1875; and at the annual election of 1887 was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. His own Lodge record covers nearly twenty years of faithful service. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Gate of the Temple Chapter No. 208; passed through Brooklyn Council No. 4, R.

& S. M.; was Knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T., in which he is Past Commander. He received the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, being connected with Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Aurora Grata Council Princes of Jerusalem, Aurora Grata Chapter Rose Croix, and New York Consistory, Northern Jurisdiction. He "crossed the burning sands" in Mecca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is equally honored and respected throughout these Masonic Bodies, but the ties that bind him to Stella Lodge are stronger than all these. The only Order with which he is connected outside the fraternity is that of Brooklyn Council, R. A. He is also a member of several fishing and gun clubs, and he is considered an expert handler of both rod and gun.

The civil record of Bro. Steiner is brief. He was born in Brooklyn, May 1st, 1848; was educated at private school, and commenced his business career with Albert Speyers, in the gold brokerage business, New York. He has been for the past twenty-one years connected with the South Brooklyn Savings Bank. He was married in 1876 to Miss Emma Fingerle, of Brooklyn. They have three children. In his domestic and social life his "lines have fallen to him in pleasant places."

WOR. WILLIAM H. SLATER,

PAST MASTER OF STELLA LODGE.

Bro. Slater was made a Master Mason in Stella Lodge in 1867; elected Junior Warden in 1877-8, and Master in 1879, and again in 1885. The brethren showed their appreciation of his many excellent qualities as Master by presenting him at the close of his first administration with an elegant gold watch and chain.

Bro. Slater was born in Poughkeepsie, January 26, 1839, but was raised and educated in Brooklyn. He commenced his career with the large hat firm now known as Balch, Price & Co., in 1855, and became a member of the firm in 1869. He withdrew from the firm in 1888.

WOR. BENJAMIN R. WESTERN,

PAST MASTER OF STELLA LODGE.

It is over seven years since Wor. Bro. Western laid aside the gavel, and nearly a quarter of a century since he knocked at the door of Stella Lodge, as a wayfarer in search of light. Many have passed in and out during that period, but he has been true to his *alma mater*; a firm and steadfast friend and faithful brother. He was brought to Masonic light in due and

ancient form in 1862. He served first as Senior Master of Ceremonies, and was Senior Warden in 1880, and Master in 1881. He held the Lodge well in hand, ruling with dignity and firmness, and was faithfully supported by the brethren, and on retiring from the East was presented with a highly complimentary and beautifully engrossed set of resolutions enclosed in an elegant frame and mounted on an ebony easel, which always occupies a prominent position at his home. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Nassau Chapter No. 109, but took very little interest in Capitular Masonry, giving his time and energies to the interests of Stella Lodge. He is at present a member and Trustee of Long Island Council, R. A.; is Vice-Commander of Long Island Council, A. L. of H., and Past Dictator and Trustee of Fern Council, Knights of Honor.

Bro. Western is a native of Glen Cove, L. I., born April 7, 1840, but removed with his parents to New York when he was nine years of age. He was educated principally at Columbia College Grammar School, but, as his father was interested in the public schools, he was sent there to complete his education, and finally graduated into the Free Academy (College of the City of New York). He was fitted for a mercantile life, and spent eight years with the wholesale dry goods firm of C. W. and J. T. Moore & Co. In 1864 he turned his attention to journalism, and, in connection with his brother, he started the *American Journal of Mining*. Four years later he started the *Manufacturer and Builder*, which was one of the most successful trade journals ever published in New York. He sold it out to good advantage, and next established the *Coal and Iron Record*. This he subsequently sold on account of failing health, and for some years past has been proprietor of the Manufacturers' Advertising Bureau & Press Agency. He is a man of unlimited resources, of great force and energy of character, and obeys literally the scripture injunction, viz.: "*Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do with thy might.*"

WOR. JOSEPH P. ABEL, PAST MASTER OF STELLA LODGE.

Bro. Abel commenced his Masonic career in Stella Lodge only twelve years ago, and during that period has risen to the highest point attainable in Ancient Freemasonry, a position reached by comparatively few members of the Fraternity. From his first entrance into this Lodge he evinced an eager desire for knowledge, and throughout his entire career has been distinguished for his zeal, intelligence and enthusiasm in the work. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, March 9, 1876; served as Senior Deacon in 1877-8; as Junior Warden in 1879-80; Senior Warden in 1881, and Master in

1882-3. His eminent services and zeal in the work received a substantial recognition at the close of his second administration, he being the recipient of an elegant gold watch and chain, by the hands of Right Wor. Edwin Gates on behalf of the brethren of Stella Lodge. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Orient Chapter No. 138, but subsequently affiliated with Constellation Chapter No. 209; was knighted and dubbed in Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T.; ascended to the 32d degree of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite through Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Aurora Grata Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and Aurora Grata Chapter of Rose Croix; New York Consistory of the Northern Jurisdiction, and in 1887 was made Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33d degree, at Providence, R. I.

Bro. Abel was born in Brooklyn, December 3, 1852; was educated in the rudimentary branches at public school, completing his education under a private tutor. He commenced his mercantile career with his father, of the firm of Abel & Carpenter, wholesale dealers in window shades, where he remained for eight years. He subsequently served eight years as an accountant in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and left there to accept a more lucrative position as accountant for Messrs. H. O. Pearce & Son, hat manufacturers, continuing until that firm went out of business. In 1888 he became associated as partner with John Donahue, of Brooklyn, in the merchant tailoring business, under bright and favorable auspices. He was married in 1880 to Miss Ida M. Peckham, of Norwich, Conn. Of three children born to them only two are now living. Bro. Abel is a man of the highest social and business standing; large-hearted and generous to a fault.

WOR. JOHN MAGUIRE, PAST MASTER OF STELLA LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Maguire served nearly a quarter of a century as an humble Craftsman in Stella Lodge before he received the highest honor in its gift, but his patient and faithful services were finally rewarded, and he entered upon his office as Master with a ripe experience and with the unlimited confidence of his brethren, who had learned to honor and respect him for his many virtues, even though his light had been long hidden. He was among the earliest raised in this Lodge while still under Dispensation. He served as Senior Deacon; was Senior Warden in 1882-3, and Master in 1884. During his administration the Lodge disbursed a larger amount for charitable purposes than for some years previous; and Wor. Bro. Maguire, who knew intimately nearly every brother in the Lodge, entered heartily into the work of relieving the worthy and distressed,

giving his personal attention to nearly every case. He also maintained that fraternal intercourse with sister Lodges for which Stella Lodge has always been noted. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Orient Chapter No. 138. He has recently united with the Masonic Veteran Association of Brooklyn.

Bro. Maguire was born in Williamsburg (now Brooklyn, E. D.), October 6, 1834.

FRANK S. HENDERSON,

WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF STELLA LODGE.

Bro. Henderson is worthy and well qualified to fill this exalted position in Stella Lodge, which has had for its presiding officers some of the ablest and most distinguished Brother Masons in the Third Masonic District. He is now on the second year of his administration, which has been characterized by that peace and harmony and brotherly love for which Stella Lodge is noted. Bro. Henderson is possessed of an even temper and the ability to control himself—the two most essential qualifications to good government. He adds to this, grace and dignity, and a knowledge of the work, acquired by an experience of over six years, having been during that time almost continuously in office. He took upon himself the obligations of a Master Mason in this Lodge, April 23, 1882. His first position was that of Senior Deacon, for which he took special pains to qualify himself, and was soon able to instruct others in this difficult portion of the work. He was elected Junior Warden in 1884; Senior Warden in 1885, and Master in 1887-8. On the evening of December 13th he was presented by the brethren with an elegant gold watch and chain in recognition of the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of Master, and of their high personal esteem for him. The presentation speech was made by Rt. Wor. Bro. Short, in a happy speech, which was gratefully acknowledged by the recipient. Bro. Henderson was further honored by receiving the unanimous vote of the Lodge for another term as Master.

He entered Capitular Masonry through Gate of the Temple Chapter, R. A. M.; was knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T., and advanced to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite through Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection; Aurora Grata Princes of Jerusalem; Aurora Grata Chapter of Rose Croix, of Brooklyn; connected with the New York Consistory, Northern Jurisdiction. He crossed the burning sands in Mecca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of New York; subsequently affiliated with Kismet Temple, of Brooklyn. He is also a member and Past Grand of Atlantic

Lodge No. 50, I. O. O. F., of Cecilia Council, A. L. of H., and of America Council, National Provident Union.

Bro. Henderson was born in Brooklyn, Fourth Ward, Oct. 28, 1855; was educated at Public School No. 1, and entered at once upon the undertaking business with his father, which he has since continued. His wife was a Miss Gussie M. Taylor, of Brooklyn, to whom he was united in marriage Nov. 28, 1877. He has one daughter. He is a man of strong sympathies, whose heart beats responsive to the sufferings of his fellow-men, and whose ear is ever open to listen to the calls for aid and assistance.

FREDERICK L. JENKINS,

SENIOR WARDEN OF STELLA LODGE.

The conspicuous position held by Bro. Jenkins in the literary world, and his prominence as a public man, have called forth the most flattering notices by the press, as well as by his numerous friends, leaving but little to be added in a brief sketch, necessarily limited in a work of this character. To what extent the teachings of Symbolic Masonry have influenced his life and public career must be judged by his Masonic record, nearly his whole life, since he passed his majority, having been spent in perpetuating the principles and practicing the virtues of our noble Order. Twenty-one years ago he knocked at the door of Constitution Lodge No. 241, of New York City, was initiated, passed and raised, and from that time his course has been onward and upward. The only official position he held in that Lodge was that of Senior Deacon. Ten years later, having in the interim become a resident of Brooklyn, he affiliated with Stella Lodge, where he found whole-souled brethren ready to welcome him and make him feel at home. He was soon offered an opportunity to test his skill as a Craftsman, and in 1884 he was called from the floor to the South; after an interval of one year he was elected Senior Warden, serving for three consecutive terms, viz., 1886-7-8. Between him and the brethren of Stella Lodge there exists the warmest affection, and none would be more delighted than they to see him reach the highest goal of his ambition. As an assistant to the Worshipful Master in the East, he has reflected honor on the position he has held for the past three years.

Bro. Jenkins was born in the Tenth Ward, of the City of New York, on July 8th, 1844. His father, a prominent member of the Society of Friends, or Quakers, died when he was but three months old, leaving the care of a large family to the mother. Circumstances compelled him to leave school at ten years of age and commence the battle of life alone, but the ex-

cellent traits of character inherited from his father, added to the sublime teachings of a saintly mother, laid the foundation for his subsequent success in life, and by dint of close application to study during his leisure hours, he stored his mind with the rich treasures of knowledge which developed an intellectual strength of character, and ripened into brilliant scholarship, and gave him a name and enviable position in the literary world. He learned the type foundry trade, and afterwards entered the employ of Cromwell's line of steamships. During the War of the Rebellion he was employed as supercargo or clerk in the U. S. transport service. He was one of the officers of the schooner *Sam Colt*, the first vessel that ascended the James River to Richmond after the close of the war. He continued in the steamship business until Dec. 5, 1870, when he was appointed clerk or Secretary to the Superintendent of Police of the Brooklyn Police Department, a position requiring ability and intelligence of the highest order. It was soon after this that he became prominent as a writer on sociology, penology, and kindred sciences. His originality of thought and boldness of conception attracted the attention of men of prominence, and led him to continue his efforts in this direction. Among his many contributions to local and general literature may be mentioned, "Sociology," "Excise Statistics and Comparative Tables," "An Introduction to Criminal Statistics in the Tenth U. S. Census," "Statistics of Indigency for Kings County," "Police and Criminal Statistics," "Juvenile Crime," "Disfranchisement for Crime," etc. At the National Conference of Charities and Corrections held in 1884 he was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Police System and Administration, and contributed a paper entitled "The Police and Juvenile Crime," which received the favorable consideration of scientists and drew forth flattering editorials from the press.

Bro. Jenkins remained in single blessedness until July 12, 1887, when he was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary A. Cochrane, of Brooklyn, receiving the hearty congratulations of large circles of friends and acquaintances. In person Bro. Jenkins is above the average; large, well formed and of fine physique; genial, sociable, kind hearted, but a man of unswerving integrity and uprightness of character.

JOSEPH E. CARSON, JUNIOR WARDEN OF STELLA LODGE.

"Look well to the South." As the distinguished representative of his ancient predecessor, Bro. Carson has looked to the interests of the Craft during the hours of refreshment, for the past three years, and has discharged the duties of that position with a conscientious regard for the welfare of the brethren, who entertain for him that love and affection which he has

won by his acts of kindness and devotion to the work. He was brought to light in Masonry in Stella Lodge, February 24, 1881; served one term as Marshal, and in 1886 was elected Junior Warden; was re-elected in 1887-8. He was advanced to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, through the Cerneau bodies, but subsequently severed his connections with them and united with the Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Aurora Grata Council Princes of Jerusalem, Aurora Grata Chapter Rose Croix and Aurora Grata Consistory, Northern Jurisdiction.

Bro. Carson was born at Hightstown, N. J., Nov. 24, 1849, but for several years resided at Toms River, N. J. He was educated at Pennington Seminary, of Pennington, N. J., and subsequently pursued a commercial course of study at Eastman's Business College, of Poughkeepsie. For the past nineteen years he has been engaged in the produce commission business in West Washington Market, New York. Bro. Carson was married, May 28, 1868, to Miss Mary L. Stout, an estimable lady of Toms River, N. J. He became a resident of Brooklyn in 1874. Enterprising, persevering and pushing in his business affairs, genial and pleasant in his domestic and social relations, an upright citizen, a kind neighbor, and an honored Craftsman.

DANIEL GRANT, SECRETARY OF STELLA LODGE.

Bro. Grant was made a Mason in May, 1854, in King Solomon's Lodge, of Boston, Mass., where he served as Senior Deacon. On Sept. 10, 1863, he affiliated with Stella Lodge, and was soon after appointed Senior Deacon; served for three years. In 1866 he was elected Secretary, and has held that position for twenty-two years. He is probably the oldest Mason in Stella Lodge. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in St. Andrews Chapter, of Boston, in which he was Principal Sojourner and Master of the Third Veil in the Chapter, and Principal Sojourner in the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. After his removal to Brooklyn, he affiliated with Orient Chapter No. 138.

Bro. Grant was born in Halifax, N. S., March 21, 1833; he was educated there and learned the trade of steel engraving. He removed to Boston in 1852, and in 1857 entered the employ of the American Bank Note Company. In 1861 he was sent by the Company to their New York office, where he has remained ever since. He became a resident of Brooklyn in 1861, and on September 7, 1863, was united in marriage to Miss Catharine E. Doughty, of Brooklyn. Steadfast, persevering and faithful, honest and industrious, a worthy Craftsman, an honored citizen and a devoted husband.

FRANK L. DONALDSON, SENIOR DEACON.

Bro. Donaldson has served but a few months in this position, but the proficiency he has already made shows the wisdom of his appointment. His address is at once pleasing and impressive, and his familiarity with the ritual sufficient to enable him to work effectively everything, including that of the Middle Chamber. He has made good use of his opportunities and promises to become a skillful Craftsman. He will yet do honor to himself and the Lodge. He was entered and passed in Stella Lodge in the autumn of 1887, and received his Third Degree on November 24. In March following, 1888, he was appointed Senior Deacon, the former appointee having declined through adverse circumstances to fill the position. Bro. Donaldson has further continued his journey in search of the hidden mysteries contained in the higher orders of Masonry. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Evening Star Chapter No. 225, and was dubbed and Knighted a Templar in Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T.

Bro. Donaldson is of Scotch descent and possesses many of the characteristics of that race. He was born in New York City, January 13, 1858, where he received a thorough preparatory education and subsequently completed same at college in Wisconsin. He decided to follow a mercantile life, and returned to New York city, accepting a position with the house of James L. Little & Co., then Agents of the Pacific Mills, remaining with them five years. In 1879 he went to Ottawa, Kansas, where he was married to Miss Nellie A. Walton, of that place. He engaged in business with his father-in-law for two years, when he again returned to the East, and a few months afterwards started in the machinery business in New York. His efforts proving a success, he has since continued in the same business. He is a young man of sterling integrity, and highly respected in business circles. With the exception of his temporary absence he has been a resident of Brooklyn since early childhood. His family consists of his wife and three daughters, to whom he is greatly attached, and he is a firm believer in the comforts and pleasures of home life.

BENJAMIN S. DONAHUE, JUNIOR DEACON ELECT.

The Masonic record of Bro. Donahue covers a period of less than two years, but during that period he has made rapid progress. He was entered, passed and raised in Stella Lodge in 1887, and at the annual election in December, 1888, was appointed Junior Deacon, to serve for the ensuing year. He has passed to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite,

being a member of all the Aurora Grata Bodies; he is also a member of Nassau Council, Order of United Friends.

Bro. Donahue was born in Brooklyn, March 7, 1857. After completing his education he spent four years in traveling abroad. He accompanied Lieut. Schwatka on his famous Arctic Expedition, traveling thirty-five hundred miles on an open sledge, from Marble Island to Fort Churchill, reaching a point nearer to the North Pole than was ever reached before or since by any white man. The father of Bro. Donahue assisted in fitting out the expedition, and was greatly interested in the result. He also visited Australia and San Francisco, thus completing his voyage around the world. On his return he became associated with his father in the merchant tailoring business, becoming a partner on July 16, 1888, Bro. Joseph P. Abel joining with him, under the firm name of John Donahue & Co., all three being members of Stella Lodge.

HENRY BEAM.

There are few members of the present time who are aware of the important service rendered Stella Lodge by Bro. Beam. He was initiated, passed and raised in 1863, and was elected Secretary the same year. He found the books in a very bad condition; the Lodge was in debt, and there were only *twenty-three* active members on the roll. He at once opened a new set of books, straightened out the financial affairs, and made strenuous efforts to collect the outstanding dues and to infuse new life and energy into the Lodge. He soon made his influence felt, and received the hearty co-operation of his brethren. At the close of his term the Lodge was out of debt, and showed a large increase in membership. He was urged by his brethren to remain in office, but other duties compelled him to decline. The brethren manifested a wish to present him with a testimonial of their love and esteem and of their deep appreciation of his efforts; he declined their kind offer. His influence was felt long after he ceased to take an active part in the work. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Nassau Chapter No. 609, in 1864, but took no special interest in Capitular Masonry.

Bro. Beam early in life entered into mercantile business and was on the high road to success, when the War of the Rebellion broke out, and as the business of the firm with which he was connected was largely a Southern trade, it was disastrously affected by the War. Bro. Beam then became connected with the well known firm of Kingsley & Keeney, of Brooklyn, of which Wm. C. Kingsley, of bridge fame, was the principal. Bro. Beam was confidential clerk for the firm, and private secretary

for Mr. Kingsley until his death, which occurred in 1885. Mr. Beam then became Chief Deputy Collector of Internal Revenues for the 1st District, New York, from which position he resigned to become the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Brooklyn Bridge, having been appointed to succeed the present postmaster, Mr. Joseph C. Hendrix.

WILLIAM D. CORNELL.

Bro. Cornell was taught the principles of Freemasonry from his youth up. He had "line upon line and precept upon precept;" with two worthy examples always before him, one his father, who was a member of Marsh Lodge No. 188, Brooklyn E. D., the other, Rt. Wor. Gates, of Stella Lodge, who is an uncle by marriage. He profited by the teachings of both, and in 1864 knocked at the door of Stella Lodge for admittance and was soon after invested with all the working tools of Symbolic Masonry, which he has made a faithful use of for nearly a quarter of a century. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Nassau Chapter No. 109; passed to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in connection with the Aurora Grata Bodies. He is a member of Amaranth Council, A. L. of H., also of the National Benevolent Legion.

Bro. Cornell was born at Flushing, L. I., Aug. 4, 1841. Immediately after leaving school he engaged in the insurance business, which he followed for upwards of twenty years, in connection with different companies. He was appointed Deputy City Auditor in 1881, and has continued through the changes of administration up to the present time. He served nine years in the National Guard; he joined E Company, 47th Regiment (Brooklyn, E. D.), in October, 1861, and went with his regiment to Washington during the campaign of 1863, and returned to take part in the draft riots the same year; he was on duty for over two months. He was promoted through the different grades to that of Captain, commanding Company E. On resigning his command in 1870, he was presented by his comrades with a set of engrossed resolutions. He since served as Colonel of the 47th Regiment Veteran Association for four years. He is a member of George Ricard Post No. 362, G. A. R., Department of New York. He is a man of fine military bearing, and looks every inch the soldier. In politics he is a Democrat, though never a partisan. He has served as a member of the Democratic General Committee, and always worked with his party, but has many warm personal friends among those who entertain opposite political views.

EDWARD ENTWISLE.

Bro. Entwisle is one of the oldest living Masonic children of Wor. Bro. Short, and was raised by him in Stella Lodge in 1865. Most of his contemporaries have long since passed to that "undiscovered country." In his younger days he labored assiduously and earnestly for the upbuilding of the Lodge, and was among those who gave so generously to the worthy and distressed of this and sister Lodges. He was made a Life Member in 1871, but has never ceased his active membership. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209, and was Knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T. He is also a member of Long Island Council, Royal Arcanum.

Bro. Entwisle is of English descent for several generations back. He was born at Oyster Bay, L. I., July 26, 1836; was educated at public and private school. He was for nearly twenty years engaged in the produce commission business in Washington Market, New York, but for several years past has been connected with the wholesale grocery house of George Clark & Co., of New York.

He became a resident of Brooklyn in 1853, and was for many years connected with the old Volunteer Fire Department; was a member of Brooklyn Engine Company No. 17. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, of the Western District, many years, and by an Act of the Legislature became a permanent or life member. Bro. Entwisle was married nearly thirty years ago to Miss Bethia W. Goldsmith, of Cutchogue, L. I. He has four grown up sons and one daughter, who have contributed to his happiness and comfort, and to whom he is devotedly attached.

ALBERT AMMERMAN.

It was in the fall of 1859 when Bro. Ammerman knocked at the door of Union Lodge, of New Brunswick, N. J., for admission, and was received in "due and ancient form." He was remarkably bright at the time and competent to fill any position in the Lodge, but owing to his subsequent removal from the place and his inability to attend regular communications, he became "rusty." On Dec. 13, 1866, having become a permanent resident of Brooklyn, he affiliated with Stella Lodge, and, although unable to take an active part in the work, he has been a liberal contributor and a firm supporter of this Lodge. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Scott Chapter, of New Brunswick, but is at present non-affiliated. In the latter part of 1886 he decided to continue his masonic journey, and was advanced to the 18th degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the Aurora Grata Bodies, and to the 32d degree in New

York City Consistory, where he was an active member until Aurora Grata Consistory was constituted, when he transferred to that body as a charter member. He also crossed the burning sands in Kismet Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; he is also a member of the Masonic Veterans' Association of Brooklyn.

Bro. Ammerman was born in Monmouth County, N. J., near the old revolutionary battle ground, May 2d, 1838. He received a good common school education, and commenced his business as a clerk in a country store, and subsequently removed to New Brunswick, N. J., and in 1860 obtained a position with the house of A. T. Stewart, of New York. At the breaking out of the war in 1861, he joined Company A, Seventh Regiment, and went with it to Washington, continuing in active service for over three months. He served seven years with the regiment, participating with it in the subsequent campaigns, also in the draft riots of 1863. He came to Brooklyn in 1862, and for sixteen years was extensively engaged in the timber and lumber business.

In 1865 he married Miss Louise B. Day, a bright, attractive and lovely young woman of Westfield, Mass. After a happy married life of thirteen years she deceased in 1878, leaving three daughters and a son, the latter of whom subsequently deceased in 1885. Bro. Ammerman served nine years as a member of the Brooklyn Board of Education, and during that period effected many important reforms. In the fall of 1878 he was induced by his Republican friends to run for City Auditor and defeated his Democratic opponent, Andrew Cunningham, Esq., by a handsome majority. He displayed great ability, firmness and good judgment, and successfully resisted the pressure brought to bear upon him to remove from office men of acknowledged ability and experience. On his retirement in 1881, he became connected as partner with the extensive Brooklyn furniture and carpet house of Cowperthwait Co., of which he is still a member. He is also connected with other public enterprises in Brooklyn; he is chairman of the Executive Committee, Homœopathic Hospital; President of the Brooklyn Union Publishing Co.

ALEXANDER PEARSON.

Bro. Pearson entered the Order at a period when three Grand Bodies existed in the State of New York. He was then an active and zealous Craftsman. Although he is but little past the meridian of life, he has outlived most of his contemporaries. His first instruction in the mystic rites was received in St. John's Lodge, about 1856, which was then under the jurisdiction

of the St. John's Grand Lodge. He affiliated with Stella Lodge November 23, 1871. He has served several terms as Trustee, and was a frequent attendant at its regular Communications up to within a few years past. On the evening of October 25, 1888, he had the pleasure of seeing his two sons, John F. and Alexander, Jr., received into Stella Lodge in "due and ancient form." There could be no better evidence than this that he himself has walked uprightly before the world and taught by precept and example the principles of Masonry which were early implanted in his own breast. He has received by communication all the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, even to that of Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33d degree.

Bro. Pearson is a thorough American, having come to this country when a child; he is of Scotch-Irish parentage, and was born June 3, 1833. His education and training from childhood up was received in New York city. He learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a few years, and subsequently engaged in manufacturing. For upwards of twenty years past he has carried on the business of furniture and carpets in Brooklyn, two of his sons being associated with him. He has raised a family of nine children, all living. His wife was a Miss Sarah Mason, of Brooklyn, to whom he was married in 1861. He is held in high esteem by the Craft, and has always born the highest reputation for probity and honor among the people of his adopted home. He is a man of generous impulses and has contributed liberally to the support of the Fraternity.

THOMAS E. PEARSALL.

"Some men are born great, others achieve greatness."

To what extent the principals of Freemasonry have influenced the life and conduct of Bro. Pearsall can only be determined by his public record. That all his actions have been "squared by the square of virtue," and that throughout his public life he has preserved a spotless escutcheon, are facts familiar to all who have known him during the past twenty years. He was taught the use of the working tools of Speculative Masonry in Commonwealth Lodge No. 409, about 1868, and affiliated with Stella Lodge, April 4, 1882. Owing to his professional duties, which absorbed a large portion of his time, he was compelled to decline the repeated solicitations of his brethren to accept office; he has taken a lively interest in the objects of the Order, however, and contributed materially to its success. He is a member of Peconic Council, R. A., and has been its orator since it was organized in 1882. He is also a member of Stella Council, A. L. of H.

Bro. Pearsall is a native of Brooklyn. With educational

opportunities limited to the public school, he has, by his own indomitable will, pluck and energy, carved his way to the top-most round of the ladder in his profession. He studied law under Judge Garrison, of this city, for seven years; was admitted to the bar and hung out his own shingle in May, 1863. His subsequent successful career is due to his untiring energy, intense application and dogged perseverance. He never gives up a case until he has exhausted every resource. In his trial of causes he is cool and self-possessed, never indulging in any personalities, confining himself strictly to the merits of the case. He has been connected with many important criminal and civil cases in Brooklyn, notably, as assistant counsel for the plaintiff in the Tilton-Beecher case; he managed successfully the Peter O'Hara will case; was attorney for the defense in the Fanny Hyde and Anderson murder case, and other notable cases. He conducted successfully a number of cases against the Brooklyn Rail Road Companies in suits for damages, etc. His great ability displayed in the trials led to his employment as counsel for the railroad companies, and for eight years past he has been employed as counsel for the Brooklyn City R. R. Co., the DeKalb Ave. Co., and other railroad corporations. He has recently resigned from all these for the purpose of assuming the cause of right and justice on the part of the people against the corporations. In his trial of causes he has been opposed by the brightest array of legal talent in Kings County, but has always proved himself equal to the occasion, frequently to the discomfiture of his opponents. Notwithstanding the immense draft on his mental and physical resources, Bro. Pearsall is still in the vigor of manhood, having never been sick a day in his life. He still works from ten to twelve hours daily, his body being fully equal to the mental strain.

RULOFF R. BENNETT.

Simply assuming the obligations of a Master Mason made but a slight difference in the life of Bro. Bennett. The principles that govern the Order have long been a part of his faith and practice, and the golden rule: "Do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you," has been his guide from his youth up. He was received into Stella Lodge as a Master Mason, May 12, 1887, and was appointed Steward the same year. He is quite as active and zealous in the work as many of those who are his junior in years. His desire for further light in Masonry led him to continue his journey onward and upward. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Evening Star Chapter No. 225, and was Kightened in Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T. Bro. Bennett was born in Jamaica, L. I., March 17, 1837.

To his early farm life he is indebted for his strong, robust health and fine physique. His education and early training were received in his native village. He carried on the milk business in Brooklyn for a number of years, where he built up a large and successful trade. In 1874 he established a livery business in this city, which he has followed successfully for the past fourteen years. He is also the inventor and proprietor of Bennett's Electric Liniment, used extensively by turfmen and others. During his early years he was an active member of the Volunteer Fire Department, connected with Hose Company No. 10. He was married in 1859 to Miss Jane L. Hicks, a descendant of one of the oldest and most prominent families on Long Island. He has two sons, who are worthy examples of their honored sire.

DIVINE M. MUNGER.

Bro. Munger has been actively engaged in the work of charity and benevolence for more than twenty-five years past, and to him is due the credit of one of the most interesting features of Stella Lodge, viz., the Quartette Club. He was brought to Masonic light in Advance Lodge No. 635, at Astoria, L. I., receiving his degrees under special dispensation at the institution of the Lodge in 1868, thus becoming a charter member. He affiliated with Stella Lodge in 1873, and for some years was quite active and served on several important committees. Previous to this he had introduced important reforms in Atlantic Lodge No. 50, I. O. O. F., of which he is Past Grand. He organized the Atlantic Quartette Club and gave public concerts in aid of the yellow fever sufferers in the South. It was through his influence that the members of the Quartette Club subsequently joined Stella Lodge, and introduced this attractive feature. Bro. Munger is a bright and shining light in the Order of Odd Fellows. He has represented his Lodge in the Grand Lodge a number of times and was Secretary of the First Dist. of Kings County for two years. He was tendered the office of District Deputy Grand Master, but declined the honor.

For several years past he has been especially active in the Royal Arcanum, from which he has received distinguished honors; he is a prominent member of De Witt Clinton Council, the membership of which is 625, and is one of the leading Councils of the Order. He was taken from the floor and made its Vice-Regent. He is also a member of the De Witt Clinton Ready Relief Association; of Welcome Lodge, Order Golden Chain; of the Mutual Aid Association of Pennsylvania Railroad; of the Benevolent Association of the Lighthouse Depart-

ment of the Pennsylvania Railroad, the latter being organized by him for the benefit of the employees of his department ; and is also a member of the Lincoln, Arcanum, and Union League Clubs.

Bro. Munger was born in New York City, January 23, 1842. He left school at the age of thirteen and commenced to "paddle his own canoe." After filling several positions as a boy, he obtained a place with Beardsley & Billings in the lighterage business, where he soon won the confidence of his employers and became their confidential clerk, and when, subsequently, it was organized into a Stock Company, he became its general manager. He afterwards engaged in real estate and building operations in Brooklyn ; in 1877 he engaged in the commission business under the firm name of Francis M. Arming Co. He has also assisted others in starting in business, among whom was his own father. He is a man of strong and decided convictions, but not self-willed ; he is firm in his adherence to what he believes to be right and just ; frank, open-hearted, and generous to a fault.

HISTORY OF KINGS COUNTY LODGE NO. 511.

In the town of Flatbush, a suburb of Brooklyn, a few Masonic brethren who found it inconvenient, owing to the great distance, to attend their respective Lodges, concluded to erect a Lodge in their immediate vicinity, where they could meet together and enjoy those fraternal relations to which they had become accustomed.

Foremost in the enterprise was Bro. William Matthews, a member of Montauk Lodge No. 286. The Petition for a Dispensation was sent to the Grand Lodge February 20, 1861, recommended by Montauk Lodge. It was signed by the following brethren, viz.: William Matthews, Montauk Lodge No. 286; John V. N. Bergen, W. H. Hubbard, Jonathan Longmire, Atlantic Lodge, N. Y.; J. George Smith, Francis L. Dallon, Montauk Lodge No. 286; Henry Wall, Anglo-Saxon Lodge; James J. Foden, Lexington Lodge No. 310; Henry Brown, Jr., James Sutherland. The brethren named in the Petition for the first officers were, William Matthews as *Master*, Francis L. Dallon, *Senior Warden*, and John V. N. Bergen, *Junior Warden*.

The Minute-Book contains no account of any preliminary

meetings. The Dispensation was dated February 7, 1861, and the first meeting U. D. was held March 30, 1861, at Anglo-Saxon Lodge Room, corner Montague and Court streets, Brooklyn. The following officers were duly elected and appointed: William Matthews, *Master*; Francis L. Dallon, *Senior Warden*; J. V. N. Bergen, *Junior Warden*; Jonathan Longmire, *Treasurer*; Henry Brown, Jr., *Secretary*; Henry Wall, *Senior Deacon*; James Sutherland, *Junior Deacon*; James J. Foden, *Organist*; for Trustees, Worshipful William Matthews *ex-officio*, James J. Foden, J. George Smith. The By-Laws, which had been previously prepared, were adopted. A vote of thanks was tendered to Anglo-Saxon Lodge for the use of their Lodge Room. The first names proposed for initiation were, Abraham Lott, Frederick Titterton, and Edward Gastineau. A Relief Committee was appointed at the same Communication to care for worthy distressed brethren.

Some difficulty was experienced at first in securing a suitable Lodge room. The difficulty was finally overcome and a building was erected by an enterprising citizen of Flatbush, which has been occupied by the Lodge since the first year of its organization. The close of the first year's work was exceedingly gratifying to the brethren and gave promise of future usefulness.

Instead of celebrating, as in former times, St. John's Day, this Lodge has observed each recurring anniversary of its organization with appropriate ceremonies. The first of these consisted of two entertainments: one held at the house of Bro. Henry Wall, on Saturday evening, March 29, 1862, and the other at the Lodge Room, on Monday evening, March 31; both were well attended; the first by brethren of Kings County Lodge only, the second by a number of visiting brethren. The entertainment consisted of music and addresses, after which the Lodge retired from labor to refreshment.

It has been the policy of Kings County Lodge to "make haste slowly." The membership has increased, and great care has been exercised in the selection of material. Many of the leading citizens of Flatbush are proud to acknowledge their connection with this Lodge; among these may be counted prominent physicians, clergymen, merchants and others.

During the War of the Rebellion, while the brethren of this Lodge continued their labor of love, charity and benevolence at home, they were not unmindful of the thousands who were engaged in the deadly struggle for the preservation of the Union; and the sum of \$500 was subscribed to a fund, to encourage enlistments in the town. The Anniversary of Washington's Birthday was observed on February 22d, 1863, by the Lodge with appropriate ceremonies. At the second anniversary of the Lodge, held this year, a humorous lecture was given by Mr. De Cordova, which was followed by dancing, etc., the music being fur-

nished by Dodworth's Band. The entertainment wound up with a supper, which proved a very enjoyable affair.

The first death recorded on the minutes was that of Bro. Thomas Turner, chief physician of Kings County Hospital, one highly esteemed in the community, as well as by his brethren. Bro. Turner was visited in his sickness by a Committee of the Lodge, at his home near Philadelphia, and another Committee attended his funeral; he was buried at Chester, Pa. Neither distance nor expense were allowed to interfere with the practical working of the tenets of the Order. At a Communication held March 29, 1865, resolutions were adopted expressive of the sentiments of the brethren, and Wor. Bro. Bartlett, M. D., was requested to prepare a memorial of the deceased brother, which was subsequently read before the Lodge.

The announcement of President Lincoln's death was made April 19, 1865, and resolutions expressive of the deep sorrow of this Lodge were adopted.

The second death in the Lodge was announced at a Communication held May 3, 1865, being that of Bro. J. George Smith, a charter member, who died and was buried in a foreign land.

On January 22, 1866, Worshipful Bro. Lott, in recognition of his distinguished services, was presented with a beautifully engraved set of resolutions, suitably framed, by the hands of Bro. Bartlett. It was acknowledged by Bro. Lott in a few well chosen words.

On the evening of January 30, 1867, Bro. H. L. Bartlett delivered a lecture before the Lodge on the "Origin and History of Masonry." It was highly instructive and entertaining, and listened to by an appreciative audience.

An extraordinary Communication of the Lodge was held March 30, 1868, to celebrate the seventh anniversary. A large number of distinguished visitors were present and an interesting address was delivered by R. W. Bro. John H. Anthon, of the Grand Lodge. As usual, the brethren retired from labor to refreshment, which was enjoyed in "due and ancient form."

At the eighth anniversary of the Lodge, held March 31, 1869, the entertainment consisted of vocal and instrumental music with an address by R. W. Bro. John H. Anthon.

On May 5th, 1869, a committee was appointed to raise funds, devise plans, and erect a building to meet the social and Masonic wants of this town; said building to contain Lodge rooms, lecture or music hall, library, reading-room, etc. This effort failed and the town as well as the Fraternity are still in want of such a building.

Kings County Lodge has not only provided liberally for its own deserving members, but has on several occasions assisted the brethren of other Lodges. On Dec. 22, 1869 a large amount

was raised among the brethren to assist Bro. A. Ebbs, of Montauk Lodge. This Brother presented Kings County Lodge with its Great Light, which to this day remains on its altar, as a fitting memorial of the donor. Bro. Ebbs was attacked with softening of the brain—a fatal illness—and he was advised by his friends to visit Ireland, the place of his birth; to this he gladly assented. He sailed, in company with his wife and one of his two children, on the ill-fated steamship City of Boston, which foundered at sea, carrying with her her precious cargo of human freight; not a soul was saved.

The annual reports at the close of 1869 showed a healthy, strong and prosperous condition of the Lodge, the balance in the treasury amounting to \$234.71.

At a regular communication held March 16, 1870, a resolution was adopted recommending that exercises similar to those of the previous year be held, and a committee appointed to carry out the arrangements for the celebration of the ninth anniversary. This was accordingly done, and at a subsequent Communication on April 6, the Master appointed a committee to present the thanks of the Lodge to R. W. John H. Anthon, Bros. John Oakey, Schlatter, Wilbur and others.

On March 26, 1878, a communication was received from the widow of M. W. John H. Anthon, offering the loan of several sets of handsomely framed Resolutions, which were presented to him during his lifetime, to be hung up in Kings County Lodge rooms; one of these was accepted and now hangs in the Lodge room.

Suitable action was taken and resolutions adopted on November 22, 1881, expressive of the sentiments of this Lodge in regard to the death of President Garfield, a worthy member of our Fraternity.

At a communication held May 13, 1885, resolutions of condolence were adopted relative to the death of W. Bro. Adrain Vanderveer, and on October 12, 1887, a similar action was taken relating to the death of W. Bro. Bartlett's son, the Lodge expressing the deepest sympathy with him in his great bereavement.

A visit was received, on Nov. 24, 1886, from R. W. Theo. A. Taylor, District Deputy Grand Master, accompanied by a delegation from Commonwealth Lodge. Bro. Taylor made an earnest appeal to this Lodge to meet her *pro rata* of the Hall and Asylum Fund debt. This was promptly responded to, and a committee appointed to carry out this object; and on the 31st of January, 1887, the sum of \$354 was paid to the Grand Lodge, being the full per capita tax of this Lodge, releasing it from all further obligations in the matter.

The Lodge has increased in numbers and influence since the date of its organization; at one period, however, it became

somewhat financially embarrassed, but through the earnest efforts of Bros. Bartlett and Matthews, with the hearty co-operation of the brethren, a series of entertainments were held, and other means adopted, which resulted in raising a sufficient amount to liquidate the entire indebtedness. The growth of the Lodge has been slow and steady; the increase in membership being about equal to the loss by death and the numbers stricken from the roll, or dimitting. The report to the Grand Lodge for the year ending 1887 showed a total membership in good standing of 58. The average attendance far exceeds that of many larger and older Lodges. The fraternal relations between this and sister Lodges have been kept up for many years by an interchange of visits, and the brethren of Kings County Lodge have ever been generous in their hospitality in entertaining their friends. Bro. Matthews, to whose efforts the erection of this Lodge is mainly due, still remains firm and true in his allegiance, and faithful in his efforts to promote its interests.

In recognition of Wor. Bro. Matthews services to Kings County Lodge, he having been four times elected Master; the brethren presented him with a series of resolutions, beautifully engrossed and framed; also on the eve of a trip to Europe, with a rich and handsome symbolic jewel. Worshipful Brothers Bartlett, Keese, Rev. G. L. Wells, and others, although they have long since laid aside the gavel, remain true and firm friends of the Lodge, frequently encouraging others by their presence, assisting in the work, and instructing the candidates in the knowledge of Symbolic Masonry. During its twenty-seven years existence, the Lodge has had ten Masters, all of whom are living but two, and six of the number were raised in this Lodge.

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF KINGS COUNTY LODGE, FROM
1861, U. D., TO 1888, INCLUSIVE

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—William Matthews, 1861-2; Francis L. Dallon, 1863; Henry Wall, 1864; William Matthews, 1865; Abraham Lott, 1866-7; Adrian Vandever, 1868; Homer L. Bartlett, 1869; William Matthews, 1870; Abraham Lott, 1871; Adrian Vandever, 1872; Henry G. Marshall, 1873; William Matthews, 1874; Cornelius L. Wells, 1875; Homer L. Bartlett, 1876-7; Wm. P. De Forest, 1878-9; Wm. Linn Keese, 1880-81; William Matthews, 1882; Henry J. Johnson, 1883-4; Wm. Linn Keese, 1885-6; John McElvery, 1887-8.

SENIOR WARDEN.—Francis L. Dallon, 1861-2; Henry Wall, 1863; Robert Goodenough, 1864; Abraham Lott, 1865; Adrian Vandever, 1866; Cornelius L. Wells, 1867-8-9; Henry G. Mar-

shall, 1870-71; Jacob V. B. Martense, 1872; Everett Howland, 1873; Adrian Vandever, 1874; William L. Schoonmaker, 1875; Adrian Vandever, 1876; Wm. P. De Forest, 1877; Wm. Linn Keese, 1878-9; Henry Johnson, 1880-81-2; James K. Hamblin, 1883; John Kerswell, 1884; Adrian Vandever, 1885; Chas. E. Scriven, 1886; Samuel L. Dingle, 1887; Chas. B. Jennings, 1888.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—John V. N. Bergen, 1861-2; John Oakey, 1863; J. V. B. Martense, 1864; Theodore B. Lott, 1865; Homer L. Bartlett, 1866; Wm. L. Schoonmaker, 1867; Henry Graham, 1868; Joseph M. Pray, 1869; Christopher Prince, 1870; Wm. L. Schoonmaker, 1871; James H. Lyles, 1872-3; William L. Schoonmaker, 1874; J. V. B. Martense, 1875; Robert G. Strong, 1876; Rev. V. Morris Terry, 1877; John G. A. Garrison, 1878-9; John Kerswell, 1880-81-2; William L. Schoonmaker, 1883; James Lefferts, 1884; Chas. E. Scriven, 1885; Richard C. Morse, 1886; Stephen E. Reynolds, 1887; John C. Rutherford, 1888.

TREASURER.—Jonathan Longmire, 1861 to 1866, inclusive; William Brown, 1867-8; Abraham Lott, 1869-70; William Matthews, 1871; Abraham Lott, 1872 to 1879, inclusive; Homer C. Bartlett, 1880-1-2; J. Lott Vanderbilt, 1883 to 1888, inclusive.

SECRETARY.—Henry Brown, Jr., 1861; Abraham Lott, 1862-3-4; Robert Goodenough, Jr., 1865; Rev. Cornelius L. Wells, 1866; Henry G. Marshall, 1867-8; William Matthews, 1869; O. G. Carter, 1870; Robert G. Strong, 1871-2; John Z. Lott, 1873 to 1876, inclusive; Henry G. Marshall, 1877-8-9; Henry G. Egleston, 1880; William B. Green, 1881; Wm. H. Duncan, 1882; William Linn Keese, 1883-4; John McElvery, 1885-6; Chas. L. Zellinsky, 1887-8.

WOR. WILLIAM MATTHEWS,

FOUNDER AND FIRST MASTER OF KINGS COUNTY LODGE.

As the founder of Kings County Lodge, Bro. Matthews accomplished a work that will remain as a monument to his memory long after he has passed away. Those of the present generation hold his memory dear and cherish for him a strong affection, as one who not only fitted together the "living stones," but has continued through all the years of his connection with the Lodge to spread the cement of brotherly love, and preserve the same peace and harmony that characterized its formation. The gratitude and love of the brethren for him and the appreciation of his self-sacrificing efforts are evidenced by

his repeated re-election to office. Bro. Matthews has devoted nearly twenty-five years of his life to the cause of Masonry. He entered its portals through Montauk Lodge No. 286, January 10, 1854, and was raised February 7th following. He was elected Junior Warden in 1855. He removed to Flatbush soon after, and, finding no Masonic Lodge in the country town, he, together with a few resident brethren, organized Kings County Lodge, and became its first Master, U. D., in 1861, continuing until the close of the following year. He was again called to the East in 1865; again in 1870, the last year of his administration as Master being in 1874. Greatly beloved and honored by his brethren, faithful to every trust, and true to his convictions of duty, he laid aside the gavel at the close of 1874, after fourteen years of self-sacrificing efforts in this noble work. On retiring from the work he was presented by the Lodge with a beautifully engrossed set of Resolutions, expressive of their gratitude and esteem, and their just appreciation of his efforts in the cause of charity and benevolence. These were enclosed in an elegant frame. The gift will prove a rich legacy to his children, as an evidence of the noble work to which he devoted the best years of his life.

Bro. Matthews owes his success in life entirely to his own exertions. He was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, March 29, 1822. His father died when he was but nine months old, and at seven years of age he was taken to London, where he was educated and was subsequently apprenticed to the book binding business. In December, 1843, he came to New York, having just reached his majority. He commenced business for himself in 1846; he was gradually successful, and by industry and perseverance has acquired a competence. At the Crystal Palace Exhibition in New York in 1853, he received a silver medal, the highest award given, in competition with French and English Exhibitors. In 1854, the excellence of his work led to his connection with the eminent publishing firm of D. Appleton & Co., as their book-binder and General Superintendent of their factory. The character and excellency of his work has given him a world wide reputation, which is associated with the firm he represents.

WOR. ABRAHAM LOTT,

PAST MASTER OF KINGS COUNTY LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Lott has been identified with Kings County Lodge almost from the date of its organization, having been raised August 17, 1861. He has received many distinguished honors at the hands of his brethren in recognition of his labor of love on behalf of the Lodge, and though prevented by his

public duties for some years past from attending the Regular Communications, he has never lost his interest in the work. He was Senior Warden in 1865, Master in 1866-7 and again in 1871. [Repeated efforts were made by the writer to see Bro. Lott, both at his residence and place of business; only one interview was obtained, and then the brother declined to give any information.]

WOR. H. L. BARTLETT, M. D.,

PAST MASTER OF KINGS COUNTY LODGE.

If the institution of Masonry was dependent on the mere ritualistic teachings of the Order it would soon die of dry rot, but fortunately, out of the thousands that annually enter its sacred precincts, there is found occasionally one who is sufficiently impressed with the beauty of its symbolic teachings to penetrate beneath the surface, explore its hidden mysteries and bring forth "things new and old" for the benefit of the Craft. Bro. Bartlett, soon after his entrance into this Lodge, in 1864, became convinced that there was something more to be learned than was taught in the Masonic ritual. He provided himself with an extensive Masonic library from which, and other sources, he stored his mind with the rich treasures of Masonic lore, which he not only used to great advantage in his own Lodge in imparting a more thorough knowledge of symbolic Masonry to the Brethren, but he prepared a series of lectures on this subject which he delivered at different periods before the Lodges of Brooklyn, New York and other places, with great profit to the Craft and honor to himself.

Bro. Bartlett was called to the South a few months after his entrance into the Lodge; he was first elected Master in 1869; while he served but a single term, he continued his labors with the brethren, assisting in the work, instructing the candidates, devoting his time and energies to the advancement of the Lodge. Some few years after his first administration the Lodge became financially embarrassed, and in 1876 he was again called to the East. He provided a series of entertainments and adopted other means to liquidate the indebtedness of the Lodge, while he contributed liberally from his own means. He was re-elected in 1877, and at the close of this, his third administration, the Lodge had been relieved from its indebtedness, new and vigorous material was added to its membership, the work greatly improved and the Lodge started on a new and more prosperous career. Since his retirement from office, Bro. Bartlett has continued his interest in the Lodge, and is frequently called upon to work the degrees, more especially that of the Middle Chamber and the lecture in the Third Degree. At the

annual communication in December, 1888, he was again elected Master, to serve for 1889.

The professional career of Dr. Bartlett covers a period of over thirty years, all of which is identified with Kings County. He was born in Chittenden County, Vermont, Oct. 17, 1830: His education was obtained at Bakerfield Academic Institute, at Bakerfield, Vt. He afterwards came to New York and studied for some years with the eminent physician, Dr. Willard Parker. He afterwards entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of New York, from which he was graduated in 1855. He then entered Kings County Hospital, where he spent nearly two years as assistant physician. During the great yellow fever epidemic in the summer and fall of 1856, the little town of New Utrecht was nearly depopulated; two physicians had already fallen victims to the disease. Bro. Bartlett, with commendable zeal and courage and at the imminent risk of his own life, took up his quarters in the infected town and was ceaseless in his efforts to alleviate the sufferings of the afflicted and stay the hand of death. He escaped the dread disease himself, and had the satisfaction of seeing many of his patients restored to health. His courage and zeal were subsequently rewarded by the large practice he acquired in that town, as well as in the town of Flatbush, to which place he removed soon after. For many years he has enjoyed a large and lucrative practice, and no man in the town has a stronger hold on the hearts of the people. He has grown up with the town and has been identified with all the public improvements that have been made. He served for a time as School Commissioner. He started the Gas Works, the Health Board, the Police Department, and has been prominent in almost every public movement for the advancement of the town. In his professional life he enjoys more than a local reputation. He is identified with the several medical societies and associations in Kings County. He has been for more than thirty years connected with Kings County Hospital, first as Assistant and later as Consulting Physician. He is also physician to the Kings County Penitentiary, the Kings County Medical Society (of which he was Vice-President), Mutual Aid Association, American Medical Association, The Association for the Advancement of Knowledge, and the State Charity Aid Association. He is well known in the literary world, having been for many years a contributor to the dailies and periodicals. He has written a number of historical sketches of Flatbush, which are exceedingly interesting and attractive. His descriptions of places are admirable, his style is forcible, yet graceful and elegant.

In person Bro. Bartlett is large, well formed and of fine physique; he is well preserved, and there are few indications in his personal appearance of advancing years. Generous,

warm-hearted and sympathetic in his nature, but modest and retiring in his disposition. His latter days have been clouded by the loss of his children, but he has surrounded himself with everything to make home life pleasant and attractive.

WOR. WILLIAM LINN KEESE,

PAST MASTER OF KINGS COUNTY LODGE.

Kings County Lodge has been fortunate in its selection of presiding officers, and among those who have served with great honor and distinction is Bro. Keese, the subject of this sketch. Courtly in his bearing, dignified, yet pleasing in his manner, he won the esteem of his brethren, which was expressed in the following resolution adopted at a Regular Communication held December 27, 1881:

“Resolved, That the sincere thanks of Kings County Lodge be, and hereby are, given to Wor. Bro. Wm. Linn Keese for the graceful and efficient manner with which he has filled the responsible position of Worshipful Master of this Lodge for the past two years, and that he carries with him into his retirement our most fraternal love and esteem, with the wish that he may long continue an honored brother among us.”

Gifted as an elocutionist, he was forcible and earnest in his delivery, and never failed to impress the candidate with the beauty and grandeur of the principles taught in Symbolic Masonry. He was initiated in this Lodge, February 9, 1876, passed March 8th and raised March 29th. He was soon after appointed Senior Deacon; elected Senior Warden in 1878-9, and Worshipful Master in 1880-81; Secretary in 1883-4; Master again in 1885-6. In which last year he was honored with the gift of a Past Master's Jewel by his brethren of this Lodge; and has since served as Trustee.

Bro. Keese is descendant on his paternal side from a distinguished officer of the American Revolution, and a member of General Washington's staff. His maternal great-grandfather was the Rev. William Linn, an eminent divine of the last century, who had the honor of being chosen to deliver the oration on the death of Washington before the Society of the Cincinnati. Bro. Keese is a member of the Society of Cincinnati in right of hereditary descent. His grandfather, William Keese, was a lawyer of reputation, and his father, John Keese, was the famous book auctioneer, wit and literateur.

Bro. Keese was born in New York City, February 25, 1835; was educated at private schools, and entered upon a mercantile career as clerk in the hardware store of Willets & Co., New York. His connection with this house lasted for over thirty

years. His literary tastes have found expression in sundry compositions, and he has also appeared before the public as a lecturer. Among his published works are a biography of his father, and a life of Burton, the comedian. He is a member of the Authors' Club, of New York; also a member of the Dunlap Society. He married, in 1864, Miss Helen K., daughter of Henry M. Thorne, Esq., of Long Island. His home is in Flatbush, where he has resided for the last seventeen years.

WOR. JOHN McELVERY,

PAST MASTER OF CAMBRIDGE LODGE NO. 662, WORSHIPFUL
MASTER OF KINGS COUNTY LODGE.

Bro. McElvery has devoted the best years of his life to the Craft. Self-sacrificing, earnest and faithful in the discharge of every duty, he counts all things as loss that he may serve his brethren and minister to the wants of the needy and suffering. He received his first instructions in the mysteries of the Craft, and was taught the use of the working tools of Speculative Masonry in Cambridge Lodge 662; initiated April 21, passed Sept. 7, raised Oct. 5, 1871. He was a constant attendant at all Regular Communications of the Lodge until he became a skillful Craftsman, and was elected Junior Warden; served one term as Senior Deacon, and in 1874-5 was elected Master. His brethren were so well pleased with his administration of affairs that they re-elected him the following year. His second term was equally satisfactory, and he continued his labors in the Lodge until —, when circumstances compelled him to sever his connection with Cambridge Lodge, and in January, 1876, he affiliated with Kings County Lodge. He brought with him to this Lodge a ripe experience and evinced a readiness to assist the brethren in their labors. They showed their appreciation by electing him Secretary in 1885-6, and Worshipful Master in 1887. He was re-elected the following year, and is now serving his second term. Although a member of Atlantic Lodge No. 50, I. O. O. F., he finds but little time to attend to other duties than those connected with Masonry.

Bro. McElvery is a native of the North of Ireland, born February 21, 1838, but, while he possesses some of the hereditary characteristics of his race, he is as much of an American as though to the manor born. He was but eleven years of age when he landed with his parents in Brooklyn. He was educated at Public Schools Nos. 6 and 13, and subsequently learned the carpenter's trade. He was for nineteen years in the service of one building firm. He became a resident of Flatbush in 1870, and in this town he hung out his shingle as a Master

Builder, in 1879. He had become so well known in this locality that his patrons increased rapidly, and for some years past he has done a prosperous business. He took to himself a helpmeet, in 1865, in the person of Miss Caroline Rowlee, of Brooklyn. They have pursued life's journey together for nearly a quarter of a century, being blessed with a family of five children. He is a devoted husband, a kind father and is highly respected and honored in the community. He was for ten years a member of the Volunteer Fire Department, the last three years as foreman, and rendered efficient service with the "fire laddies."

JOHN C. RUTHERFORD, JUNIOR WARDEN.

The earliest patrons of our Order on Long Island belonged to the farming population, and were by no means behind their brethren of other professions in point of intelligence and culture. They laid the foundation and erected the first Masonic Lodge on the Island. Bro. Rutherford is a descendant and a worthy representative of this class of citizens. His elevation to his present position is due to merit alone. He knocked at the door of Kings County Lodge in the fall of 1885, and on Dec. 9th was raised to the degree of Master Mason. By diligent application he soon acquired a knowledge of the ritual and of the teachings of Symbolic Masonry. He served as Senior Master of Ceremonies in 1886; as Junior Deacon in 1887, and at the annual election of that year was elected Junior Warden. In each and every position he has discharged the duties to the satisfaction of the Master and to the profit of the Lodge.

Bro. Rutherford was born in the town of Flatbush, March 7, 1860. He was sent to Public School No. 10, of Brooklyn, where he acquired a good education. He was raised on a farm and has continued to follow that occupation from his childhood up. He is interested, however, in all matters that pertain to the growth and development of the town, and has faithfully performed his duties as a citizen. He is a member of Woodbine Hose Company No. 4, composed of the able-bodied, intelligent young men of the town. He enjoys an unblemished reputation as a citizen and is honored as a worthy Craftsman.

J. LOTT VANDERBILT,

TREASURER OF KINGS COUNTY LODGE.

Bro. Vanderbilt was born in Flatbush, December 25, 1822. His early life was spent on the farm. He has filled the position of Assessor, Police Commissioner and School Trustee of Flatbush.

He was made a Mason in this Lodge April 22, 1874, and elected Treasurer in 1882, and has continued to hold the office ever since.

CHARLES L. ZELLINSKY, SECRETARY.

He was brought to light in Commonwealth Lodge No. 409, in July, 1869. He withdrew with several others in 1875, to assist in organizing Covenant Lodge No. 758. He became its Junior Warden in 1883. He affiliated with Kings County Lodge, and in 1887 was elected Secretary, and re-elected for the present year.

Bro. Zellinsky was born January 16, 1842. He enlisted in the service of his country in August, 1862, as a member of Company A, 20th N. Y. Vols. He participated in the battles of South Mountain, Antietam, both battles of Fredericksburg, and the storming of Salem Heights. He was severely wounded at the latter engagement.

At the close of the war he took up animal painting, and devoted his energies to that specialty. He has painted a number of the well known race horses of this country, among which are "The Bard," Hanover, Tremont, Proctor Knott and others. His patronage comes from the best breeders and raisers of blooded horses in this country.

CHARLES W. HUNT, ORGANIST.

For seven years past Bro. Hunt has contributed to the pleasure and entertainment of this Lodge, as its organist. His position is one of the most important and essential in the Lodge, and, unless prevented by circumstances beyond his control, he is always found at his post, ready and willing on every occasion to serve the brethren and contribute to their enjoyment. He was made a Mason in this Lodge in December, 1881, and was soon after appointed organist. As he is a native of Flatbush, and well known to all the brethren, his services are the more appreciated. He was born July 11, 1859. He was educated in Brooklyn at the public school and at Erasmus Hall. He evinced early in life a taste for music, which he was enabled to gratify by a course of instruction in vocal and instrumental music. He excelled in the latter, and his services were soon called into requisition. He is at present organist in the Reform Church Mission, and in the Sabbath School of the First Reformed Dutch Church. He served as organist in the Methodist Church, of Flatbush, for thirteen years. He fills the same position in Medwood Council, National Provident Union. His musical attainments have been utilized more for

pleasure than profit, as he has followed for many years the occupation of bookbinder, and for thirteen years past has been connected with the manufacturing department of Appleton & Co.'s publishing house.

JOHN KERSWILL, CHAPLAIN.

But for his unfortunate infirmity, deafness, Bro. Kerswill would long ere this have been Master of Kings County Lodge. The ability with which he has discharged the duties of other important positions which he has filled, are evidences of his qualifications and fitness for the office. He was raised in the Lodge May 24, 1876, by Wor. Bro. Bartlett. He served one year as M. of C. He filled the office of Junior Deacon with great credit; was elected Junior Warden in 1880-81-82, and Senior Warden in 1884; served as Chaplain in 1887-8. He has been almost continuously in office since his entrance into the Lodge, and is always ready and willing to do any work assigned him. He is a member of Fulton Council No. 499, Royal Arcanum, and was for three years its Chaplain. He is also a member of Amaranth Council, Knights of Honor.

Bro. Kerswill was born in England, Sept. 28, 1838. He was but 20 months of age when he came to this country with his parents. He received a good public school education and afterwards learned the trade of tinsmith. For the past twenty-five years he has been connected with the house of Collins & Co., axe manufacturers, of New York. No better evidence of his integrity and ability is wanting than the fact of his long connection with this house.

SAMUEL K. DINGLE.

When Bro. Dingle withdrew from active service in Kings County Lodge in consequence of business engagements, it was a loss to the brethren. His willingness to serve, his ability as an officer, and his skill as a Craftsman, were appreciated by his brethren, who would gladly have conferred on him further honors. He was received into this Lodge in due and ancient form, in the spring of 1883. He served as Senior Deacon in 1884-5-6. He excelled in the Middle Chamber work, and never failed to impress the candidate with the beautiful lessons taught in this degree. He was elected Senior Warden in 1887, and was compelled to decline further honors for the reasons mentioned.

Bro. Dingle is a native of New York City, born Dec. 15, 1850. He enjoyed no other educational advantages than those afforded by the public school. His first business experience was with the publishing house of Sheldon & Co.; he had a special leaning, however, towards telegraphy, and entered the employ of the Western Union Company, where he remained for nine years. He next became connected with the American Rapid Telegraph Company as assistant chief operator, and was promoted to the position of Circuit Manager. He left the employ of this Company to accept a position with the Electro-Graphic Company as Assistant Electrician. He subsequently accepted a position with the Postal Telegraph Company as Assistant Electrician and Acting Manager. He afterwards spent some time on experimental work, and in 1884 he returned to the Western Union as expert in the Wheatstone Automatic Dept. From there, in 1885, he went with Edison and assisted in the latter's experiments with the induction train telegraph. His experiments were uniformly successful, and he acquired a fund of information that proved of great value to him. In 1886 he was offered a position with the Railway Telegraph and Telephone Company, and is now Assistant Superintendent of the Consolidated Railway Company. A young man of great energy and force of character, ambitious, persevering, thorough and careful in his work, he has a bright future before him.

CHARLES B. JENNINGS, SENIOR WARDEN.

Bro. Jennings was made a Master Mason in this Lodge in 1886, and in the fall of 1887 was elected Senior Warden for the ensuing year. He was born in New York City, Aug. 25, 1854; was educated in public school and afterwards entered the Junior Class of the College of the City of New York. He read law with Charles Crary, Esq., of New York City, and was admitted to practice in 1877.

HISTORY OF NASSAU LODGE NO. 536.

This Lodge was organized in 1863, to meet the wants of a number of brethren residing in that part of Brooklyn South of DeGraw Street, which was then being rapidly built up. Bro. J. B. Harris, who was then and has since been, one of the leading spirits in the Brooklyn fraternity, was invited to assist in

the work of organizing a new Lodge. The first meeting was held at the house of Bro. E. S. Voorhees, on February 25, 1863. The petition was drawn up, and recommended by Joppa Lodge No. 201. A Dispensation was granted on February 26th by Most Wor. John J. Crane, G. M., and the first regular Communication, U. D., was held on March 3, 1863, at the Lodge room, corner of Union and Court streets. The first officers were Wor. J. B. Harris (P. M. of Joppa Lodge), Master; H. V. Porter, Senior Warden; F. P. Bunker, Junior Warden; E. S. Voorhees, Treasurer; W. J. Tuttle, Secretary. W. H. Erkenbach was appointed Senior Deacon, and J. A. Shephard Junior Deacon. The first candidate proposed and initiated was Joseph J. Blacklin, one of the owners of the building where the Lodge was held. The charter was granted June 16, 1863, and on June 28, following, the officers were regularly installed. At the first meeting held, seven brethren (among whom was Wor. Bro. Harris) subscribed \$50 each for the purchase of fixtures, etc. Through the efforts of Wor. Bro. Harris the Lodge continued to flourish for some years, and is still in a fairly prosperous condition. On May 15, 1876, the brethren presented to the Lodge a portrait of Wor. Bro. Harris. The presentation was made by Rt. Wor. H. G. Knapp, Dist. Deputy G. M., who referred in eloquent terms to the distinguished services of Bro. Harris, not only in connection with his own Lodge, but to the Fraternity of this District.

The Lodge has participated in most of the public ceremonies held since its organization, notably the dedication of the Masonic Temple. The Lodge co-operated with her sister Lodges in their efforts to reduce the debt of the Hall and Asylum Fund, and met promptly its per capita tax. The Grand Lodge Reports for June, 1888, show the total membership to be 127.

This is the Keystone Lodge of the District. There are 15 older and 15 younger Lodges; there are 13 Lodges with a greater membership, and 17 with a smaller. The largest membership was in 1874-5, which was 201, and the smallest 127, as shown by the annual report for 1887.

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF NASSAU LODGE, FROM 1863 TO 1888, INCLUSIVE.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—J. B. Harris, 1863-4-5; H. V. Porter, 1866-7; H. S. Christian, 1868-9; Samuel Raynor, 1870-71; Geo. W. James, 1872-3; J. B. Harris, 1874; William Draper, 1875; C. D. Andrews, 1876; Henry M. Fletcher, 1877; John H. Norwood, 1878-9; Thomas C. Irwin, 1880; Henry M. Fletcher, 1881; James E. Provoost, 1882-3; H. T. Nicholson, 1884; Wm. Kenworthy, 1885; Wm. Shroeder, 1886; John B. Ransom, 1887-8.

SENIOR WARDEN.—H. V. Porter, 1863-4-5; H. S. Christian, 1866; F. P. Bunker, 1867; Geo. W. James, 1868; Samuel Raynor, 1869; William F. Jones, 1870; G. W. James, 1871; William Draper, 1872-3; C. D. Andrews, 1874; J. W. Norwood, 1875; H. M. Fletcher, 1876; J. W. Eames, 1877; Thomas C. Irwin, 1878-9; Wm. Kenworthy, 1880; James E. Provoost, 1881; H. T. Nicholson, 1882-3; Wm. Kenworthy, 1884; Wm. Schroeder, 1885; J. B. Remsen, 1886; W. E. Clarkson, 1887; William Walker, 1888.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—F. P. Bunker, 1863-4-5; D. S. Voorhees, 1866; G. W. James, 1867; M. S. Stockton, 1868; Wm. F. Jones, 1869; M. B. Boardman, 1870; B. F. Green, 1871; Geo. L. Mosher, 1872-3; J. W. Eames, 1874; W. H. Harris, 1875; Geo. Lever, 1876; James Divische, 1877; Wm. Houston, 1878; Chas. A. Pettee, 1879; Wm. Walker, 1880-81; J. D. Wiggin, 1882-3; Geo. W. Collins, 1884; J. W. Boughton, 1885; F. Heidt, 1886; D. Jarvis, Jr., 1887; Robert Dickey, 1888.

TREASURER.—D. L. Voorhees, 1863-4-5; Thomas Emerson, 1866 to 1873, inclusive; T. C. Moore, 1874-5; G. W. James, 1876-7; Morgan Gray, 1878; Chas. H. Hanold, 1879-80-81; Daniel Lamberson, 1882 to 1888, inclusive.

SECRETARY.—W. J. Tuttle, 1863-4; E. E. Cornell, 1865; Joseph Stark, Jr., 1866-7; W. F. Jones, 1868; M. J. Somers, 1869; C. D. Andrews, 1870 to 1873, inclusive; James Gage, Jr., 1874; Thomas H. Hendrickson, 1875 to 1878, inclusive.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

During three visits made by the writer to this Lodge, he was unable to meet any of the Past Masters except Wor. Bro. Harris. Sketches of other officers that were prepared and sent to them for approval, were not returned.

WOR. JOHN B. HARRIS,

CHARTER MEMBER AND PAST MASTER OF NASSAU LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Harris is the father of Nassau Lodge; he has watched over and cared for it with paternal solicitude from the date of its inception up to the present time. He made out the application and secured the dispensation within two days. He has grown gray in the service, and is at present one of the oldest members of the Fraternity in the Third Masonic District. He was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge No. 844, English

Register, Province of Newfoundland, in 1849. He affiliated with Joppa Lodge No. 201, of Brooklyn, in 1855, passed through the several chairs and was its Master one year. He dimitted from that to organize Nassau Lodge, and became its first Master, continuing through 1863-4-5, and was again elected in 1874. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Brooklyn Chapter No. 148, serving four years consecutively as High Priest, and subsequently elected five additional terms, making nine altogether. He received his degrees in the Cryptic Rite in Brooklyn Council No. 4, R. & S. M., and was four years its Master, and now, after an intermission of a quarter of a century, is again in that position. He was dubbed and created a Sir Knight in Morton Commandery No. 4, K. T., of New York. He withdrew to assist in the organization of Friendship (now DeWitt Clinton) Commandery No. 27, and on the removal of this Commandery to Brooklyn, E. D., he affiliated with Clinton Commandery No. 14, and served as Commander for four years. He is now a Life Member of that Commandery.

In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite he is Senior Grand Inspector General of the 33d degree, and is an emeritus member of the Supreme Council of the U. S. of Am., their T. & D. Bro. Harris has probably filled more positions in the Fraternity than any man in Brooklyn. Although he has spent nearly forty years in the service, and his head is whitened with the snows of many winters, he is still an active, energetic and devoted worker in the cause.

Bro. Harris was born in Newfoundland, Nov. 28, 1817, where he was for several years engaged in mercantile affairs. He came to the States in 1852, since which time he has carried on business in New York. He has been a resident of Brooklyn for the past thirty-six years.

At the Annual Communication held in December, 1888, Wor. Bro. Harris was again elected Master of Nassau Lodge.

WOR. JOHN B. REMSEN, MASTER OF NASSAU LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Remsen was entered, passed and raised in this Lodge in 1884. He served one year as Senior Deacon; was Senior Warden in 1886, and Master in 1887-8. During his administration he has brought in a number of prominent men who have proved a valuable acquisition to the Lodge. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Brooklyn Chapter, and served one term as Captain of Host. He is Past Grand of Arbor Vitæ Lodge No. 384, I. O. O. F., and Past Dictator of Onward Lodge No. 1443, Knights of Honor.

Bro. Remsen is a native of New York city, born May 20, 1841. At the breaking out of the war in 1861, he enlisted in

D Company, 11th N. Y. Vols., for three years or the war; was wounded at the first battle of Bull Run, and honorably discharged. He re-enlisted in I Company, N. Y. Heavy Artillery, and was attached, with his battery, to one of the government gunboats. He was in several engagements on the James River, Va., also at Wilmington, N. C.; he was honorably discharged in 1865, and soon after returned to his former occupation as engineer.

WILLIAM WALKER, SENIOR WARDEN.

Bro. Walker's record is not an eventful one, though not lacking in interest. While he has not been as conspicuous as some others, he has been a faithful, industrious and hard working brother, and has done what he could to build up the Lodge and increase its membership. As a Brother Mason he has been true to his obligations, and both by precept and example he has shown himself a "living epistle," known and read of all men. Conscientious in the discharge of his duties, regular in his attendance, and zealous in the work, he has earned the esteem and confidence of his brethren, who have manifested it by calling him both to the South and West. He was entered, passed and raised in this Lodge in February, receiving his Third Degree March 8, 1877; he was elected Junior Warden in 1880-81, and at the last Annual Communication was elected Senior Warden, to serve for the ensuing year. He also served as Trustee of the Lodge. His deeds of benevolence and charity are not confined to masonry. He is Past Grand of Union Lodge No. 169, I. O. O. F., where he is equally esteemed for his many estimable qualities. He is at present a Trustee of this Lodge.

Bro. Walker for many years followed the occupation of mechanical engineer, which he learned in his native shire in England, where he was born, June 4, 1846. On reaching his majority, in 1867, he concluded to try his fortunes in America. He continued in the same occupation for a time, but for the past six years has carried on business in Brooklyn as a locksmith, in which he has met with deserved success. He has many friends in Nassau Lodge and in other organizations with which he is connected.

HISTORY OF GREENWOOD LODGE NO. 569.

Among the builders in Speculative Masonry who assisted in the erection of Greenwood Lodge, were a number of practical operative builders, who took a long time to prepare and deliberate on the plans and specifications for the work. They selected a location, which at the time was sparsely settled, but which as shown by subsequent events, evinced great wisdom and foresight. The first meeting or informal gathering was held at the house of Bro. George Shears, corner of Fifth avenue and Twenty-fourth street, South Brooklyn. Eleven additional meetings were held at the same place before a plan of operations was finally decided upon.

A Petition to the Grand Lodge for a Dispensation to erect a Lodge in South Brooklyn was forwarded on December 19, 1864, indorsed by Delta, Central, and Commonwealth Lodges, and signed by the following brethren, viz.: Pierre L. Pearce, Archibald Scrimgeour, R. W. Dockson, Robert Scrimgeour, Henry B. Cornell, George Shears, George Gamgee, Lachin Campbell, S. D. Sharot, Aug. J. Warner, Wm. M. McIntire, John Taylor, James Ouchterloney, William Scrimgeour, and R. C. Scrimgeour. Four of these brethren, viz., Dockson, Cornell, Warner, and McIntire, afterwards withdrew, and were not among the charter members. In the Petition, Pierre L. Pierce was named for Master, Henry D. Sharot for Senior Warden, and Archibald Scrimgeour for Junior Warden. The Dispensation was dated January 26, 1865, signed by Right Worshipful Robert D. Holmes, Deputy Grand Master. This was received on January 30, 1865, and the first Regular Communication, U. D., was held at Mechanics Hall, Third Avenue, corner of 18th street, on February 16, 1865.

The following brethren then comprised the charter members: Pierre L. Pearce, Star of Bethlehem No. 322; Henry D. Sharot, Enterprise No. 48; Archibald Scrimgeour, Stella No. 485; Wm. Scrimgeour, Star of Bethlehem No. 322; R. C. Scrimgeour, Lexington No. 310; Henry A. Morrison, Joppa No. 20; Lachin Campbell, H. A. Eames, and Robert Scrimgeour, Star of Bethlehem; William McIntire, Chancellor Walworth No. 271; John Taylor, Lafayette No. 64; James Ouchterloney, George Shears, George Gamgee, C. Fallesen, and Robert Shaw, Star of Bethlehem No. 322; John Blohn, Lexington No. 310; J. H. Adams, Star of Bethlehem, 322; Thomas Cumming, Long Island No. 386; Philip Fhuhr, Zeredatha No. 483; John A. Yeoman, Joppa, No. 201; F. Rheinfrank, Star of Bethlehem No. 322.

The first officers who served U. D., and were confirmed under the Charter, were, Pierre L. Pierce, Master; H. D. Sharot,

Senior Warden, A. Scrimgeour, Junior Warden; William Scrimgeour, Treasurer; R. C. Scrimgeour, Secretary; H. A. Morrison, Senior Deacon; L. Campbell, Junior Deacon; H. A. Eames, Robert Scrimgeour, Masters Ceremonies; A. Kent, Tiler; Thomas Cumming, John Taylor, S. D. Cornell, Trustees; H. D. Sharot, J. Ouchterloney, Finance Committee.

The Entered Apprentice's degree was conferred on W. A. Fritz and John S. Ward, being the first candidates initiated in the Lodge.

Weekly Communications were held at Mechanic's Hall until the following June. On June 23, 1865, the Lodge moved into their new Hall, corner of 22d street and Third Avenue, which was built expressly for Greenwood Lodge. The ceremony of dedicating the Hall and the installation of officers took place the same evening. It was warranted June 29, 1865, the Charter being issued by Most Worshipful Robert D. Holmes, Grand Master.

The Lodge was now fairly started on its noble mission, with an array of intelligent officers and members that augured well for the success of the undertaking. Ample funds were forthcoming to meet all liabilities, and place the Lodge on a sound financial basis. Propositions for membership were carefully investigated, and only such accepted as were truly worthy and well qualified. A dark cloud overshadowed its proceedings soon after its organization by the death of Bro. H. A. Eames, which occurred Nov. 16, 1865. From 1865 to 1870 the Lodge increased in numbers and influence; four times, however, during this period death entered its portals. At a Communication held March 10, 1870, the death of R. W. Bro. Wm. B. Merriam, a Past Master of Crescent Lodge, and an Honorary Member of this Lodge, was announced. This Brother was instrumental in organizing Greenwood Lodge, and conferred the degrees on a number of the first members.

On June 8, 1870 the Lodge participated with other Brooklyn Lodges in the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall, in New York.

On February 28, 1872 the Lodge Room, corner of 22d street and Third Avenue, was destroyed by fire, causing serious damage to the furniture, jewels, etc. These were partly covered by insurance, the Trustees recovering \$350 from the Insurance Company, which sum was placed to the credit of the *reserve fund*. A letter was received from Nassau Lodge No. 536, on February 29, 1872, sympathizing with the Lodge in its loss, and kindly tendering the use of their Lodge room, corner of Court and Union streets, until the following May. The offer was gratefully acknowledged and accepted, and the Lodge held its Communications there from March 5th to April 30, when they returned to their rooms, corner of 22d street and Third Avenue.

At a Regular Communication held Dec. 18, 1873, Worshipful Bro. M. G. De J. Bonnell, of Charter Oak Lodge No. 249, was elected an Honorary Member of this Lodge in recognition of his eminent services in the installation of officers, etc. At the same Communication Bro. William Scrimgeour, the Treasurer, was presented by Worshipful Bonnell, on the part of this Lodge, with a beautiful Silver Box, "as a token of their esteem and affection, and as an acknowledgment of his long and faithful service as Treasurer."

On May 6, 1874, the Lodge moved into its new Lodge room, adjoining the old one, and the Entertainment Fund was drawn on to pay for a full set of officers' jewels, and officers' aprons. The Lodge continued to meet there until May 17, 1883, when they moved to the present location, corner of Fifth Avenue and 19th street.

On March 18, 1875, the Lodge donated the sum of \$25, in addition to \$15 previously donated, to defray the expenses incident to the dedication ceremonies of the Masonic Temple, in New York, in which this Lodge participated.

Nothing of importance occurred in connection with the Lodge from 1875 to 1881. Numbers were added to its membership from year to year, while the weeding out process for delinquent members was occasionally resorted to.

At a Regular Communication of the Lodge held Sept. 22, 1881, the death of President Garfield was announced, and resolutions were adopted expressive of the deep sorrow felt by members of this Lodge in common with the members of the Fraternity throughout the country, as well as that of the entire Nation, at the loss of that great and good man, and Brother Mason.

When the appeal was made by Grand Master Lawrence to the several Lodges in the State to pay the full amount of the *per capita* tax on the Hall and Asylum Fund and thus be relieved from further assessments, Greenwood Lodge took prompt measures to meet her proportion of the debt. By a vote of the Lodge a warrant for the total amount was ordered to be drawn on the Treasurer, and on October 25, 1886, the sum of \$1,128 was paid to the Grand Lodge, thus releasing this Lodge from all further obligations in the matter.

The success of Greenwood Lodge is due to a great extent to the social and literary entertainments which were started during the early years of its existence. In addition to the pleasure derived by the members, it has been a source of great profit and has added largely to the revenue. On Sept. 5, 1872, the amount accumulated from this source had reached the round sum of \$236. On February 20, 1873, this had increased to \$300. On February 24, 1878, it was decided to establish a permanent building fund, which at some future day should be used for

the erection of a building devoted to Lodge purposes. The annual report for 1887 showed the total accumulation of this fund to be \$2,100.16. Great credit is due to Wor. Bro. Krogs-gaard, who has labored unceasingly to make this portion of the work a social as well as a financial success.

Greenwood has not been behind her sister Lodges in her work of charity and benevolence towards her own members, their widows and orphans, but has also contributed liberally to other objects. The total amount donated to charitable purposes will probably exceed *ten thousand dollars*. Those officers who have been especially distinguished for their services, were recognized from time to time. Bro. Scrim-geour, the Treasurer (deceased), was presented with a silver box at one time, at another a gold headed cane; Bro. Lewis, the Secretary, with a gold pen and pencil; Worshipful Bros. S. Pearce, Raymond, A. Scrimgeour, D. S. Arnott, J. Scrimgeour, and B. W. Blott, with a Past Master's jewel each; and Wor. Bros. Mackellar and Marchant with a gold watch; Bro. Krogs-gaard with a beautiful picture and an elegant snuff box.

During its twenty-three years existence, fifty-one brethren have passed from the terrestrial to the Celestial Lodge above, making an average of four a year. The total number made during this period is 385, and the number reported in good standing at the annual report to the Grand Lodge for 1887 was 164. The total receipts for 1888 were \$4,010.40; the dis-bursements, \$1,532.53; leaving a cash balance of \$2,477.87. The total amount contributed to charitable purposes since the organization of the Lodge is \$10,932.33.

On Thursday evening, November 1st, 1888, the Lodge celebrated its One Thousandth Communication. There were about three hundred present, including some twenty Masters and Past Masters of Brooklyn Lodges. An historical address was read by Brother Ed. P. Day, a member of the Lodge, briefly recounting the most important events since the date of its organization. Bro. Thomas B. Lewis, the Secretary, then gave a detailed statement of the finances, covering the entire period of the Lodge's history. At the banquet prepared on this occasion there were over two hundred guests. Addresses were made by Rt. Wor. Bro. Short, of Stella Lodge No. 435, and others.

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF GREENWOOD LODGE FROM 1865 TO 1888, INCLUSIVE.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—Pierre L. Pearce, 1865; A. Scrim-geour, 1866-7; D. S. Arnott, 1868-9; B. W. Blott, 1870; Jas. Scrimgeour, 1871-2; Francis Raymond, 1873-4; Thomas Mar-

chant, 1875-6; Robert F. Mackellar, 1877-8; James Ouchterloney, 1879; Thomas Marchant, 1880; Albert F. Apel, 1881; C. R. B. Krogsgaard, 1882; Henry Murray, 1883; G. S. Arnott, 1884; Henry Murray, 1885; C. R. B. Krogsgaard, 1886; E. C. Squance, 1887-8.

SENIOR WARDEN.—H. D. Sharot, 1865; H. Morrison, 1866; D. S. Arnott, 1867; B. W. Blott, 1868; G. S. Valentine, 1869; Jas. Scrimgeour, 1870; W. H. Russell, 1871; H. Bennett, 1872; Thos. B. Lewis, 1873; Thos. Marchant, 1874; Jas. Ouchterloney, 1875-6; C. R. B. Krogsgaard, 1877-8; Jas. Thomson, 1879; Albert F. Apel, 1880; George Green, 1881; Henry Murray, 1882; Richard C. Green, 1883; Robert Lamont, 1884; Henry J. Hughes, 1885; Edwin C. Squance, 1886; Chas. Hagedorn, 1887; Benj. W. Blott, 1888.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—A Scrimgeour, 1865; G. S. Valentine, 1866; B. M. Blott, 1867; J. Ouchterloney, 1868; James Scrimgeour, 1869; Thos. B. Lewis, 1870-1; Francis Raymond, 1872; Thos. Marchant, 1873; John Taylor, 1874; Geo. Ketcham, 1875; Robert F. Mackellar, 1876; Albert F. Apel, 1877; Wm. J. G. Hudson, 1879; George Green, 1880; Henry Murray, 1881; Edward P. Day, 1882; Robert Lamont, 1883; Jas. R. Lewis, 1884; Edwin C. Squance, 1885; Chas. Hagedorn, 1886; William H. Lackman, 1887; Fred. Meyer, 1888.

TREASURER.—Wm. Scrimgeour, 1865 to 1884, inclusive; Chas. W. Tandy, 1885; Francis Raymond, 1886; A. C. Calder, 1887-8.

SECRETARY.—R. C. Scrimgeour, 1865; P. L. Pearce, 1866; W. H. Russell, 1867 to 1870, inclusive; H. Bennett, 1871; J. H. Wade, 1872-3; Thos. B. Lewis, 1874 to 1888, inclusive.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

Personal sketches of many of the past officers and most prominent members of this Lodge were prepared and sent to the parties for their approval, but never returned; hence their omission.

WOR. PIERRE L. PEARCE,

FIRST MASTER OF GREENWOOD LODGE.

Bro. Pearce may be justly called the Father of Greenwood Lodge. He was the leading spirit among his brethren, and it is due mainly to his energies that the Lodge was called into existence. He labored earnestly to carry out the great project he

had conceived, and has lived to see the result of his labors. Bro. Pearce commenced his Masonic career about 1854, in Star of Bethlehem Lodge No. 322. He passed through the several chairs; was Junior Warden in 1858, and Master in 1859. He dimitted in 1865, assisted in organizing Greenwood Lodge, and became its first Master. Bro. W. A. Fritz was the first candidate he entered, passed and raised. He labored earnestly and gave liberally of his means to place the Lodge on a firm financial basis, and in this was eminently successful. At the close of his administration as Master, several of the brethren desiring to show their appreciation of his self-sacrificing efforts on behalf of the Lodge, and of the high esteem in which he was held by them, presented him with an elegant Past Master's jewel. In laying aside the gavel, Bro. Pearce did not cease his labors, but has since been a regular attendant at its weekly Communications, encouraging the brethren by his presence, and assisting in the work whenever called upon. He served one term as Secretary in 1866, and has since served on the Board of Trustees. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Zetland Chapter No. 141, of New York.

Bro. Pearce is a native of New Orleans, La., born May 27, 1829. He received a thorough education at St. Charles' College, of Missouri, and Kemper's College, of the same State. Bro. Pearce came to New York in 1847 and engaged as clerk in the ship chandlery and grocery business, subsequently the shipping and commission business. He started in business for himself in 1854, in New York, where he still continues. His wife deceased in 1869, leaving a family of six children.

With all his force and energy of character, he is modest and retiring, and accepts office only when forced upon him.

WOR. BENJAMIN W. BLOTT,

PAST MASTER OF GREENWOOD LODGE.

Bro. Blott has grown gray in the cause which he espoused more than a quarter of a century ago, and though he has passed the meridian of life his eye is not dim, nor has his hand lost its cunning. A constant use of the tools of Speculative Masonry has made him skillful as a Craftsman, and none have learned more effectually to spread the cement of brotherly love and square their actions by the square of virtue. He was inducted into the mysteries of the Order nearly twenty-eight years ago in Architect Lodge No. 519, of New York, where he served for a term as Senior Deacon. He affiliated with Greenwood Lodge in 1865, soon after its organization. He served as Junior Warden the following year; as Senior Warden in 1868; as Master in 1870; as Trustee in 1872-3, and is now serving another

term as Senior Warden. He excels in the work of the Middle Chamber, of which he has made a careful study; his manner of imparting the lecture is impressive and interesting. His life has been spent in deeds of mercy and charity, and brethren of this Lodge as well as others owe to him a debt of gratitude for his many acts of kindness and love. As a slight token of their appreciation of his noble qualities, and of his faithful discharge of his Masonic duties, he was presented by the brethren on his retirement from the office of Master, with a beautiful Past Master's Jewel, set with a diamond unique in finish and workmanship, but valued especially from the motive which prompted it.

Bro. Blott was born in London, Oct. 18, 1831; he was but four years of age when he crossed the Atlantic with his parents and settled on Staten Island. Here he attended public school; later on he learned the trade of carpenter and stair builder. He has followed the latter branch of the business for several years past, and since 1866 has been in business for himself. He is well known and honored among his associates as an honest and skillful workman. He was married in 1856 to Miss Levinia E. Davis, of Brooklyn, formerly of West Farms. Only two children are now living out of seven that have been born to them.

Bro. Blott recently made a trip to his native country, and while there visited the ancient Lodges of the Mother Country, where he received a warm greeting, but found the work in many respects greatly inferior to that of the Lodges in this country.

WOR. FRANCIS RAYMOND,

PAST MASTER OF GREENWOOD LODGE.

Bro. Raymond has grown up with Greenwood Lodge, having entered soon after its erection; he has already passed his twenty-first birthday, yet lacks none of the vigor and energy of youth, and his zeal for the cause has not in the least abated. He is still looked upon as one of the most substantial and reliable "*living stones*" in Greenwood Lodge. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason Sept. 19, 1867; he served one term as S. M. C. in 1871, was elected Junior Warden in 1872, and Master in 1873-4. Affable and agreeable in his intercourse with the brethren, he lacked none of the grace and dignity due to the exalted position. The Lodge was prosperous under his administration, and on his retirement at the close of his second term he was presented by the brethren with a Past Master's Jewel of beautiful design and of great value. During his two terms he initiated, passed and raised thirty-

three members; was Treasurer in 1886. He was exalted in Greenwood Chapter No. 265, R. A. M., passed through the several chairs, and served three times as High Priest. He was dubbed and Knighted in Greenwood Commandery No. 58, K. T., of which he is Past Eminent Commander and now Treasurer. He is a member, and at present the presiding officer, of Amaryllis Council No. 20, Order of Chosen Friends.

Bro. Raymond was born in England on Dec. 25, 1836. He came with his parents to Brooklyn when only five years of age; received a good public school education, and afterwards learned the carpenter's trade. He commenced business as a master builder in 1861, and has carried it on successfully for upwards of twenty-seven years. He is regarded by his business associates as a man of good judgment, of fine executive and administrative ability. He was twice elected President of the Master Carpenters' Association. His social and domestic relations have always been of the pleasantest character. He was married in 1863 to Miss Alice B. Jones, of Brooklyn. They have four children living, having lost two. On the celebration of the 25th anniversary of his wedding day a number of friends met at his house to congratulate him on the event and shared an enjoyable time.

WOR. C. R. B. KROGSGAARD,

PAST MASTER OF GREENWOOD LODGE.

Bro. Krogsgaard was made a Master Mason in Greenwood Lodge, May 10, 1872; was Senior Warden in 1877, and Master in 1882. For fifteen years past he has been the leader and prime mover of the social and literary entertainments which have proved of such great financial advantage to this Lodge. In recognition of his self-sacrificing efforts, he was presented by the members of the Lodge with a beautiful picture; at another time with a snuff box of elaborate design and skillful workmanship.

Bro. Krogsgaard was born in Norway, April 24, 1841. He received a thorough classical education, and was graduated with the highest honors at the head of his class. He came to this country in 1854, and soon after obtained a situation in the banking house of A. R. Mount, New York, and at the same time became a night teacher in the public school. He eventually succeeded his employer in the banking business. In 1869 he bought out the *Brooklyn News*, of which he was editor and proprietor until 1882; he sold the paper in that year, and bought it back in 1884, and has since continued his connection with it.

WOR. EDWIN C. SQUANCE, MASTER OF GREENWOOD LODGE.

One of the first acts of Bro. Squance in becoming a resident of Brooklyn, even before he had established his claims to citizenship, was to identify himself with the *Universal Brotherhood*. Possessing the requisite qualifications, he gained admittance to Greenwood Lodge, where he found warm hearts and open hands ready to greet him, and confer on him a higher honor than could be granted by any "prince or potentate on earth." He entered the Lodge in the early spring of 1872, and on March 18th following was instructed in the use of the working tools of a Master Mason. As he advanced in knowledge and skill as a Craftsman, he was further honored by his brethren. He was made Master of Ceremonies in 1874; Junior Deacon in 1881; Junior Warden in 1885; Senior Warden in 1886, and Worshipful Master in 1887. His administration was so successful and satisfactory that he was re-elected, and is now serving his second term. He has been equally honored in Capitular Masonry. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Greenwood Chapter No. 265; passed through the several chairs to that of High Priest, for two terms; he was dubbed and Knighted in Greenwood Commandery No. 58, K. T., in which he served four years as Recorder, besides filling subordinate positions.

Bro. Squance was born in Swansea, Wales, June 20, 1849. He was educated in the rudimentary branches at private school, and was afterwards article clerk in a law office, but owing to his failing health he learned the trade of carpenter and builder with his father. He came here in 1870, and soon after commenced business as a master builder. His pluck and perseverance, with other requisite qualifications, won him success from the start, and he was able to compete with others who had been long established in the business. He has since erected a large number of fine residences in South Brooklyn. He had been only about a year in the country before he took to himself a wife in the person of Miss Hattie J. Jones, of Brooklyn. Five children, only two of whom are now living, have blessed the union. He has become thoroughly Americanized in principle, joined the Republican ranks, and in 1887 was sent as a delegate to the State Convention. Upright, honest, conscientious in all his dealings, he has won the confidence of his fellow-citizens, as well as that of his business associates.

WOR. FREDERICK MEYER,

JUNIOR WARDEN AND MASTER ELECT, 1889.

Bro. Meyer has been for many years past actively engaged in works of charity and benevolence in his connection with other benevolent orders; since he has become connected with

the Masonic Fraternity, however, he has found a wider field for the exercise of these virtues and one more congenial to his tastes. He was initiated, passed and raised in Greenwood Lodge in 1885. During the next two years he made rapid proficiency in the work, and at the fall election of 1887 he was taken from the floor and made Junior Warden, a compliment alike to his intelligence and fidelity. He has been equally honored in his connections with other orders. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Greenwood Chapter; served as Scribe one year, and is now Captain of the Host. He is a member of Gowanus Lodge No. 239, I. O. O. F.; of Progressive Council No. 423, A. L. of H.; of Henry Clay Lodge No. 18, Knights of Pythias; Iolantha Council No. 318, Royal Arcanum, and of the Masonic Mutual Relief Association, of Brooklyn.

Bro. Meyer was born in Germany, Sept. 7, 1842; came to this country in 1865. He removed to Brooklyn in 1873, where he has since made his residence. Bro. Meyer is a genial, warm-hearted, generous man, who makes many friends and few enemies. He is greatly beloved by the brethren of Greenwood Lodge, as well as the other organizations with which he is connected.

THOMAS B. LEWIS, SECRETARY.

There are few, if any, brethren in the Third Masonic District who have done more to advance the cause of Masonry than our worthy Brother Thomas B. Lewis. Quiet and unostentatious in his deeds of charity and love, yet persevering and persistent in his efforts, he has brought joy and gladness to many hearts bowed down with the weight of sorrow and affliction. Many changes have taken place since he was brought to light in this Lodge, Nov. 2, 1865; he was then number 53 on the list and is now 15. He was S. M. C. in 1867; J. D. in 1868; Chairman of Finance Committee in 1869; Junior Warden, 1870; Senior Deacon, 1871-2; Senior Warden, 1873; Secretary, 1874 to 1888, inclusive; was exalted in Gate of the Temple Chapter, R. A. M., 1868, from which he dimitted to assist in organizing Greenwood Chapter No. 265, in 1872; passed through all the chairs except C. of H. and M. E. High Priest, and is now serving the third term as King; was Knighted in Greenwood Commandery, K. T., in 1877; served as 3d Guard, Warden, Junior and Senior Warden; three years as Generalissimo, and is now serving his third year as Recorder. He "crossed the burning sands" in Mecca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in 1886. He has frequently been urged to accept the honorable position of Presiding Officer in all these bodies; for reasons better known to himself, has persistently declined accepting. His greatest work, and that to which he has given his time, his

means and his talents, with a self-sacrificing devotion, is in connection with the Masonic Mutual Relief Association, which dates from the year 1871. He represented Greenwood Chapter in the Association as director for two years, and was then transferred as the representative of Greenwood Lodge in the directorship. He has served on the most important committees; has been Chairman of the Auditing Committee for four years. He has been instrumental in adding largely to its membership, thus bringing relief to many poor widows and orphans who otherwise would have been entirely destitute. He is a member of Gowanus Lodge, I. O. O. F., since 1874; Nat. Prov. Union, 1877; Order of United Friends, 1887; Honorary Member of Evangeline Chapter No. 51, Order of Eastern Star, and of the society known as the Sons of St. George.

Bro. Lewis was born in England, April 26, 1833; removed to Canada at the age of thirteen; afterwards to Cleveland, Ohio. He was steward of the depot of Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati R. R. He came to Brooklyn in 1853 and followed the sea as steward for two years. During the war he served as steward on board the flagship Lancaster, of the Pacific Squadron. On his return to Brooklyn, at the close of the war, he engaged in the express business. He served for four years as a member of the Old Volunteer Fire Department, attached to Engine Company No. 15. For the past nine years he has been janitor of Public School No. 39. He was married in 1864 to Miss Annie Saunders, of Brooklyn, by whom he has had six children. An affectionate husband, a loving father, a kind friend and an honest citizen, he is entitled to all the honor and praise that have been awarded him.

CHARLES E. EGOLF, JUNIOR WARDEN ELECT, 1889.

Bro. Egolf is one of the most energetic, persevering and useful members of Greenwood Lodge. Whether it be to get up a picnic, visit a distressed worthy brother, or serve on a committee, he is always ready to serve his brethren. He has no ambition for office or distinctive honors, but simply to serve in any capacity where he can do the most good. He was initiated in this Lodge Nov. 17, 1870, passed January 5, 1871, and raised January 19th following. He was S. M. C. in 1878; was Trustee in 1887, and in the fall of that year was re-elected for three years; he is now serving his second term as a member of the Committee on claims. He was exalted in Greenwood Chapter, R. A. M., and served one term each as Master of 1st and 2d Veils. He is also a member of the Order of Mutual Protection.

Bro. Egolf was born in Philadelphia on December 25, 1849; came with his parents to Brooklyn when but three years of age. After leaving school he learned the printing business, but at the

age of seventeen he enlisted in the U. S. Army for three years. He was attached to Company C, 7th U. S. Infantry. On his way from Governors Island, the cholera broke out among the troops, and the vessel was quarantined at Tybee Island, near the mouth of the Savannah river; 300 out of 600 of the troops died of the disease, and out of eight others who occupied the tent with Bro. Egolf, he alone recovered. His regiment was subsequently ordered to Florida, where he distinguished himself for his bravery on several occasions. He was complimented in presence of his Company and promoted to a non-commissioned officer. Although one of the youngest in his regiment, he was invariably selected for hazardous enterprises; a man of unflinching courage, but cool and collected in the hour of danger. The State of Florida was during most of this time under martial law, and the U. S. troops did the police and detective work there, often being called upon to arrest murderers, illicit whiskey distillers, smugglers, and other desperate criminals. In 1869 his regiment was transferred to Utah, and on July 6th of that year he was honorably discharged. He returned to Brooklyn and was for several years engaged in the printing business. In 1884 he received an appointment in the Department of Charities and Corrections, which he still holds. He has been twice married; his first wife deceased in 1879, and in 1885 he was married to Miss Mary Vanderbeek, of Brooklyn. He has one child by his former and one by his last wife, both boys. Bro. Egolf was unanimously elected Junior Warden at the annual election in December, 1888.

CAPTAIN ROBERT B. KELLY.

Although Bro. Kelly's opportunities for acquiring a knowledge of the work are exceedingly limited, yet he is one of the brightest Masons and most accomplished Craftsmen in this jurisdiction. As a seafaring man he has visited Lodges in foreign lands, and received a warm greeting among Spanish, French, Germans, and brethren of almost every nationality. Being an accomplished linguist, he had no difficulty in working his way into Lodges wherever he went. Bro. Kelly was entered and passed in Greenwood Lodge in the spring of 1875, receiving the sublime degree of Master Mason on March 18, of that year. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Greenwood Chapter No. 265, in December, 1876. He never fails to visit his Lodge when in port, and receives always a hearty welcome by his masonic brethren.

Bro. Kelly was born in Merpeth, County Northumberland, England, February 7, 1849. He attended school until twelve years of age, when he entered upon a seafaring life in the

British merchant service, since which his life has been an eventful one. On his first voyage in the ship *Caractucus* to the Mediterranean and West Indies, he was shipwrecked off the Island of Alta Vela; he was rescued by a Spanish man-of-war and taken to the West Indies. He then enlisted under the Spanish flag as one of the crew of the steamer *Oriole*, engaged in blockade service during the war between the Spaniards and Dominicans. He was stricken with the yellow fever, and soon after his recovery came to New York and joined the Williams and Guion line of packet ships. He sailed in the *Australia*, *Universe*, and *John Bright*. In 1863, during the War of the Rebellion, he entered the U. S. naval service and was assigned to the *Gunboat* *Osceola*, of the North Atlantic squadron. He took part in the bombardment and capture of Fort Fisher, and during the engagement had both legs broken by being struck with a piece of rail. He was confined in the hospital at Beaufort, and after his recovery joined the U. S. Coast Survey service. As one of the crew of the steamer *Corwin*, he assisted in laying the cable from Key West to Havana. He was afterwards engaged for two years in steamboating on Lakes Huron, Erie, and Superior. He returned to New York in October, 1869, and became connected with the Clyde Line as second officer of the steamer *Virginia*, and was transferred thence to the steamer *Clyde* on her first voyage, continuing on that ship for eight years. He then joined the Pacific Mail Line as chief officer of the steamer *Colon*, in 1877. He returned to the Clyde Line again in 1879 as chief officer of the steamer *Santo Domingo*. After three-and-a-half years service, he was promoted to the position of commanding officer. He continued for two-and-a-half years longer and was then transferred to the command of the *Delaware*. At the end of the second voyage, he was transferred to the *S. S. Santo Domingo* again; he was transferred to the steamer *Ozania*, and from her to the *S. S. Ozania*, April 2, 1886, on which he remained two years and nine months. On October 29th, 1888, he was placed in command of the steamer *Saginaw*, which sank alongside the docks in New York the very day he assumed charge. The vessel was subsequently raised and he still continues in command. Bro. Kelly has a family of a wife and two sons, having lost two daughters. He was married in 1870 to Miss Sarah Jane Dalton, of North Shields, Eng. Bro. Kelly is a man of unflinching courage, cool and self-possessed in the hour of danger, but withal of a genial nature, warm-hearted and generous, ever ready to serve a friend or brother Mason; a devoted husband and kind father.

EDWARD F. DAVENPORT.

Greenwood Lodge welcomes to its ranks such members as Bro. Davenport, who give to it strength, stability and character. He has but recently entered upon his Masonic career, but from the interest already manifested by him in Symbolic Masonry, he will doubtless soon become a skillful workman, who "needeth not be ashamed." He was initiated and passed in the spring of 1887, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason June 2, of that year.

Bro. Davenport is a native of New York, born in Hempstead, L. I., November 4, 1843. He was educated in Brooklyn, where he has resided since early childhood. He read law with Judge Abraham Lott, a Past Master and old member of Kings County Lodge, with whom he has been associated for the past twenty-five years. He was admitted to practice in 1876; his special line has been mainly real estate operations, connected with large estates. The military record of Bro. Davenport has been a brilliant one. He enlisted in G Company, 23d Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., August 20th, 1862, and served with distinction in the Gettysburg campaign, the New York draft riots and other important affairs, with which the 23d Regiment was connected. He entered as private and was promoted through the different grades to that of First Lieutenant, continuing in active service for nearly eight years. He has been a member of the 23d Regiment Veteran Association since its organization and is now Commander of the "Uniformed Veteran Battalion." He is also a member of the Association of the Council of Officers, an Honorary Member of the Board of Officers, and a member of the "National Veteran Militia Association."

GEORGE ROSENSTEIN.

Bro. Rosenstein, although one of the youngest members of Greenwood Lodge, is already a bright and shining light in Masonry; he is all earnestness and enthusiasm; he obeys the Scripture injunction to the letter, viz.: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do with thy might." Bro. Rosenstein could not do otherwise. He is the son of a bright Mason, and was introduced to the Lodge by Bro. James Thoubboron, of Anglo-Saxon Lodge. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in this Lodge on September 22, 1887, and made greater proficiency in the work during the first six months than many brethren do in as many years. Within three months after being brought to light he worked the Third Degree, and the first year filled temporarily nearly every position in the Lodge. Prompt in his attendance, ready and willing to do any work as-

signed him, he was appointed Secretary of the Entertainment Committee for the celebration of the 1000th Communication of the Lodge, and Senior Deacon for the year 1889. He is an honor to the Fraternity, and has a bright future before him. With his face turned to the East, he penetrated the mysteries of Capitular Masonry and was made a Royal Arch Mason in Greenwood Chapter, in 1889. Nothing will satisfy him until he has reached the highest point attainable in Masonry.

Bro. Rosenstein was born October 16th, 1855. He mastered the rudimentary branches of education when a mere boy, and completed it at an early age. He read law in the office of Jenks & Ward, of which the late Grenville T. Jenks was senior member of the firm, and finally decided to adopt journalism as a profession. His quick perception, remarkable powers of observation and concentration, and ready adaptation, were qualifications that gave him success in this line from the start. He is at present editor and joint proprietor of one of the leading Trade journals of New York; he is a frequent contributor to several dailies and periodicals. He is an ardent Republican in politics; has been a member of the Republican General Committee of Kings County, and has attended all the State, City and County Conventions as a delegate. With his push, energy and perseverance, he is sure to succeed in any undertaking.

HISTORY OF BEDFORD LODGE NO. 574.

Great difficulty was experienced in laying the foundation for Bedford Lodge, as it was thought at the time that there were already too many Lodges in Brooklyn, but through the indefatigable efforts of Bro. Oakley the work was finally commenced. Bro. Oakley induced the members of Tusseau Lodge to relinquish their right to the Dispensation which had been granted to them, they having failed to organize. He, in company with Rt. Wor. Bro. D. T. Walden, called on the Grand Master, and finally succeeded in obtaining a Dispensation. The place of meeting was limited in the Dispensation to the Seventh and Twentieth Wards, but when the Warrant was issued, a few months later, this clause was omitted, which left the Lodge at liberty to meet wherever they liked. The first meeting of the brethren was held the last week in February, 1865, at the house of Bro. Oakley. It was decided at the meeting that no candidate should be proposed, either for initiation or affiliation, but such as the brethren were willing to introduce to their families. This plan was strictly adhered to.

The first Communication, U. D., was held at Hillgrove Lodge room, corner of Kent and Myrtle Avenues, on March 2, 1865, with the following officers, who were duly elected and appointed: John K. Oakley, Master; James Milligen, Senior Warden; Luman W. Kimball, Junior Warden; Theodore C. Granniss, Secretary; John Blair, Treasurer; A. M. Pough, S. D.; Benj. Du Moulin, J. D.; James E. Conor, S. M. C.; James H. Race, J. M. C. The following were the additional charter members, viz.: Richard J. Holmes, Isaac O. Hinsdale, Richard Oliver, William Mackay, M. A. Briggs, James Bedell, Robert Ross, Henry C. Snow, Theo. C. Granniss, John G. Williamson, Braddock Nickerson, Daniel H. Hopkinson, James M. Halsey.

The following presentations were made to the Lodge: The Holy Bible, by Wor. Bro. John K. Oakley; a full set of Jewels, by Bro. Richard K. Holmes; Officers' Aprons, by Bro. L. W. Kimball; Officers' Collars, by Bro. James Milligan; Gavel, by Bro. Benj. Du Moulin; Singing Books, by Bro. John Blair; Lambskin Apron, by Bro. J. H. Atwater.

The Lodge continued to meet at the corner of Myrtle and Kent Avenues until September, 1865. They then moved to Montauk Lodge room, 14 Court street (now 38 and 40); thence to Commonwealth Lodge room, 317 Washington street, and on January 5, 1888, removed to their present Lodge room in the Aurora Grata Cathedral, January 5, 1888.

At the June meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1865, Bro. Oakley got his recommendation before the Warrant Committee, who promptly recommended that a Warrant be granted. The Lodge was regularly constituted and dedicated in ample form on June 22, 1865. The officers were duly installed by District Deputy D. T. Walden, Acting G. M. In accordance with the plan previously agreed upon, Bro. Oakley invited the brethren to meet at his house with their wives and lady friends, and this plan was kept up by the brethren for many years.

The first candidate initiated was Bro. Henry C. Snow, March 23, 1861. The first death was that of Dr. Chas. B. Jacques, which occurred November 2, 1866. The Lodge met with a serious loss on Sept. 16, 1867, in the death of Bro. Luman W. Kimball, the first Senior Warden; a brother highly esteemed as one of the most active and faithful laborers in the Lodge.

The Lodge continued to grow in numbers and influence, and on February 22, 1882, celebrated its twenty-first anniversary. Among the distinguished guests present on this occasion were Most Wor. Grand Master Horace F. Taylor, Grand Secretary E. M. L. Ehlers, Dist. Deputy Grand Master F. H. Wight, and others. Addresses were delivered by these brethren, after which all sat down to a bountiful dinner prepared for the occasion; there were seventy members present, besides the invited guests.

Several of the Past Masters of the Lodge have been presented with valuable testimonials in recognition of faithful services rendered. On March 27, 1871, Wor. Bro. Benj. Du Moulin was presented with a gold watch; on April 24, 1871, Bro. A. M. Pough was presented with three volumes of America's Battles; Past Master Nelson Race received an elegant gold watch, March 24, 1873. Wor. Bro. Bush also received substantial evidences of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren. On January 22, 1883, John Blair, the first Treasurer of the Lodge, was presented with a set of resolutions.

Lectures have been delivered before the Lodge at various times, which have been both entertaining and instructive. Rev. Bro. Chas. H. Hall, D.D., delivered a lecture, May 29, 1871, entitled "*Mind Your Own Business.*" On February 12, 1883, Rt. Wor. C. A. Marian delivered a lecture, the subject being "The Symbolism of the Winding Stairs."

One of the most interesting events which ever took place in Bedford Lodge was on March 15, 1888, on the occasion of their removal to the new Lodge room in the Aurora Grata Cathedral. There were fully five hundred present; among these, M.: W.: Grand Master Frank R. Lawrence, with his staff, and a number of other distinguished Masons; every Lodge in the Third Masonic District was represented. Bro. Caswell, the organist of the Altair Lodge, rendered the coronation march from "Le Prophete," assisted by an instrumental quartette. Rt. Wor. Bro. Schenck, Dist. Deputy G. M., welcomed the Grand Master in a brief address, which was responded to by the latter congratulating the brethren on their beautiful Lodge room, and highly commending the brethren of this District for their work on behalf of the Hall and Asylum Fund. Addresses were also made by Rt. Wor. Wm. Sherer, Rt. Wor. E. M. L. Ehlers, and others.

Bedford Lodge has been noted for her liberality, and has given freely to worthy objects outside of this jurisdiction. Among the distinguished Honorary Members are Rev. Chas. H. Hall, D.D., Rt. Wor. Sydney F. Walker and Rt. Wor. P. L. Schenck. It has enjoyed its full degree of prosperity and maintained a fair average of membership, the total number shown in the Grand Lodge Report for June, 1888, was 97.

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF BEDFORD LODGE, FROM 1865 TO 1888, INCLUSIVE.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—John K. Oakley, 1865–6–7–8; Benj. Du Moulin, 1869–70; Nelson Race, 1871–2; R. T. Bush, 1873–4; D. B. Phillips, 1875–6; M. P. Bestow, 1877; J. D. Shedlock, 1878; Thos. E. Purdy, 1879; J. K. Oakley, 1880; T. B. Tilton,

1881-2; Samuel Green, 1883; Henry Drisler, 1884-5; James B. Davenport, 1886-7-8.

SENIOR WARDEN.—James Milligan, 1865-6-7; Benj. Du Moulin, 1868; Nelson Race, 1869-70; D. B. Phillips, 1871; A. M. Pough, 1872; D. B. Phillips, 1873-4; M. P. Bestow, 1875; J. W. Senior, 1876; C. M. Nichols, 1877; J. W. Senior, 1878; Samuel Green, 1879; Benj. Du Moulin, 1880; Edward Johnson, 1881; Samuel Green, 1882; Henry Drisler, 1883; Chas. E. Mensch, 1884-5; Wm. C. Knapp, 1886-7-8.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—Luman W. Kimball, 1865-6-7; Nelson Race, 1868; A. M. Pough, 1869-70; T. B. Bush, 1871-2; C. M. Nichols, 1873-4; D. H. Hopkinson, 1875; J. D. Shedlock, 1876; Wm. White, 1877; T. B. Tilton, 1878; Edward Johnson, 1879; R. T. Bush, 1880; S. H. Graves, 1881; Eugene Tollner, 1882; Jas. B. Davenport, 1883; Edwin Heald, 1884; W. B. Bokee, 1885; Chas. G. Little, 1886-7-8.

TREASURER.—John Blair, 1865 to 1885, inclusive; Rt. Wor. Benj. H. Dewey, 1886-7-8.

SECRETARY.—Theodore C. Granniss, 1865 to 1869, inclusive; C. I. Camp, 1870; W. H. Donnell, 1871 to 1888, inclusive.

RT. WOR. JOHN K. OAKLEY,

PAST MASTER OF BEDFORD LODGE, PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

Right Worshipful Bro. Oakley is the recognized father of Bedford Lodge, and, from the youngest to the oldest, the brethren look up to him with a filial love and affection little less than that which unites hearts bound by the ties of nature. While he has devoted thirty-six of the best years of his life to the cause, it is but eight years since he laid aside the gavel and ceased from active labor. He entered Joppa Lodge No. 201, in April, 1852, at 293 Fulton street, and was the first one raised in Montauk Lodge room after the removal of Joppa Lodge to their new rooms there appointed. He served one term as Junior Warden, and continued in active service until 1865, when he with others withdrew and organized Bedford Lodge. He became its first Master, serving continuously through 1865-6-7-8. During his second term he was appointed by M. W. Grand Master Holmes, District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District, which then comprised all the Lodges on Long Island; and he visited that year, with one exception, every

Lodge within his jurisdiction. At the close of his administration as Master, in 1868, he was presented by the Lodge with an elegant gold watch and chain, with the following inscription on the inside of the case: "*Brooklyn, December 21, 5868. Presented to Wor. Brother P.: M.: John K. Oakley by Bedford Lodge No. 574, F. and A. M., on his retirement from Master, which he acceptably filled from the organization of the Lodge, February 22, 1865.*" The obverse side of the case shows a representation of a District Deputy's Jewel, and the reverse side the monogram J. K. O. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Orient Chapter 138, but subsequently dimitted to assist in organizing Constellation Chapter No. 209, of which he was offered the position of High Priest, but was compelled to decline on account of business engagements, and finally withdrew for the same reason. In 1865 he ascended to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and is still a member of the New York Consistory. In 1880, Bedford Lodge having decided to fill all the offices with its Past Masters, he was again called to the East, presiding with the same dignity and ease, and performing the work with the same impressiveness that characterized his early administration.

Bro. Oakley was born near Mount Hope, Orange County, N. Y., June 8, 1822. He received a good academic education, and for a number of years was principal of the public school at Flatbush, L. I., from 1845 to 1851, and Town Superintendent of common schools, town of Flatbush, 1849. He came to Brooklyn in 1851 and engaged in the auction business. He became prominently identified with the American party, and was elected Alderman from the Fourth Ward on that ticket, serving from January, 1855, to 1857. He was also Chairman of the Health Committee, and during the prevalence of the yellow fever in Brooklyn, in the summer of 1855, he visited daily the infected districts and performed the duties of his office at the imminent risk of his own life. He was a delegate to the Philadelphia Convention in 1856, which nominated Millard Fillmore for President. Subsequently he ran for Street Commissioner of Brooklyn, as the representative of the American party, and, although he ran 3,000 ahead of his ticket, he was evidently "counted out." In 1863 he became Special Agent of the Continental Insurance Company, and in 1870, General Agent of the same Company, his whole term of service with that Company exceeding nineteen years. In December, 1882, he was elected President of the Mechanics' Fire Insurance Company, and resigned two years later to assume the duties of adjuster of losses for several companies.

The three score and six years have not impaired the mental faculties of Bro. Oakley; his memory of events is clear and he is able to transact the same amount of business, and more, that

he did twenty years ago. He is still hale and hearty, with a fair promise of reaching the nineteenth century.

WOR. THOMAS E. PURDY,

CHAPLAIN AND PAST MASTER OF BEDFORD LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Purdy was raised in Star of Bethlehem Lodge No. 322, in 1858. He served as Senior Deacon and Junior Warden, and was Master from 1861 to 1865, inclusive, and again in 1873; serving as its Treasurer in 1867. He affiliated with Bedford Lodge February 9, 1877, and was elected Master in 1879, and was appointed Chaplain in 1888. During his administration in Star of Bethlehem Lodge he was presented with an elegant Past Master's jewel, set with diamonds. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Orient Chapter No. 138. He ascended to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and became a charter member of the Aurora Grata Bodies.

Bro. Purdy was born in New York City, April 30, 1827. He engaged in the manufacture of window shades; first as a clerk, and has for twenty-one years carried on business for himself.

WOR. BENJAMIN DU MOULIN,

PAST MASTER OF BEDFORD LODGE.

Although Bro. Du Moulin is one of the veterans of the Third Masonic District, there is little in his personal appearance to indicate advancing years. He was made a Mason in Long Island Lodge No. 382, about twenty-five years ago. He dimitted from there in 1865, and assisted in organizing Bedford Lodge, and was its first Junior Deacon, U. D., continuing through 1866; he was S. M. C. in 1867; Senior Warden in 1868, and Master in 1869-70. He showed great administrative and executive ability; was prompt and decisive in action, a man of tact, good judgment, and quick discernment, checking discussion where the peace and harmony of the Lodge was concerned, and preserving strict discipline without giving offense. While unable to attend the regular Communications of the Lodge, owing to business engagements, his brethren cherish a grateful remembrance of his labors and many acts of kindness.

Bro. Du Moulin is of French Huguenot descent, born in New York City, Oct. 25, 1837, where he received a good common school education. He afterwards followed for several years the occupation of sail maker, and during the war engaged in making government tents. He went to the front with the 56th Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., just prior to the battle of Gettysburg, and remained until his regiment was ordered back to New York to assist in quelling the draft riots.

He was engaged for a time in the photograph business. In 1878 he became connected with W. L. Cameron, of 577 Fulton street, in the stationery business, and has continued up to the present time.

WOR. THOMAS B. TILTON, PAST MASTER OF BEDFORD LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Tilton was made a Master Mason in Hyatt Lodge No. 205, Brooklyn, E. D., in 1864, and affiliated in Bedford Lodge, March 1, 1868. He served as Organist in 1868-9 and 1870; was Junior Warden in 1878; Chaplain in 1879, and Master in 1881-2. He was advanced to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in the Aurora Grata Bodies, and New York Consistory.

Bro. Tilton was born in Keyport, Monmouth Co., N. J., December 13, 1838. He became connected with the financial department of the *New York Independent* in 1860, and has remained continuously in that position for upwards of twenty-eight years.

WOR. HENRY DRISLER, PAST MASTER OF BEDFORD LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Drisler was made a Mason in Bedford Lodge, March 28, 1881; was Senior Deacon in 1882; Senior Warden in 1883, and Master in 1884-5. He was exalted in Orient Chapter No. 138, R. A. M., of which he is Past High Priest.

Wor. Bro. Drisler was born in New York City, September 29, 1850; was graduated at Columbia College in 1869. He has been connected with the financial department of Harper Bros. Publishing House for several years.

R. W. JAMES B. DAVENPORT,

WOR. MASTER OF BEDFORD LODGE; GRAND STEWARD OF THE
GRAND LODGE, STATE OF NEW YORK.

Although Bro. Davenport cannot claim Bedford Lodge as his *alma mater*, yet the Lodge has never had an officer for whom they entertained a stronger degree of affection than for him. He has been for three years its presiding officer, and during that period has obtained a hold on the hearts of his brethren that death alone can sever. His administration has been marked by an unusual degree of prosperity, and not only have members been added to its membership, but the average attendance has been exceptionally large. His individuality is impressed upon the Lodge, and his attractive qualities of mind

and heart drew and held the brethren together. He was first brought to light in, and served as Senior Deacon of, Long Island Lodge No. 382, in 1880. He affiliated with Bedford Lodge April 25, 1881; was elected Junior Warden in 1883, and Master in 1886-7-8. He was honored by the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication with the appointment of Grand Steward, and in addition to the honors accorded him by his own Lodge, he thus becomes a Right Worshipful, with all the honors that the name implies.

WOR. WILLIAM C. KNAPP,

SENIOR WARDEN AND WORSHIPFUL MASTER-ELECT.

Although still holding the position of Senior Warden, Bro. Knapp has frequently acted as presiding officer of Bedford Lodge, and has won golden opinions from his brethren for the able manner in which he has discharged the duties of that office. Prompt and decisive, yet pleasing in his manners; self-possessed, yet modest and unassuming; a thorough ritualist, yet with sufficient originality of thought and ease of expression as to avoid even the appearance of mannerism. His work shows great care and forethought, and is exceptionally good. He was made a Master Mason in Bedford Lodge, January 28, 1884; appointed Senior Deacon in 1885, and was elected Senior Warden in 1886, 1887-8. In December, 1888, was elected Master. He was exalted in Orient Chapter No. 138, R. A. M., in which he has served as Principal Sojourner. He is a member of Burnside Council, R. A., of Brooklyn; Empire City Council No. 185, A. L. of H., New York; and Standard Council No. 31, U. S. Benevolent Fraternity.

Bro. Knapp was born in Germany, May 8, 1842, but has been a resident of New York and Brooklyn since he was four years of age; received a common-school education, and commenced as a boy with the dry-goods house of Charles Heard & Co., 301 Grand street, New York, with whom he continued for fifteen years. He commenced business for himself in New York, in 1874, under the firm name of Dorris & Knapp. Since 1884 he has continued the same business in his own name in Brooklyn, N. Y.

He has an interesting family of six children living, having lost two. His wife was Miss Minnie A. Bergman, of Brooklyn, to whom he was married in 1864.

CHARLES G. LITTLE,

JUNIOR WARDEN AND SENIOR WARDEN-ELECT.

The principles taught by Speculative Masonry were "bred in the bone" with Bro. Little, both his father and grandfather being prominent Masons in the State of New York, his brother also being a member of the Order. He received his light and knowledge of Masonry in Temple Lodge No. 412, of Fideonte, Pa., December 10, 1872. He took no active part in the work until he affiliated with Bedford Lodge, January 28, 1884. He was appointed Junior Deacon the following year; elected Junior Warden in 1886-7 and '88; and at the annual election in December, 1888, was elected Senior Warden. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Orient Chapter No. 138, on May 28, 1885, in which he served as Master of the 2d Veil, and is now Captain of the Host. He was dubbed and knighted in Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T.; is a member of Standard Council No. 31, U. S. Benevolent Fraternity of New York.

Bro. Little was born in the old historic town of Newburgh, N. Y., the last rallying point of the Continental Army in the War of the Revolution, and identified with the Fraternity by the frequent visits of General Washington to American Union Lodge. The date of Bro. Little's birth was June 11, 1847. His only education was that of the public school, but he made the most of his opportunities, and subsequently accepted a lucrative position in the oil regions of Pennsylvania, where he spent eight years of his life. He entered the employ of the Camden Consolidated Oil Co., of Baltimore, Md., in 1876, and in 1880 accepted a responsible and lucrative position with the Standard Oil Company of New York. He found a life-partner at Pleasantville, Pa., in 1874, in the person of Miss Mary Louisa Esler. Two children have blessed this union.

Bro. Little served his term with the old Volunteer Fire Department of Newburgh, from which he received an honorable discharge, December 2, 1873. He was connected with the Lawson Hose Co. No. 5.

R.: W.: BENJAMIN H. DEWEY,

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN THE STATE OF VERMONT, AND TREASURER OF BEDFORD LODGE NO. 174.

Bro. Dewey was made a Mason in Winooski Lodge No. 49, of Waterbury, Vt. He served as Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, and Master. In the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont he was Grand Junior Deacon, Grand Junior Warden, and

Deputy Grand Master. He affiliated with Bedford Lodge, January 8, 1872; was elected Treasurer in 1885-6-7-8.

Bro. Dewey was born in Georgia, Vt., March 21, 1832. He removed to Plattsburg, N. Y., thence to the State of Ohio. He returned to Vermont in 1853, and was cashier of the Waterbury (Vt.) Bank for eleven years. He commanded Company A, First Regiment, Vermont Militia; rose to the rank of Colonel and Aid-de-Camp attached to the staff of Governor Dillingham, father of the present Governor of Vermont. He was foreman of Seth Warren Engine Company No. 2, and subsequently became Chief Engineer of the Fire Department. He was married in 1857 to Miss Kate B. Adams, of Burlington, Vt., and had two children, one now living. He came to New York in 1870, and was for a time connected with the wholesale drug house of John F. Henry. He was two years cashier of the Security Bank of New York, and for the past nine years has been cashier of the Sone & Fleming Manufacturing Company (connected with the Standard Oil Works) of New York. Bro. Dewey has resided in Brooklyn for the past eighteen years, where he has made many friends, both in and out of the Lodge.

WILLIAM H. DONNELL, SECRETARY OF BEDFORD LODGE.

Bro. Donnell is courteous, kind and affable in his manner, sacrificing personal comfort and convenience to serve his brethren. He was made a Master Mason on March 8, 1869. He was Junior Deacon one term, and since 1870 has filled the office of Secretary. He was Secretary of Brooklyn Lodge No. 26, I. O. O. F.; is a member of the Masonic Mutual Relief Association of Brooklyn, and of the Northwestern Masonic Aid Association of Chicago.

Bro. Donnell was born, raised and educated in Brooklyn. He first saw the light of day Jan. 6, 1844. He commenced his commercial career, at the age of 15, with Geo. W. Read, Wholesale Commission Merchant, in New York; was in his employ two years, and afterwards was with John J. Hinchman & Co., wholesale dealers in hosiery, New York. After three years' service he entered the employ of Bellis & Co., fruit dealers, and since 1870 has been connected with the firm of Denslow & Bush, subsequently Bush & Denslow Mfg. Co., Refiners of Petroleum, as bookkeeper and cashier.

He has been twice married, his second wife being Miss Minnie Overington, an estimable lady, of Brooklyn, to whom he was united in 1883. His family consists of two children. He served his country as a member of the Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Department, and was Secretary of Jackson Engine Com-

pany No. 11. His friends are legion, to whom he is loyal, faithful, steadfast and true.

L. M. THATCHER, JUNIOR WARDEN-ELECT, 1889.

By his unswerving devotion to the cause of Freemasonry, his constant and regular attendance at the stated communications of the Lodge, and the deep interest manifested by him in the work, Bro. Thatcher has merited and won the confidence of his brethren, who have recently honored him with a seat in the South by a unanimous vote. He was entered, passed and raised in Bedford Lodge in 1885; he served as Senior Deacon in 1887, as Senior Master of Ceremonies in 1888, and at the annual election held in December, 1888, was elected Junior Warden. That he is worthy and well qualified for the position, and that he has made suitable proficiency in the work, is shown by the recent action of the brethren. He is a true Mason at heart, and exemplifies in his daily walk and in his business transactions the true principles of Speculative Masonry.

Bro. Thatcher was born at Lansingburg, N. Y., February 18, 1850. He removed to Jersey City with his parents in early childhood, and received a liberal education at the public schools of that city. He commenced his business experience with his father, who is engaged in the manufacture of hot-air furnaces. His advancement to a post of trust and responsibility is due to merit alone and not to personal relations or influence. He became a resident of Brooklyn in 1882.

ALONZO C. BUCKLEY.

Bro. Buckley has never been conspicuous as a Master Builder in the Lodge Terrestrial, but for twenty-seven years has endeavored, in his own humble way, to do his duty as brother, observing closely the designs laid down on the trestle-board, and adding each year to his store of treasures in the Lodge Celestial, that "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens;" and when his work on earth is submitted for examination to the Great Architect of the Universe, it will receive the approval of "well done, good and faithful servant." Bro. Buckley was taught early in life that the true source of happiness was in doing good and in trying to live up to the golden rule. His first instructions in Symbolic Masonry were received in Peconic Lodge, Greenport, L. I., about 1861, and he remained a true and consistent member for about twenty years. He affiliated with Bedford Lodge, June 24, 1881, where he received a cordial greeting, and found brethren united with him

in their efforts to "bear one another's burdens." He is a member of the Masonic Mutual Benefit Relief Association of Brooklyn, E. D., and South Brooklyn.

Bro. Buckley was born at Riverhead, Suffolk County, L. I., April 19, 1839. He obtained a sufficient knowledge of the rudimentary branches at the country school to fit him for the active duties of life. This completed, he learned the carpenter's trade, and in time became a master builder. He came to Brooklyn about twenty-two years ago, where he has since carried on the same business. He was married at Riverhead, in 1866, to Miss Mary P. Griffin, a native of that town. Only one out of a family of four children is now living.

HISTORY OF COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 585.

Webster defines *Cosmopolitanism* as "The state of men in which all nations form one social community free from national prejudices and attachments, or in which the common interest of the whole is the object of public measures." A Cosmopolite he defines as "one who is nowhere a stranger, or who is at home in every place."

These definitions fully coincide with the character of Cosmopolitan Lodge. No name could be more fitting or appropriate, for no brother or candidate of "good report," "worthy and well qualified," however humble his station in life, ever knocked at the door of this Lodge in vain; and no worthy brother applying for aid was ever turned from its doors, whether a member of this or any other Lodge. All its members are thoroughly cosmopolitan, and extend a hearty welcome to all visiting brothers.

Cosmopolitan is the result of an overflow from Zeredatha Lodge No. 483, and was a natural, healthy outgrowth, entirely free from any *internal pressure*. There were thirty-eight signers to the Petition, three of whom failed to complete their membership, and three others were added to the list of charter members, making a total of thirty-eight. The Petition was recommended by Zeredatha No. 483, Central No. 361, Joppa No. 201, Long Island No. 383, Hohenlinden No. 56, Anglo-Saxon No. 137, Stella No. 485, and Lexington No. 310. The first officers named in the Petition were Benjamin Price, Master; Edward A. Hodgson, Senior Warden, and Thomas H. Macarthy, Junior Warden. The charter members who qualified were: Benj. J. Price, Edward A. Hodgson, Thomas H. Macarthy, Joseph S.

Myers, J. Windle Fowler, James Walsh, William Ferguson, Elisha D. Hawkins, John H. Martin, James Bullen, P. K. Horgan, William Rose, Thomas Denning, Harrison Fisher, Robert D. Kerwick, Edward Miller, Henry S. Terry, Sidney H. Andrews, George Kinkle, William Stedman, Edward Whitehouse, George Heidt, Philo Deming, John Thompson, Francis Juif, Kern O'Brien, A. A. Macfarlan, W. F. Gilbert, George H. Reed, David L. Depew, Robert P. East, George H. Crans, August Frazer, Joseph K. Heath, Samuel T. Bridges, Henry T. Rickerby, William Wilson, Bernard Smith.

Dispensation was granted July 19, 1865, by Most Wor. Grand Master Robert D. Holmes. The first meeting was held at Anglo-Saxon Lodge rooms, corner of Court and Montague streets; they continued to meet at the same place until May, 1887, when they moved to 335 Washington street, the present place of meeting. The Dispensation was read at the first meeting; each one present subscribed \$10, making a total of \$330, thus giving the Lodge a good financial start. The fee for the three degrees was placed at \$30, and affiliation \$10. Jas. Walsh was appointed Senior Deacon, and W. Ferguson, Junior Deacon. The first candidate proposed for initiation was Henry F. Rollins, proposed by Wor. Bro. Price. The Lodge met for a short time on the 2d and 4th Wednesdays of each month, and continued to work U. D. until the following year. The charter was granted June 19, 1866, and the Lodge was duly constituted the same date, and the officers installed. These were Benj. Price, Master; E. A. Hodgson, Senior Warden; Thomas H. Macarthy, Junior Warden; Jos. S. Myers, Treasurer; J. Windle Fowler, Secretary; Alexander Hoxie, Senior Deacon; W. Ferguson, Junior Deacon; Rufus F. Hubbard, Chaplain; Geo. H. Read and James Bullen, M. of C. The ceremonies were conducted by Rt. Wor. James M. Fuller, as representative of the Grand Master, and other prominent brethren of this District.

The first death in the Lodge was that of Henry F. Rickerby, a charter member, which occurred December 15, 1866, after a long and painful illness; since then forty have passed to that "undiscovered country."

On June 29, 1869, the brethren of this Lodge gave a substantial recognition of their love and esteem for Wor. Bro. Hodgson, by presenting him with an elegant gold watch. The Lodge increased in strength and influence under his administration. Wor. Bro. Simpson was also presented with a gold watch on February 27, 1872, by the brethren of this Lodge, as a token of their love and esteem, and on May 1st, 1888, Wor. Bro. Irwin, the present Chaplain, was also presented with a gold watch.

On June 2, 1875, a Special Communication was held to arrange for participation in the ceremonies of laying the cornerstone of the Masonic Temple, New York, and after completing

arrangements, the Lodge proceeded in a body to New York and joined the other lodges in the procession. This Lodge has contributed her full share to the Hall and Asylum Fund, and wheeled promptly into line with her sister Lodges, in the payment of the *per capita* tax.

The growth of Cosmopolitan Lodge has been equal to most of the Lodges in this District; over four hundred have been added to its membership, an average of over seventeen for each year. The usual number have been dropped from the roll, leaving the present membership, as shown by the last Grand Lodge Report, 137. During its twenty-three years existence, the Lodge has had only ten Masters, one of whom, Wor. Bro. Simpson, served four consecutive terms, from 1870 to the close of 1873, again in 1881. The present Master, Wor. Bro. Penney, has already completed his fourth term, each year bringing him into closer relations with his brethren, and binding still stronger the ties that unite them together.

The Lodge is at present in a sound financial condition, with a good balance in the Treasury. Its obligations have been promptly met, while its charitable donations have always been equal to the occasion.

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF COSMOPOLITAN LODGE, FROM 1865 TO 1888, INCLUSIVE.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—Benjamin Price, 1866; Edward A. Hodgson, 1867–8; Joseph Walsh, 1869; John C. Simpson, 1870–71–2–3; F. Zellinsky, 1874; Alexander S. Murphy, 1875; F. Zellinsky, 1876; W. H. Cummings, 1877–8; Edward S. Bunker, 1879–80; John C. Simpson, 1881; Geo. W. Cummings, 1882; Joseph W. Lincoln, 1883–4; Thomas Penny, 1885–6–7–8.

SENIOR WARDEN.—Thomas A. Hodgson, 1866; J. Windle Fowler, 1867; James Walsh, 1868; John C. Simpson, 1869; William Ferguson, 1870; Joseph W. Lincoln, 1871–2; F. Zellinsky, 1873; Alexander W. Murphy, 1874; F. H. Downs, 1875; E. S. Bunker, 1876; G. W. Bennett, 1877; Edward A. Hodgson, 1878; Geo. W. Cummings, 1879; John Merrett, 1880; Geo. W. Cummings, 1881; A. W. Dougherty, 1882; Thomas Penney, 1883–4; W. I. Phillips, 1885–6; A. W. Sloggatt, 1887; Walter S. Burnham, 1888.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—Thomas H. Macarthy, 1866; James Walsh, 1867; John C. Simpson, 1868; Joseph W. Lincoln, 1869; Henry Waddleton, 1870; James Bullen, 1871; Geo. W. Bennett, 1872; Wm. H. Cummings, 1873; John D. Nolan, 1874; Wm. A. Younie, 1875; John N. Fordham, 1876; G. H. Slote, 1877–8; Asa C.

Fellows, 1879-80; James Craig, 1881; Thomas Pinney, 1882; Edward F. Lindridge, 1883; W. Irving Phillips, 1884; C. E. Taylor, 1885; A. W. Sloggatt, 1886; Thomas Butcher, 1887; John Parkinson, 1888.

SECRETARY.—J. Windle Fowler, 1866; Hiram Bloomer, 1867 to 1877, inclusive; Ferd. Zellinsky, 1878-79-80; Edward Sloggatt 1881 to 1888; re-elected for 1889.

TREASURER.—Joseph S. Myers, 1866 to 1888, and re-elected for 1889.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

A special effort was made to obtain personal sketches of the officers and past officers of this Lodge. Some were not returned at all, and others were not returned until after the completion of the history of this Lodge.

WOR. E. A. HODGSON,

PAST MASTER OF COSMOPOLITAN LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Hodgson is the oldest living Past Master of Cosmopolitan Lodge, and one of the oldest Craftsmen in the Third Masonic District. He received his degrees in St. John's Lodge No. 1, in 1857, which was warranted by the St. John's or Atwood Grand Lodge, of the State of New York. He served as Junior Deacon and Senior Deacon, and subsequently assisted in the organization of Zeredatha Lodge No. 483, and became Senior Deacon, Senior Warden, and Master; he withdrew from there with a number of brethren in 1866, and helped to organize Cosmopolitan Lodge, and was its first Senior Warden, and performed the duties of Master during that period. He was Master in 1867-8; Trustee in 1871, and again elected Senior Warden in 1878. He was exalted in Orient Chapter No. 138, R. A. M., was formerly a member of Brooklyn Council R. and S. M., also of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

Bro. Hodgson was born on Sable Island, Province of Nova Scotia, Aug. 21, 1830. His grandfather was for many years superintendent of Sable Island. Bro. Hodgson came to the States in 1847, and for the past twenty-three years has carried on the baking business in Brooklyn.

WOR. J. C. SIMPSON, PAST MASTER OF COSMOPOLITAN LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Simpson has fairly earned and justly deserves the many honors that have been bestowed on him by Cosmopolitan Lodge, not only for his ability displayed as a Craftsman, but for his large hearted benevolence, his zeal in the work, and his unceasing efforts to build up the Lodge, that it might in no way be behind its sister Lodges. He has labored incessantly for more than twenty-two years, not only to advance the general interests of the Lodge, but to lend a helping hand to the worthy and distressed. He entered this Lodge Oct. 2, 1866. He was Senior Master of Ceremonies in 1867; Junior Warden in 1868; Senior Warden in 1869; Master in 1870-71-2-3, and again in 1881. At the close of his third administration, the brethren of the Lodge, desiring to show their appreciation of his eminent labors as Master, as well as his many noble qualities as a man and Brother Mason, presented him with a gold watch, suitably inscribed, a memento he still cherishes with just and laudable pride. Although some years have passed since he laid aside the gavel, he is still a "living epistle" in masonry, "known and read of all men." He still continues his labors, and is unremitting in his efforts to promote peace and harmony and build up the Lodge. He has been for several years a member of Nassau Lodge No. 39, I. O. O. F.

Bro. Simpson was born on Deer Island, Province of New Brunswick, October 25, 1840, but was raised and educated at Eastport, Me. He commenced life as a clerk in a country store, and in 1862 came to New York and obtained a position in a clothing house. He started in business for himself in 1874, which he has carried on successfully for the past fourteen years. He has an interesting family of a wife and one child; he was married in 1880 to Miss Emma C. Mann, of Delhi, N. Y.

WOR. ALEXANDER S. MURPHY,

PAST MASTER OF COSMOPOLITAN LODGE.

As Master of Cosmopolitan Lodge Wor. Bro. Murphy fully maintained the reputation it had hitherto borne, and strangers as well as his own brethren were always extended a hearty greeting. As a presiding officer he was exceptionally good, and, while he never permitted any unmasonic conduct during Lodge hours, and always insisted on strict decorum, yet, when called from labor to refreshment, he was the simple, unaffected Craftsman and warm-hearted brother. Cases of sickness and distress received his thoughtful attention, and he frequently made personal visits to such and extended the hand of sympathy as well as pecuniary aid. Bro. Murphy was initiated, passed

and raised in this Lodge in 1872. He filled temporarily the several offices about the Lodge, and in 1874 was taken from the floor and honored with a seat in the West; and the following year was elected Master. During his administration he took a prominent part in the arrangements of the Third Masonic District for participating in the dedication ceremonies of the Masonic Temple, and was Secretary of the Committee of Arrangements.

Bro. Murphy is a native of New York city, born Sept. 14, 1850. He enjoyed the usual educational facilities of the public schools. Ever since the outset of his business career he has been connected with the principal shipping and maritime interests of this port, having worked his way up from the humblest position. He is a prominent and popular member of the *Maritime* and *Produce* exchanges; was for many years freight manager of the Union Line of steamers, running between New York and Hamburg, of which Phelps Bros. & Co. were the General Agents. He has recently formed a connection with the Anchor Line of Steamers, managed by Henderson Bros., he having charge of the chartering department. He has been a resident of Brooklyn for some years past.

WOR. W. H. CUMMINGS,

PAST MASTER OF COSMOPOLITAN LODGE.

The Mantle of his predecessors fell on one worthy to bear it when Bro. Cummings was elected to preside in the East. A man of great decision of character, fine administrative ability, he kept the Lodge well in hand, and did much to promote its social features by fraternal intercourse with sister Lodges. He extended a hearty welcome to all visiting brethren, without distinction, and was alike cordially greeted by his brethren of sister Lodges. A man of irreproachable character, an upright Mason, and a Craftsman well skilled in the working tools of Symbolic Masonry. He was received into the Lodge as a "rough ashler," July 6, 1869; passed to the degree of Fellowcraft July 13, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason Aug. 17, 1869; he was Junior Deacon in 1872; Junior Warden in 1873; Senior Deacon in 1876, and Master in 1877-8. In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite he is Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32d degree, Cerneau Consistory, No. 1, of New York city. He is also a member of Stella Council No. 400, A. L. of H., of Brooklyn.

Although a native of Manchester, England, born June 13, 1848, he has known no other country but this, having removed with his parents to Brooklyn in early childhood, and was educated at Public School No. 6. At the age of twelve years he

commenced to learn the art of decorating and painting, to which he devoted five years' service. He then left the business and commenced as office boy in the commission house of Norton, Slaughter & Co., continuing from 1865 to 1874, when he became a member of the firm of J. H. Moore & Co., in the same business. He stands high in the business community and is a man of unimpeachable character, strict probity and honor. He has a large and interesting family of six children, having lost one. He was married, January 9, 1872, to Miss Hannah Eliza Osborn, an estimable lady connected with one of the old, highly respected Brooklyn families.

WOR. JOSEPH W. LINCOLN,

PAST MASTER OF COSMOPOLITAN LODGE.

It is a remarkable and noteworthy fact that, during the administration of Wor. Bro. Lincoln as Master, not a *single death occurred in the Lodge*. If he did not possess the health-giving properties that tend to longevity of years, he certainly imparted to his brethren the cheerful spirit and happy frame of mind which characterized his administration, and thus helped to "drive away dull care," and relieve the physical from the mental strains. In this respect his two years' administration was the most successful ever enjoyed by this Lodge. He was raised in this Lodge December 4, 1866, during the first year of its organization, by Wor. Bro. Hodgson, the then acting Master. He has served four terms as Senior Deacon, viz., 1868, 1870, 1881, 1888; was Junior Warden in 1869; Senior Warden in 1871, and Master in 1883-4. His desire to do good and help his fellow-men has led to his connection with other benevolent organizations. He was a charter member and first Regent of Oxford Council, R. A., and subsequently left it to join Amaranth Council No. 461. He has been an active working member, and is now Trustee of the Masonic Mutual Benefit Association of Brooklyn.

Bro. Lincoln was born at Eastport, Me., April 23, 1841. After completing his education he commenced as a clerk in a country store. He came to New York in 1863 and obtained a position in the house of J. H. Watkins; he was two years with him and ten years with his successor. He carried on business for himself for five years, and for the past nine years has been with the house of J. H. Robertson, of New York. He has been twice married, his first wife, Miss Lydia M. Shea, deceased, leaving one child. He married the second time, Miss Adelaide M. Piper, of Brooklyn, by whom he has one child.

WOR. THOMAS PENNEY, MASTER OF COSMOPOLITAN LODGE.

Cosmopolitan Lodge has had none more worthy, capable or earnest presiding officers than the present incumbent. Quick and prompt in his orders, a thorough master of the ritual, able to command as well as to win respect, yet never giving offense by his rulings or by his manner. That he has obtained a strong hold of the hearts of his brethren is shown by the fact that they have elected him four successive times to his present position. The Fraternity owe him a debt of gratitude for his prompt and energetic efforts in behalf of the Hall and Ayslum Fund in urging the brethren to pay its per capita tax, thus obtaining relief from further assessments. He has in many ways endeared himself to the brethren by his acts of kindness and his efforts to promote their individual happiness. He will long be held in remembrance for his fidelity and devotion to the cause. He was proposed September 14, 1880; initiated Entered Apprentice Sept. 28th; passed to the degree of Fellowcraft Oct. 12th, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason October 26th; was Junior Warden in 1882; Senior Warden in 1883-4, and Master in 1885-6-7-8. In Gate of the Temple Chapter he was proposed June 22, 1881; advanced to the honorary degree of Mark Master September 14th; regularly passed the Chair October 12th; received and acknowledged Most Excellent Master November 9th; exalted to the most sublime degree of Royal Arch December 5th; he passed through the several chairs, and is at present High Priest; he is equally popular with his companions in the Chapter.

Bro. Penney was born at No. 9 Vandewater street, New York, February 23, 1851; educated in the rudimentary branches at public school, and received a thorough course at Paine's Business College, Brooklyn. He entered the house of Harrison, Bostwick & Karples, Petroleum Inspectors, as a boy, and worked his way up to his present position as superintendent. In every position in life he has shown the same fidelity and integrity of purpose.

WALTER B. BURNHAM, SENIOR WARDEN.

Bro. Burnham was made a Mason in this Lodge February 10, 1880, and was elected Senior Warden for 1887. He was exalted in Gate of the Temple Chapter, R. A. M.

Bro. Burnham was born in London, England, Nov. 22, 1845. He came to this country and settled in Brooklyn in 1865, continuing to work at his trade of harness making until 1877, when he started in business for himself.

JOHN PARKINSON, JUNIOR WARDEN.

Bro. Parkinson is a veteran Craftsman of many years standing, and has never yet grown weary of well doing. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Keystone Lodge No. 235, in 1864. He affiliated with Cosmopolitan Lodge December 4, 1877; served as Senior Master of Ceremonies in 1881, 1886-7, and at the last Annual Communication was elected Junior Warden. He has found a pleasant home in this Lodge with brethren that could appreciate his many estimable qualities, while he in turn has labored earnestly to promote the objects of masonry, and help all worthy distressed brethren of the Fraternity. He is a member of the North Western Masonic Insurance Association, of Chicago.

Bro. Parkinson was born in Hull, England, Nov. 25, 1836, but has been a resident of Brooklyn from early childhood. He first learned the ship carpenter's trade, which he followed for some years; he then tried the lighterage business and was fairly successful. He finally tried the retail coal business in Brooklyn, E. D., and by honesty and fair dealing with his customers he has received a liberal patronage. While making no display, he has never failed to practice the principles taught in masonry. His domestic life has been fraught with peace and harmony. He has had a large family, but only four children are now living. His wife was a Miss Anna Garnett, to whom he was married in 1858.

JOS. S. MYERS, TREASURER.

The record of Bro. Myers is fully comprehended in one word, viz., FIDELITY. Since the first Regular Communication of Cosmopolitan Lodge, nearly a quarter of a century ago, he has guarded its Treasury and received and disbursed every dollar. Bro. Myers was brought to Masonic light in Zeredatha Lodge No. 483, in 1863, by Wor. Bro. Hodgson, the first Master of this Lodge. He assisted in organizing Cosmopolitan Lodge, and was elected Treasurer, U. D., and annually re-elected down to the present time. The sentiments of his brethren toward him have been expressed on two different occasions; the first was about fifteen years ago, when he was presented with gold cross keys and ring, emblematic of his office; and about six years ago was presented with a more *substantial* token of their love and esteem, viz., a solid silver pitcher, with cup and salver of the same.

EDWARD SLOGGATT, SECRETARY.

"Behold how pleasant it is to see brethren dwell together in unity." Bro. Sloggatt is one of three brothers, who, together with the father, are all members of Cosmopolitan Lodge. It is evident that they are all "of one accord and one mind," and none can measure the influence that such a family exerts for good. Bro. Edward Sloggatt, the subject of this sketch, received his instructions in the use of the tools of Speculative Masonry from Wor. Bro. W. H. Cummings, and was brought to light Nov. 27, 1877. He was appointed on the Donating Committee in 1878-9; was elected Secretary in 1881, and re-elected annually each succeeding year. Careful, painstaking, and methodical, he has filled the position to the entire satisfaction of his brethren. His uniform courtesy and urbanity of manner have won for him the esteem of his brethren, as well as all who are brought into relations with him. To do good and to obey as far as possible the golden rule is the aim of his life.

Although a native of London, England, born April 15, 1856, Bro. Sloggatt has known no other country but this, having resided in Brooklyn since he was three years of age. He acquired a good education, and in 1870 entered as a boy, the house of Spelman Bros., fancy goods importers, New York, where, by strict attention to business, and a conscientious discharge of every duty, he won the esteem of his employers, and was in due course of time promoted to his present high and responsible position. He took to himself a life partner in 1887, in the person of Miss Elizabeth Howard Coutant, of Brooklyn, whose father was a prominent mason and worthy brother.

JOHN SLOGGATT, TILER.

Bro. John Sloggatt has certainly obeyed the command to "bring up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." He entered Cosmopolitan Lodge in 1875, and has since brought in his three sons, all of whom have been an honor to the Lodge, as well as to the Fraternity. He was appointed Tiler in the fall of 1887 and still holds that position. He was exalted in Gate of Temple Chapter, R. A. M., and was Principal Sojourner for four years. He is a member of Oxford Chapter, R. A., Steuben Council No. 952, A. L. of H., and Eagle Council, Order of United Friends.

Bro. Sloggatt was born in England, July 29, 1824, he married in the Isle of Jersey, and his three sons, members of this Lodge, were born in London. He has been a resident of Brooklyn for the past thirty years. He has a large circle of friends, both in and out of the Lodge.

WOR. GEORGE W. BENNETT, MASTER ELECT FOR 1889.

Wor. Bro. Bennett celebrates the twenty-first year of his Masonic birth by a seat in the East, to which his brethren have elected him. He has rendered long and faithful service in subordinate positions, and endeared himself to the brethren by his unselfish devotion to the cause, and his willingness to serve them in any capacity where he could be most useful. The honor recently conferred upon him is a fit ending to his long and useful career, and he enters upon the duties of his new position, not a novice, but with a ripe experience, mature judgment and a thorough knowledge of the work. He was received as an Entered Apprentice, in this Lodge, April 14, 1868, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 19th following, by Wor. Bro. Hodgson, who is still a member of this Lodge. He was S. M. C. in 1871; Junior Warden in 1872; Senior Warden in 1877, and at the annual election in December, 1888, was elected Master by an almost unanimous majority.

Bro. Bennett is a native of Brooklyn, born Sept. 12, 1844. After completing his education he learned the carpenter's trade, and in 1860 was associated with his father in the employ of the Brooklyn Fire Brick Works, and has continued his connection with this company for twenty-nine years, ten of which he has been foreman. His long continuance in this position is the best evidence of the high esteem in which he is held by his employers.

CHRISTOPHER P. FLOOD, SENIOR DEACON FOR 1889.

Bro. Flood has made great proficiency in the work during his brief masonic career, and has been honored accordingly by the newly elected Master. He was received as an Entered Apprentice into Cosmopolitan Lodge in the spring of 1888; soon after received his Fellowcraft degree, and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in July of this year. At the annual election in December following he was appointed Senior Deacon, and entered at once upon his duties, duly and truly prepared, worthy and well qualified for the position. Possessed of a retentive memory, he soon acquired a knowledge of the ritual that enabled him to perform the work without assistance.

Bro. Flood, now Manager of the Postal office, 187 Broadway, New York, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., September 6, 1857. He entered the telegraph service in 1868 as messenger for Mr. M. H. Redding, then Manager of the Bankers and Brokers' Telegraph Company. He was finally made head messenger at the oil office of that company. He followed the oil trade to the Produce Exchange, where he was appointed delivery clerk, and

shortly afterwards operator, in 1873. In 1874 he went to Long Branch for the Western Union, the Bankers & Brokers' having been sold out. In May, 1876, he went to Philadelphia for the Philadelphia Local Telegraph Company, where he was made night manager of the principal city office. In 1877 he was appointed manager of the Western Union office at West Philadelphia depot. In March, 1878, he was appointed operator in the Western Union main office, New York City, and soon afterwards transferred to the cable department, where he remained until the opening of the Mutual Union Telegraph Company, where he was employed by them as assistant chief. He remained in that capacity until the opening of the Postal Telegraph Company, when he was appointed circuit manager and chief operator of its wire system in the Eastern Division. At the time of the consolidation of the Baltimore & Ohio, Postal and the Bankers' & Merchants', he was made traffic chief of the United Lines' office. When the split occurred he returned to the Postal as chief operator, where he has remained ever since.

HISTORY OF ALTAIR LODGE NO. 601.

The main facts contained in the history of this Lodge were taken from the Historical Address of Wor. Bro. James S. Leeds, delivered before Altair Lodge on December 21, 1886, the twenty-first anniversary of the Lodge.

The founders of Altair Lodge had high aims and "great expectations," all of which have since been fully realized. They selected for a name one of the most brilliant of the "lesser lights" from among the heavenly bodies, which was to be symbolic of the character of its membership. This standard has been maintained during the twenty-four years of its existence. Among its members may be found prominent clergymen of the different denominations, distinguished lawyers, merchants, and others; the social and intellectual status will compare favorably with that of any Lodge in the State of New York.

Wor. Bro. Leeds in his Historical Address states that, "In the year 1865 a large membership, and a diversity of opinion upon many subjects, made another Lodge in this neighborhood desirable, and accordingly forty-one (41) of the brethren of Montauk Lodge No. 286, presented a petition to the Grand Master, Most Wor. Robert D. Holmes, praying that a dispensation issue, and that the aforesaid brethren be permitted to assume Masonic responsibilities under the title of Altair. Under date of Dec. 21,

1865, the dispensation prayed for was granted, and on the evening of Dec. 22, 1865, Altair Lodge held her first communication in these rooms [No. 38-40 Court street], set up for the first time her masonic home and kindled the warm fire of brotherly love which still glows brightly on the Altar, and which has served as a beacon light to many in the years that have gone. There were present at the first communication Wor. Bro. Peter M. Borland, Master; William E. Pearce, Senior Warden; John A. Elmendorf, Junior Warden; Thomas H. Mooreson, Treasurer; Charles F. Rogers, Secretary; George B. Farrington, Senior Deacon; Samuel W. Hubbard, Junior Deacon; Wor. Bros. Harvey Farrington and James T. Brush, together with Bros. Luther J. Rice, Alexander Spence, William D. Chase, Reid Dickson, Charles B. Holmes, Lyman Mallory, Walter Ashfield, Samuel Carter, James H. Giles, William G. Hawkins, Louis Grube and Elisha H. Cheshire. Many propositions for membership were received and acted upon, and after having donated \$100 to the relief of the poor and distressed in the fraternity, the proceeding closed in peace and harmony."

Out of the forty-one members who composed Altair Lodge at the time of its erection only ten now remain, viz., Harvey Farrington, Bros. George B. Farrington, Luther J. Rice, Samuel Carter, George A. Wells, Lyman Mallory, Wor. Bro. James S. Leeds, Bro. Alexander Spence, Louis Grube and John A. Elmendorf. Seventeen have died and the remaining fourteen, for various reasons, have severed their connection.

The initiation fees were fixed at \$30; changed July 4, 1867, to \$50, and on Dec., 1875, to \$40. The affiliation fees were \$10; changed January 4, 1867, to \$25; April 11, 1876, to \$15, and on February 5, 1878, to \$5. The Commutation fees were \$50; changed January 19, 1875, to \$100.

The first Fellowcrafts raised in the Lodge, U. D., were Charles L. Brackett, Ralph L. Cutter, Geo. W. Clark, Silas C. Force, Frederick T. Hoyt, Wm. K. Purves, John W. Richardson and Benjamin O. Wainwright; this was in March, 1866. The first death was that of William Miller, which took place in 1866.

"The first year was one of remarkable prosperity. By virtue of the indefatigable exertions of Wor. Bro. Farrington, to whom was confided the arranging of all the details with Montauk Lodge, Altair Lodge started with a cash capital of \$2,460, or \$60 per capita, which was the basis as arranged. * * * Wor. Bro. Borland, the Nestor of Altair, was in the full prime of his distinguished manhood. No sacrifice was too great for him to make that the interests which he held might be advanced, and so acceptably and so successfully did he wield the gavel in the East that, during the first year, there were added by initiation 48 members; by affiliation 19, and de-

ducting one death and one dimit, there were at the close of the first year 83 Master Masons, 8 Fellowcrafts, and 15 Entered Apprentices, or 106 in all. Forty-two communications were held the first year.

"The Lodge was under dispensation from December 21, 1865, until June 22, 1866, on the evening of which Altair Lodge No. 601, received her charter from the hands of Most Wor. Grand Master Robert D. Holmes, who, with the assistance of the other Grand Officers, presided at the installation services, after which a dinner was given in the rooms below."

Of those who joined Altair under dispensation, and who consequently are charter members of the Lodge, fourteen now remain; these are, Ralph L. Cutler, Cornelius A. Marvin, James H. Ruggles, William K. Purves, Aaron Brinkerhoff, William A. Bartlett, Louis W. Towt, John W. Richardson, Thomas H. Crossley, Walter O. Lewis, William E. Webb, Charles H. Webb, George Judson and Hassan H. Wheeler.

Altair has been signally honored by the Grand Lodge on several occasions; three of her Past Masters have been selected as District Deputy Grand Masters. The first of these was Wor. Bro. Cornelius A. Marvin, appointed in 1867 by Most Wor. Grand Master Stephen H. Johnson; the Third District at that time comprised Richmond, Kings, Queens and Suffolk counties. He was regarded by the craft as a model representative in this jurisdiction. The next appointment was that of Wor. John W. Richardson, in 1882, by Most Wor. Grand Master Benjamin Flagler. The Third District then comprised Kings County west of Washington Avenue, including Kings County Lodge No. 511, of Flatbush, and Acanthus No. 719. No brother ever enjoyed a greater degree of popularity in the District than this honored and worthy brother, and he was honored not only as the representative of the Grand Lodge but for his many personal qualities. The appointment of Wor. Bro. Rufus T. Griggs followed that of Wor. Bro. Richardson. Wor. Bro. Leeds in his Historical Address, referring to Bro. Griggs' appointment, says: "On January 20, 1885, there were gathered in this room a large number of brethren, including the Masters of the Lodges in the Third Masonic District, with whom Bro. Griggs had been associated during the years 1883 and 1884. They were assembled that they might honor him; that they might testify to him in the presence of his own Masonic family, and at his own Masonic fireside, the love they bore him, and the fraternal sympathy which they so keenly felt, and calling upon Most Wor. Bro. Joseph J. Couch to represent them, they presented him at the hands of the Most Wor. Bro. a testimonial which, I doubt not, he will cherish while life shall last, and dying, will bequeath it to his children as an heir-loom which will speak to them in eloquent tones concern-

ing the feelings of the Masters of the District toward a distinguished member of Altair."

The highest honor, however, that Altair has enjoyed was that of the appointment of Wor. Bro. Harvey Farrington, a Charter Member, to the position of Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge. For five years he labored with the committee to devise ways and means to reduce the enormous debt resting on the Fraternity of this State. The immense property belonging to this fund was wisely and judiciously managed by him, and at the expiration of his five years of service, he having resigned, the Grand Lodge presented him with a beautiful gold medal and an apron emblematic of his office.

Referring to the liberality of Altair Lodge, Bro. Leeds in his Historical Address, says: "It is gratifying to remember that during the years of our existence as a Lodge Altair has nobly responded, and most generously, to the cries of distress which have reached her attentive ears, and out of the promptings of a charitable heart, has contributed her funds with a lavish hand when necessity so required. No worthy applicant has ever been turned empty-handed from her doors. While the Masonic Board of Relief was in existence she was for many years a contributor to its funds, and though she has been fortunate in that her own members have made but few calls upon her charity, that circumstance has permitted her to dispense it in other directions. In the year 1871, when the disastrous fires in Chicago and elsewhere in the West rendered so many of our brethren utterly dependent at the time, she responded liberally; and later, in 1876, when the ravages of yellow fever in Memphis and through the South brought sorrow and need to so many hearts, she opened wide her treasury door and practically exemplified the tenets she professed."

A touching incident is related by Bro. Leeds illustrating the strong masonic ties which bind us together in one common brotherhood: "In the month of January, 1871, Bro. Alfred G. Kelley, one of our charter members, left our city with his wife on a business tour through the South; he was in the full bloom of health, and, with the brightest prospects, he looked forward into the future with pleasure and pride; he went as a stranger into a strange land, and little knew he how strong a bond of sympathy his necessities would soon evoke from his Masonic brethren, whom he was so soon and so unexpectedly to meet. Soon after reaching the city of Richmond, Va., he was taken suddenly ill, and, a physician being called, it was discovered that he was in immediate danger. From a remark which he let fall in his delirium the physician inquired if he were of the fraternity, and on learning the fact, and the Lodge to which the physician belonged being that night in session, an

appeal was accordingly made. Nobly did the brethren of Francaise Lodge No. 53, of Richmond, meet that appeal. A few members gave immediate attendance, and, watching faithfully by his side, they saw his life ebb slowly away, and with tender and sympathetic hands they closed his eyelids forever in the sleep of death. Carefully then attending to all the needs of that trying and sad hour, they sent his body to Altair under the charge of a special committee appointed by Francaise Lodge, which was met by a committee appointed from our own.

Resolutions were adopted by Altair Lodge expressive of the deep obligations the brethren were under to Francaise Lodge, and the warm appreciation of this act of kindness.

Bro. Leeds also gives another incident of interest to the fraternity. He says: "Our present S. W., Bro. Geo. E. Nichols, related in this room some time ago his own personal experience; it was as follows: He was on the train coming from New Orleans to New York and was suddenly taken ill. His eye rested upon a Masonic emblem which the conductor of the train had left exposed. Bro. Nichols was in real distress, and conscious of his failing strength, and so the emblem met his eye as an incentive and a stimulus. In a short time fraternal relations were established, a section of the car was placed at his disposal, medicine was procured, and his great necessities were soon alleviated. As the train moved northward his condition awakened the sympathy of other members of the craft, until at last he was taken charge of by Admiral Semmes, who escorted him to Washington, and there placing him in charge of another member of the fraternity, he was brought safe and sound to his own Brooklyn home. Let the nobility of these deeds forever rebuke the criticism of sordid minds."

Bro. Leeds thus alludes to the present condition of Altair Lodge: "Time has worked wondrous changes; and although we assemble in the old familiar rooms, and are surrounded by the same symbols as in the early days, and though the Lodge as such is the same as when she first began her bright career, yet in her individual membership many have gone, many more have come, the mosaic pattern has been varied, but the life work still goes on; and faithful hands still ply the shuttle to and fro, keeping ever in mind the promise of its founders, and carrying forward with a high resolve the noble work which they pledge themselves to do."

The largest amount of work ever done by Altair Lodge was in 1866-7. 28 were raised and 22 affiliated in 1866, making a total of 50; in 1867, 35 were raised and 12 affiliated, making a total of 47; the nearest approximate to this was in 1881, during the administration of Wor. Bro. Griggs, when 13 were raised and 5 affiliated, making a total of 18. Commencing with a

membership of 41 in 1865 there have been added, down to the close of 1887, 284, making a total membership of 325; of this number 52 dimitted, 66 were dropped, 39 deceased; this added to the number restored left the total membership as reported to the Grand Lodge in 1888 as 168.

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF ALTAIR LODGE, FROM 1866 TO
1888, INCLUSIVE.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—Peter M. Borland, 1866; Cornelius A. Marvin, 1867-8-9-1870; Peter M. Borland, 1871-2; Walter N. Degraw, Jr., 1873; Adam R. Gray, 1874; James S. Leeds, 1875; John W. Richardson, 1876-7; Samuel Stenson, 1878-9; Henry B. Hebert, 1880; Rufus T. Griggs, 1881-2; Starks Edson, 1883-4; Edward W. Mascord, 1885-6; Rev. Warren C. Hubbard, 1887-8.

SENIOR WARDEN.—Wm. E. Pearce, 1866; James H. Ruggles, 1867-8; Walter N. Degraw, Jr., 1869; Jno. W. Richardson, 1870; George B. Farrington, 1871; C. C. Adams, 1872; Robert B. Gardener, 1873; James S. Leeds, 1874; Alfred H. Farrington, 1875; Samuel Stenson, 1876-7; Henry B. Hebert, 1878-9; Rufus T. Griggs, 1880; Edward W. Mascord, 1881-2; Rev. Warren C. Hubbard, 1883-4; Horace H. Stevens, 1885; George E. Nichols, 1886-7; George Nicholson, 1888.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—Jno. A. Elmendorf, 1866; Charles H. Joy, 1867; Samuel W. Smith, 1868; Hassan H. Wheeler, 1869; Thomas K. Leslie, 1870; C. C. Adams, 1871; Alfred H. Farrington, 1872; William Wynn, 1873; Alfred H. Farrington, 1874; Chas. E. Van Vlack, 1875; Henry B. Hebert, 1876-7; Rufus T. Griggs, 1878-9; Harvey C. Camp, 1880; Starks Edson, 1881-2; Horace H. Stevens, 1883-4; William J. Sherwood, 1885; George Nicholson, 1886-7; William H. Ford, 1888.

TREASURER.—Thomas H. Morrison, 1866-7; Louis W. Towt, 1868-9-1870; L. V. D. Hardenbergh, 1871 to 1888, inclusive; re-elected for 1889.

SECRETARY.—Chas. F. Rogers, 1866; Chas. L. Brackett, 1867 to 1870, inclusive; Rufus W. Powell, 1871-2-3-4; Geo. Judson, 1875 to 1882, inclusive; Chas. S. Carter, 1883-4; Richard H. Clarke, 1885; Frank B. Jackson, 1886-7-8.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

An effort was made to secure biographical sketches of all the living Past Masters and charter members, which was only partially successful. Wor. Bro. Edson could not be reached, Wor. Bro. Mascord declined to be interviewed, and Wor. Bro. Hubbard failed to return the sketch sent for his approval. A few of the charter members were seen at their places of business; the others could only be seen at their places of residences, which, owing to the limited time, could not be reached. Sketches of a few others who were conspicuous in Altair Lodge or in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, have been inserted.

RIGHT WOR. HARVEY FARRINGTON,

PAST MASTER OF MONTAUK LODGE NO. 286; PAST TRUSTEE OF
THE GRAND LODGE, AND TREASURER OF THE HALL AND
ASYLUM FUND; PATRIARCH OF ALTAIR LODGE.

No higher honor could be conferred on any brother than to be called Patriarch of Altair Lodge, and it is justly conceded by his brethren that he is entitled to that appellation. It was his mind that conceived and it was through his efforts that the Lodge was established on a firm basis, that insured its success from the start, and for many years he watched over it with paternal solicitude, and witnessed its continued growth and prosperity. More than thirty years have elapsed since Bro. Farrington was brought to Masonic light in Montauk Lodge No. 286. He served as its Senior Deacon, was Junior Warden in 1860, Senior Warden in 1861, and Master in 1862. It was during his administration that the controversy arose in regard to the use of the Delta in the Lodge, he maintaining his position with firmness and dignity, against the opinions of some of the best masonic authorities, until the matter was finally and forever settled by the Grand Lodge, resulting in a complete victory for Montauk Lodge. When, in 1866, Wor. Bro. Farrington and his associates withdrew from Montauk and erected Altair Lodge, the Delta, over which such a fierce struggle had ensued, was suspended, in connection with the little "G." over the East. He became Chairman of the first Board of Trustees, and would accept no other honor. Wor. Bro. Leeds in an Historical Address, delivered on the twenty-first anniversary of the Lodge, said: "*By virtue of the indefatigable exertions of Wor. Bro. Farrington, to whom was confided the arranging of all the details of Montauk Lodge, we started with a capital of \$2,460, or \$60 per capita, which was the basis as arranged.*"

Still higher honors awaited Bro. Farrington. He was made

Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, and held the position for five consecutive years. He was indefatigable in his efforts to reduce the Hall and Asylum Fund debt. During his term of office as Trustee, the rent of the rooms of Masonic Hall were reduced fifty per cent.

At the close of his Trusteeship he was presented by the Grand Lodge with a beautiful gold medal, on the obverse side of which was an appropriate inscription, and on the reverse side was stamped a design of the Masonic Hall. He was also presented with an elegant apron, emblematic of his office.

This closed the masonic career of Bro. Farrington, and while he has long since ceased his active labors, he takes a deep interest in the welfare of the Fraternity, and is held in affectionate esteem by the brethren throughout the State, but more especially those of Altair Lodge.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Harvey Farrington is a native of New Bedford, Mass., a scion of the best New England stock, born October 30, 1822. His parents removed with him to the Northern part of New York State when he was but two years of age. He received a thorough academic education, and soon after engaged in mercantile pursuits. He came to New York in 1850 and established the tea business which he has carried on successfully for nearly forty years, in connection with his brother, and later with his son. He has been a resident of Brooklyn since 1850. He was a member of the Lincoln Club in the Seventh Ward, and was a member of the Citizens Committee, in 1871, to investigate the election frauds; this Committee formed the nucleus of the famous Committee of One Hundred, organized two years later, which exercised such a potent influence in establishing political reforms.

Bro. Farrington is well preserved for a man of his years; and while his head is whitened with the snows of many winters, his step is firm and elastic, and as the head of the firm with which he is connected, he attends to all the important duties.

RIGHT WOR. J. W. RICHARDSON,

PAST MASTER OF ALTAIR LODGE; PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Richardson is one of the best known and most prominent members of the Masonic Fraternity of Brooklyn. He has been a frequent visitor to sister Lodges in this District for the past twenty years, where he always receives a cordial welcome. He is one of the oldest members of Altair Lodge, having received his Master Mason's degree, U. D., in March, 1866. He was Senior Master of Ceremonies in 1867-8; Senior

Deacon in 1869; Senior Warden in 1870; S. M. C. in 1872; Senior Deacon again in 1873, and Master in 1886-7. On retiring from the East he was presented with a pair of beautiful diamond studs, in recognition of his distinguished services and of the friendship and esteem of his brethren. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District for 1882-3, by Most Wor. Grand Master Benjamin Flagler, and was soon after presented by the Lodge with an elegant jewel and apron, emblematic of his office. His reception by his own Lodge on the occasion of his official visit as D. D. G. M., was one of the greatest events in the history of this Lodge. He is now a Trustee of the Lodge. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209, where he served as Master of the 3d Veil; was Principal Sojourner five years; was Captain of Host, E. King, and High Priest two different terms. He was created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Clinton Commandery No. 14. He is a Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33d degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Jurisdiction; is connected with the Aurora Grata Bodies, and is Deputy Master of the Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection. He crossed the burning sands in Mecca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, from which he dimitted and became a charter member of Kismet Temple, of which he is now H. P.

Bro. Richardson was born in Boston, January 15, 1840. After completing his education he followed the sea for four years, and was twice around the globe. He came to New York in 1864, and entered the clothing house of Hawley Bros., where he remained for several years. In 1873 he established business for himself in the same line, which he still continues.

WOR. JAMES S. LEEDS, PAST MASTER OF ALTAIR LODGE.

"Sir your wit ambles well; it goes easily."

To attempt the delineation of the character of Wor. Bro. Leeds is a task few would be willing to undertake. It is like the kaliedoscope flashing its brilliant hues, and at every turn presenting some new and varied form of striking beauty. His versatility and fluency of speech, his sparkling wit and quickness at repartee, have made him as famous in masonic circles as "Our Chauncey" is to the New York public. There is another side to his character, however, more beautiful than all else, for beneath the surface there beats a warm heart which quickens with sudden impulse at the story of suffering or distress, and finds expression in earnest, eloquent words. From the date of its organization, he has been the life and soul of Altair Lodge; he has exercised a potent influence in its deliber-

ations ; he was the "chief corner-stone" in its erection, and has never ceased to spread the cement of brotherly love, and to promote peace and harmony among the brethren. He was brought to light in Montauk Lodge No. 286, nearly twenty-eight years ago, and in 1865 withdrew from that and assisted in organizing Altair Lodge ; he was Senior Deacon in 1872, Senior Warden in 1874, and Master in 1875. On retiring from the East he was presented by the Lodge with a beautiful diamond setting Past Master's jewel. On December 21, 1886, he delivered an Historical Address before the Lodge, recounting the twenty-one years of its existence, and enumerating all the events of interest during that period. It was an able and eloquent address and displayed great literary ability. It was listened to by an attentive and appreciative audience. Bro. Leeds has served as Trustee of the Lodge for the past ten years, and during that time has taken an active part in the work. As Master, he was one of the best presiding officers the Lodge ever had. While on the floor he was humorous, witty and jovial, yet as presiding officer he maintained that dignity due to the position, never for a moment tolerating any unmasonic conduct among the brethren.

Bro. Leeds was born in Newburgh, N. Y., Oct. 14, 1839 ; his maternal ancestors were conspicuous actors in the War of the Revolution, participating in the famous battle of Minisink. He came with his parents to Brooklyn when he was twelve years of age ; he was sent to the public school, and afterwards to a French school kept by A. Boursaud. In 1856 he became connected with the wholesale dry goods house of Dibley, Work & Moore ; he subsequently established himself in the clothing business under the firm name of Leeds, Clark & Farrar. In 1874 he started in the real estate business in which he is still engaged. He has taken a prominent part in politics for many years past ; he was President of the 1st Ward Republican Committee and a delegate to the General Committee.

RIGHT WOR. RUFUS T. GRIGGS,

PAST MASTER OF ALTAIR LODGE ; PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND
MASTER, THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

"*A tree is known by its fruits ;*" and the character of every man's work is measured by the results. During the two years administration of Rt. Wor. Bro. Griggs as Master of Altair Lodge, there was added to its membership twenty-three by initiation and nine by affiliation, making a total of thirty-two, a record of growth scarcely surpassed in the history of the Lodge.

The able and efficient officers under him, and the loyal support he has received from the brethren, especially that of Wor. Bro. J. W. Richardson, contributed largely to this result; but the earnestness of purpose, combined with good judgment, rare executive ability, and a thorough knowledge of the work, were among the qualifications possessed by Bro. Griggs, which would have insured success in any undertaking. Bro. Griggs is a child of Altair Lodge; his masonic birth took place in February, 1872. He was appointed J. M. C. the same year; was Senior Deacon in 1875-6-7; Junior Warden in 1878-9; Senior Warden in 1880, and Master in 1881-2. At the close of his second term, his personal qualifications, as well as his successful efforts on behalf of Altair Lodge, received due recognition by the presentation to him of a set of beautiful diamond studs. In 1883 he was appointed by the Most Wor. Grand Master J. Edward Simmons, District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District; and on assuming the duties of his office he was presented by the brethren of Altair Lodge with a jewel and apron, emblematic of his office. He entered upon his new field of labor with the same zeal and earnestness that had characterized his previous efforts, and with corresponding results. No brother holding this position ever received more distinguished honors from the Lodges of this District. At the close of his administration as District Deputy G. M., he was presented with a beautiful album containing the portraits of the several Worshipful Masters of this District, and on making his official visit to his own Lodge he was presented with a handsomely framed picture of Rt. Wor. John W. Richardson, his steadfast friend and brother.

As a presiding officer on public occasions, it was said he had no superior, and the office has never been filled by any one with greater satisfaction to the Fraternity of this District than by Rt. Bro. Wor. Griggs. During this period he was appointed by Grand Master Simmons, Chairman of a Special Committee on Work and Lectures. The able and efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of this office is shown in the report of the Committee, published in full in the Grand Lodge Proceedings. Rt. Wor. Bro. Griggs was equally honored in his connection with Capitular Masonry; he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209, of which he is Past High Priest, having filled the several subordinate positions.

Bro. Griggs is a native of Levana, Cayuga Co., N. Y.; born July 29, 1845. He was prepared for college at Auburn Academy and Cayuga Lake Academy, and was graduated from Hamilton College in the class of '69. He taught in the Polytechnic Institute, of Brooklyn, for one year, and read law with Judge Birdseye, of New York. He was admitted to the bar in 1871, and in 1875 formed a copartnership with an old college

friend, Isaac S. Signor, now County Judge and Surrogate of Orleans County. This partnership was dissolved in 1878, since which time Bro. Griggs has continued by himself and has acquired a large and lucrative practice. He has a beautiful residence near Prospect Park, Brooklyn, and his faith in that favored section of the city known as Prospect Heights is unbounded. He is now active in the organization of a new club which he predicts will be unsurpassed by any social club in Brooklyn, and which is soon to erect a club house in the vicinity of Prospect Park which will be a worthy companion of the many handsome buildings which already adorn the Park Slope. For many years Bro. Griggs was active in the church and Sunday school work of the Middle Reformed Church, of South Brooklyn, and is now connected with the Seventh Avenue Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Among the treasures which make his house attractive there is nothing Bro. Griggs prizes more than the splendid album presented him upon his retirement from the office of District Deputy by those who were associated with him as the Masters of the Lodges of the Third District during his term of office. Turning its pages, he lives over again the happy hours of his year as District Deputy, while the genial face of Rt. Wor. Bro. J. W. Richardson, looking down approvingly from the parlor wall, vividly recalls the night of his official visit to Altair, and the eloquent address of its Master, Wor. Bro. Starks Edson, on presenting him with this beautiful portrait of his friend. With such reminders of the regard of his brethren continually with him, time cannot affect the loyalty of Bro. Griggs to the interests of Masonry and the brethren of the Third Masonic District.

WOR. ADAM R. GRAY, PAST MASTER OF ALTAIR LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Gray commenced his journey to the East in search of Masonic light in 1862, in St. John's Lodge No. 1, now the oldest Masonic body in the State of New York. Among the bright and shining lights of that Lodge, he was taken from the floor and placed in the South in 1864. The following year he was elected to a seat in the West. In November, 1871, having removed to Brooklyn, he affiliated with Altair Lodge. He could not, if he would, "hide his light under a bushel," and in 1875, although Altair had plenty of native material, he was taken from the floor and elected Master. A new impetus was given to the work, and ten were added to the membership by initiation and affiliation during his administration; among these were Wor. Bro. Stenson (who followed him four years after as Master of the Lodge), Rev. Hugh O. Pentecost, the eminent

Baptist divine, and others who have since become prominent as Craftsmen. At the close of his term he declined a re-election, believing that the younger element should be given an opportunity to fill the places of honor in the Lodge. On laying aside the gavel, a happy surprise awaited him. Through Bro. Leeds, his Senior Warden, he was presented with a Past Master's jewel of unique pattern and design, set with a beautiful and costly diamond, on behalf of the brethren of Altair Lodge, as an expression of their appreciation of his efforts to promote peace and harmony, as well as of his ability displayed as presiding officer. Bro. Gray was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Zetland Chapter No. 141, and was created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Morton Commandery.

Bro. Gray was born at Albany, N. Y., February 9, 1835. He was graduated at Albany Classical Institute under Professor Anthony. He engaged in the transportation business early in life. He came to New York in 1861 as agent of the Fulton Transportation Line, continuing until 1863. In connection with others, he started the People's Transportation Line, in 1864. He established the People's Lighterage Company in 1873, of which he is proprietor and manager, continuing this at the same time with his other business, also the Grain Lighterage Department of the West Shore R. R., which he has managed since February, 1884.

WOR. SAMUEL STENSON, PAST MASTER OF ALTAIR LODGE.

It is said by his brethren that the administration of Wor. Bro. Stenson as Master was one of the most successful ever enjoyed by this Lodge, and that he justly deserved the unanimity, confidence, and hearty support he received. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in this Lodge in June, 1874; he was S. M. C. in 1875; Senior Warden in 1876-7, and Master in 1878-9. His work was exceptionally good, and as a presiding officer he had few, if any, superiors. At the close of his second administration he was presented by the brethren with a beautiful set of diamond studs, in token of their appreciation of his endearing qualities as a brother, and of his able and impartial administration of the duties of his office. During the five years that he held office in this Lodge he was not absent from over one Communication a year, and when he laid aside the gavel in 1879, he refused to accept any other position in the Lodge, and, with the exception of assisting occasionally in the work, he has adhered to this decision. He has continued to evince his deep interest in the work by his frequent attendance at the communications of the Lodge, and his hearty support of all measures tending to its growth and prosperity.

Bro. Stenson is a native of the Emerald Isle, although a resident of Brooklyn since he was seven years of age. He has made his way in the world without the aid of friends or influence, commencing life as an errand boy and working his way up to positions of honor and trust. He was first in the clothing and afterwards in the grain business. For nearly twenty years he has carried on business for himself; at present under the firm name of H. B. Hebert & Co., his partner being also a Past Master of Altair Lodge, who succeeded him as Master of Altair Lodge. He has been for twenty years an influential member of the Produce Exchange, and while frequently solicited has invariably declined to accept any office. He is also a member of the Consolidated Exchange. No man in business circles has a higher reputation for probity and honor, and his personal popularity with his business associates is quite as great as with his brethren of Altair Lodge.

WOR. HENRY B. HEBERT, PAST MASTER OF ALTAIR LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Hebert was graduated from that ancient school of Freemasonry—St. John's No. 1, of New York—which has furnished so many brilliant lights and accomplished Craftsmen to the Fraternity during the past century. He was received into that Lodge as an Entered Apprentice about 1861, completing his masonic course the same year. He left his alma mater in April, 1878, to become an affiliate with Altair Lodge. He received a royal welcome, and the hand of friendship was extended which brought him each year into closer relationship with his brethren. The following year (1879), he was taken from the floor and elected Senior Warden, his present partner in business being then Master of Altair. He succeeded the latter as Master in 1880, and entered upon his labors with the same earnestness and zeal that had characterized his every undertaking through life. The Lodge was in a prosperous condition and nothing occurred to mar the peace and harmony which then prevailed. As a workman and presiding officer, he fully maintained the reputation of this Lodge, which is second to none in the Third Masonic District. As an evidence of the confidence and esteem of his brethren and as an indorsement of his able administration, he was presented, on retiring from the East, with an elegant Past Master's jewel. In his original quest in search of light, he continued through the Chapter into the Commandery; he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Zetland Chapter, and created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Morton Commandery.

The long and successful business career of Bro. Hebert is due solely to his own exertions. He was born in New York

City, May 21, 1839, and was early in life thrown on his own resources; his pluck, energy and perseverance overcame every obstacle, and for many years past he has been one of the most successful grain brokers in the city of his birth. Since 1870 he has been associated with Wor. Bro. Stenson in the grain business, under the firm name of H. B. Hebert & Co. He removed with his parents to Brooklyn in early childhood, and continued his residence there up to about 1878, when he removed to New York City. He continues his membership with, and contributes to the financial support of Altair Lodge.

WOR. GEORGE E. NICHOLS, MASTER ELECT FOR 1889.

According to the verdict of the brethren of Altair Lodge, no more worthy brother has ever filled the position of Master than Bro. Nichols, who has recently had that honor conferred upon him. It is nearly sixteen years since he knocked at the door of this Lodge for admittance, and during that time his brethren have learned to love him and appreciate his many good and noble qualities. He was raised in February, 1873, and was appointed Senior Deacon the following year. He never sought office, and it was not until 1886 that he was again brought forward and elected Senior Warden. He filled the position with honor for two successive terms and was again retired. At the annual election in December, 1888, a great surprise awaited him, when he was taken from the floor and made the *unanimous* choice of his brethren for Master. No man could receive a greater honor, and none are more deserving.

Wor. Bro. Nichols was born at Providence, R. I., Sept. 15, 1848; he has been identified with Brooklyn, however, from his earliest childhood, having removed here with his parents at the age of three years.

GEORGE NICHOLSON, SENIOR WARDEN.

A little more than thirteen years have elapsed since Bro. Nicholson started on his journey towards the East in search of light; and within that period he has continued his journey through the Symbolic to the Capitular, thence to the Cryptic, and onward through the intermediate to almost the highest degree attainable, being honored above many of his brethren who have traveled the same road. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Altair Lodge, in March, 1876; was Junior Warden in 1886-7, Senior Warden in 1888, and at the Annual Communication in December, 1888, was again elected Senior Warden; he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Con-

stellation Chapter No. 209; passed through the several chairs, and is now High Priest; he explored the mines in Cryptic Masonry in Brooklyn Council No. 4; was Captain of Guard and Thrice Illustrious Master; was created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Clinton Commandery No. 14; served as Warden, Junior Warden, Captain General, and was twice elected Eminent Commander. In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite he ascended to the 32d degree in the Aurora Grata Bodies; he crossed the burning sands in Mecca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; was a charter member of Kismet Temple, of Brooklyn, and became its first Director; is also a member of Aurora Grata Club. The honors he has received indicate not only great personal popularity, but the possession of a high order of executive ability, and a thorough knowledge of the ritual.

Bro. Nicholson is a native of London, England, born December 22, 1844; received a liberal education at home, and entered early in life upon a mercantile career. He came to this country in 1865, and received a lucrative position in the house of Robert K. Davis, of New York, where he remained for ten years, since which time he has been connected with the firm of J. K. P. Pine, manufacturer of the Lion Brand collars and cuffs. He has been a resident of Brooklyn since 1865.

WILLIAM H. FORD, JUNIOR WARDEN.

Bro. Ford is a young man of great promise, with a bright future before him. He has already acquired skill and proficiency in the use of the working tools connected with symbolic masonry. Affable and agreeable in his manner, he has already won his way to the hearts of his brethren. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Altair Lodge in April, 1882; he served as Junior Deacon, Senior Deacon; was elected Junior Warden for 1888, and at the annual election in December of this year was unanimously re-elected for another term.

Bro. Ford was born in Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 9, 1857, but became a resident of Brooklyn in childhood, his parents having removed thence. He received a preparatory course at Trinity School, Brooklyn; entered Yale College and was graduated in 1877; he entered Columbia Law School, was graduated in 1879, was admitted to the bar and commenced practice the same year in New York. He is a member of the college society of Psi Upsilon, and is President of the famous Crescent Athletic Club of Brooklyn, and one of its founders.

LOUIS V. D. HARDENBERGH, TREASURER.

"His life was gentle, and the elements
So mixed in him, that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world, *This was a man.*"

Bro. Hardenbergh has passed his twenty-first birthday as a Master Mason and as a member of Altair Lodge; seventeen years of which he has served as its Treasurer, and has just entered upon his eighteenth year, being the unanimous choice of his brethren. There could be no stronger evidence of their confidence in and esteem for him as a brother and officer of the Lodge, nor of the friendship entertained for him personally. Though well advanced in years, he esteems it a pleasure to serve his brethren, and is seldom absent from his post of duty. He entered the Lodge only a few months after it was warranted, and received his Third Degree in May, 1867; he was elected Treasurer for 1871, and, with the exception of one year—1873—he has held the position continuously ever since. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209; ascended to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, being connected with the Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Aurora Grata Council Princes of Jerusalem, Aurora Grata Chapter Rose Croix, and Aurora Grata Consistory.

The American ancestor of Bro. Hardenbergh was Rev. Jacob R. Hardenbergh, who came from Holland early in the seventeenth century, settled in New Jersey, and became the founder of Rutgers College. Other members of the family have been conspicuous in the history of the country during the past century. Bro. Hardenbergh, the subject of this sketch, was born in the town of Shawangunk, Ulster County, N. Y.

His early life, and even after he arrived at the age of manhood, was spent on a farm, and to this he owes his strong, vigorous constitution. His early education was received under his father's tuition. He came to New York when he was about twenty years of age and started in the carpet business in Brooklyn. He was a member of the firm of Stewart & Co., afterwards Hardenbergh & Co., then L. V. D. Hardenbergh.

He was prominently identified with the public affairs of Brooklyn for many years. He was Tax Collector, and for fifteen years a member of the Board of Education. He has been for many years an elder in the First Reformed Dutch Church, of Brooklyn, and one of its main pillars. His whole life has been spent in works of charity and benevolence, and he is beloved by all who know him. Simple, quiet and unostentatious he has followed in the footsteps of his Master, "who went about doing good." Although Bro. Hardenbergh never married he has cared for, supported and educated the children of his father by a second marriage.

EDWIN C. MOFFAT, JUNIOR MASTER OF CEREMONIES, 1889.

Bro. Moffat had the honor of being raised in St. John's Lodge No. 1, of Newark (warranted in 1761 by the Provincial Grand Lodge of New York). Having become a resident of Brooklyn he affiliated with Altair Lodge the same year. He became a regular attendant and interested himself in the work, and at the annual communication of 1888 was appointed Junior Master of Ceremonies. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209; was created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Clinton Commandery No. 14; he was advanced to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Aurora Grata Council Princes of Jerusalem, Aurora Grata Chapter Rose Croix, and Aurora Grata Consistory; he crossed the burning sands through Mecca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and became a charter member of Kismet Temple, of Brooklyn. With his ability and zeal, and his devotion to the work he will doubtless make his mark in Altair Lodge.

Bro. Moffat was born in Brooklyn, July 6, 1854; he received a thorough education, and afterwards engaged successfully in mercantile affairs. He is at present the manager of a large estate in New York and Brooklyn.

Bro. Moffat was married in 1880 to Miss Aline A., daughter of the late Robert Graves, Esq., a wealthy and influential resident of the city of Brooklyn. He is pleasantly connected in his domestic and social relations, with whom he is deservedly popular.

JAMES H. RUGGLES, CHARTER MEMBER OF ALTAIR LODGE.

Bro. Ruggles is better known to the Fraternity of the Third Masonic District, as well as to the brethren of this Lodge, for his efforts on behalf of Capitular Masonry, and is the recognized Patriarch of Constellation Chapter No. 209, which is composed largely of members of Altair, Anglo-Saxon, Acanthus and Mistletoe Lodges. He was raised in Lexington Lodge No. 310, about 1863, where he served as Junior Warden and acting Senior Warden. He affiliated with Altair Lodge at its second communication, U. D., in January, 1866, and was elected Senior Warden for 1867-8; he was elected Master Dec. 23, 1873, but declined the honor, and from that time forth he gave more attention to Capitular Masonry. He proposed nine members of Altair Lodge for exaltation in Nassau Chapter for the purpose of organizing a new Chapter, to be known as Constellation No. 209, erected in 1876, in which he filled nearly all the positions, including that of M. E. High Priest. In twenty-one

years he did not miss over three communications of the Chapter when in the city. He proposed over fifty Master Masons for membership, among whom was Rt. Wor. Wm. Sherer, Past Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons, State of New York. Rt. Wor. John W. Richardson was one of the nine above proposed by him in Altair Lodge. He was created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Clinton Commandery No. 14; he ascended to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, through the Aurora Grata Bodies, and crossed the burning sands in Kismet Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was a member of the Masonic Board of Relief, and is now a delegate to the Brooklyn Masonic Insurance Association. He is a member of Aurora Grata Masonic Club. Made an Odd Fellow in Magnolia Lodge, Brooklyn.

Bro. Ruggles was born at Newburgh, N. Y., Dec. 7, 1838; he came to New York as a boy and entered the house of Brinck & Russell, remaining one year; thence with L. O. Wilson & Co.; with Geo. Bliss & Co., four years, and with William Richmond & Co. three years. He was of the firm of A. Blum & Co., in 1867, continuing until they were burned out; for the next eight years he was in the importing business; for the past eleven years he has been engaged in the manufacturing business. He was Alderman of the 24th Ward of Brooklyn in 1882-3; President of the 24th Ward Republican Association in 1884, 1888, re-elected in 1889; also a member of the General Committee three terms, also a member of the Old Guard. He was Vice-President of Engine No. 17, Volunteer Fire Department, and at the great fire in Furman street, in the spring of 1865, was *killed*—by the newspapers—but is still one of the *liveliest corpses* of the Brooklyn Masonic Fraternity. He was formerly President of the Atheneum Dramatic Society; he is at present a member of the Lincoln Club, also the Union League.

RALPH LADD CUTTER,

CHARTER MEMBER OF ALTAIR LODGE, U. D.

Many of the older members of Altair Lodge entertain pleasant recollections of their associations with Bro. Cutter, who, in his younger days, was a zealous Craftsman, and a liberal contributor to the cause. He was instructed in the secret mysteries of Symbolic Masonry by Wor. Bro. Borland, completing his course in March, 1866, while the Lodge was still under dispensation, thus becoming a Charter Member. He filled an unexpired term as Senior Deacon from June 29, to December 21, 1866. Though taking no active part for many years past, he has never failed to take a deep interest in the growth and

prosperity of the Lodge, and still continues his active membership.

Although he has always led a peaceful, quiet life, Bro. Cutter comes of some of the best fighting stock in New England. Both his paternal and maternal ancestors were conspicuous for their gallantry in the early struggles for American independence, commencing with the French and Indian War and ending with the War of 1812. His great-great-grandfather, Ammi Ruhamah Cutter, was captain in an American regiment at the Siege of Louisburg, and was placed in command of the fortification after its surrender; dying of small pox while on duty. Ammi Ruhamah Cutter, 2d, the great-grandfather of Bro. Cutter, was a surgeon with Robert Rogers' Rangers in the French and Indian War, and in the War of the Revolution was Surgeon-General of the Eastern Division of the Continental Army, stationed at Fishkill, on the Hudson. Jacob Cutter, the grandfather of Bro. Cutter, was a prominent merchant in Portsmouth, N. H., and Captain of a Home Company in the War of 1812, and was interested in the fitting out of privateers. Col. Ralph Cross, a great-grandfather of Bro. Cutter, was a prominent ship builder of Newburyport, Mass., and commanded the Essex (Mass.) Regiment at the famous battle of Bemis Heights which resulted in the Surrender of Burgoyne. A brother of Col. Ralph Cross also took part in the battle.

The father of Bro. Cutter, Ralph Cross Cutter, was a prominent merchant on the Island of Hayti, in the West Indies, for twenty years. He married Hannah Hurd Ladd, of Portsmouth, N. H., whose father and grandfather were leading merchants and citizens of the town.

Bro. Ralph L. Cutter, the subject of the present sketch, was born at Portsmouth, N. H., October 11, 1839. At the age of sixteen he became connected with the house of Catlin, Laavitt & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants, of New York, continuing about two years, and in 1857 he accepted a position with the New York branch of Messrs. Amos & Abbott Lawrence, of Boston, Mass., and has continued his connection with that house and their successors down to the present time, the present firm being Smith, Hogg & Gardner, of which, together with their predecessors, he has been a member since 1874. Bro. Cutter married Laura Maria Eliot, of Guilford, Conn., a lineal descendant of Rev. John Eliot, the Apostle to the Indians. Mrs. Cutter has one of the finest copies extant of the first edition of the Indian bible, printed in 1663.

Bro. Cutter is a member of the New York Chamber of Commerce; of the New England Society; of the Merchants' and Hamilton Clubs. He was Treasurer of the First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn from 1877 to 1887, and is at present a member of the Board of Trustees.

CHARLES H. WEBB, CHARTER MEMBER, U. D.

Bro. Charles H. Webb was received into Altair Lodge in April, 1866, under Dispensation, and was among the staunchest and most earnest supporters of the Lodge at that time. He occasionally assisted in the work but had no desire for office. Although he has been for more than twenty years a resident of New York, he has continued his membership, and has been a regular contributor to Altair Lodge. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209, but afterwards dimitted to Republic Chapter, of New York City.

Bro. Webb takes an honest pride in his Puritan lineage. His American ancestor on his mother's side (Denslow), was the first white settler of Windsor Locks, Conn., being among the pilgrims who journeyed from Massachusetts in the winter of 1635, suffering untold hardships from exposure to the cold. In 1663 a member of the family was killed by the savages on the farm known as Pine Meadow, now owned by Bro. Webb and his brother William E. A great uncle of Bro. Webb was an officer of the Revolution and a member of the Society of the Cincinnati. Christopher Webb, the paternal ancestor of Bro. Webb, was made a freeman in the Massachusetts Colony at Branton, Mass., in 1645; his descendants took part in the French and Indian wars, and one of them was conspicuous at the battle of Bennington, in the War of the Revolution.

Bro. Charles H. Webb, the subject of this sketch, was born at the old homestead, at Windsor Locks, Oct. 24, 1842. He was sent to boarding-school at Bennington, Vt., where he acquired a good education, which laid the foundation of his subsequent success. He commenced his business career at the age of seventeen, with the old New York dry goods firm of Phelps, Bliss & Co. By his pluck, industry and perseverance, he worked his way up from the humble position he then occupied, to his present position as partner in the house of Dunham, Buckley & Co., successors of the old firm; he has been a member of the present firm for the past twenty years. He is an ardent Republican in politics, and took an active part with the dry goods merchants in the last National Campaign. He is a member of the Union League Club, a director in the Lotus Club, and a member and director of the New England Society. He inherits from his Puritan ancestors those sturdy traits of character that were the foundation of his success in life. In his private as well as his public life he has exemplified the teachings of masonry, but has always followed the scripture injunction, viz., "Let not thy right hand know what thy left hand doeth;" his whole-souled liberality, however, is a fact well known to his friends.

WILLIAM E. WEBB, CHARTER MEMBER, U. D.

The personal record of Bro. William E. Webb differs but little from that of his brother Chales H., both of whom were initiated, passed, and raised in Altair Lodge in April, 1866, before the charter was received, thus becoming charter members. From their childhood up, both in their business and social relations, they have been one and inseparable, and always lived together until separated by matrimonial alliances. Both are the same, frank, open-hearted, and generous in their natures, and are remembered by the older brethren of this Lodge for their whole-souled liberality, and their loyal support of the noble objects of our Order. Though a resident of New York for many years, Bro. Webb honors Altair Lodge by a continuance of his membership. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209, of Brooklyn, but subsequently affiliated with Republic Chapter, New York, which has since surrendered its charter.

Bro. Webb was born October 29, 1844, at the old homestead at Windsor Locks, Conn., established by his ancestors some two-hundred-and-fifty years ago. He was educated at Suffield Academy, Conn.; came to New York in 1863, and entered the old established dry goods house of George Bliss & Co. In 1866 he left this house to accept a position with W. I. Peak & Co., where he subsequently had charge of the woolen department. He remained with the latter firm until 1873, when he returned to his old place, and in 1886 became a member of the firm now known as Dunham, Buckley & Co.

Bro. Webb has been for some years connected with the National Guard. He was appointed by Governor Tilden, Quartermaster and Ordinance Officer on the staff of General Vilmar, commanding 2d Brigade N. G. S. N. Y. He is still a supernumerary officer, with the rank of Captain, and is a member of the Staff Veteran Association.

He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, of the New England Society, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Lotus Club, Merchants' Club, and West Side Republican Club. During the Presidential Campaigns of 1884 and 1888, he was marshal of the Dry Goods Club, and was conspicuous in the organization of the Dry Goods Republican Club in the two last Presidential Campaigns. He is connected by marriage with an old and well known New York family, having married, in 1883, Miss Julia, daughter of William J. Bell, Esq., a prominent Wall street banker (since deceased).

ALFRED F. CROSS.

The older brethren of Altair Lodge will remember the occasional visits, some twenty-odd years ago, of a fine, dignified, venerable looking gentleman, who was always received with distinguished honors, befitting his rank. This was Major Nathaniel Cross, the father of Bro. Alfred F. Cross, the subject of this sketch. The pure, upright life of his father impressed him early in life with the beauties of Speculative Masonry, and when he knocked at the door of Altair Lodge for admission, in 1867, he was duly and truly prepared, worthy and well qualified, and he has ever since led an upright, consistent life, a worthy son of an honored sire. He never aspired to office, but Altair Lodge never gave birth to a more faithful son or one more highly respected and esteemed by the brethren.

The American ancestor of Bro. Cross came to this country early in the 17th century and settled in Massachusetts; the descendants were prominent actors in the French and Indian War, and in the War of the Revolution; they intermarried with the Adams, Ingalls, Ten Broecks, and other distinguished families of New England.

Bro. Cross, the subject of this sketch, was born at Bath, Me., November 7, 1833, and educated at Portland, Me. He came to New York in 1850, and entered the house of R. Tenney, retail jeweler, where he acquired a thorough knowledge of the business; he subsequently accepted a position with a wholesale house in the same line on Maiden Lane. In 1863 he formed a copartnership with Mr. Beguelin, under the firm name of Cross & Beguelin, as importers and wholesale jewelers, and for more than a quarter of a century they have ranked among the leading houses in their line of business. Bro. Cross has been for a number of years a director in the Chatham National Bank, and has been prominently identified with other business, as well as benevolent institutions; he is a member of the Hamilton Club, of Brooklyn, also of the New England Society. He is well known in religious circles and has taken an active part in church and other benevolent works. He was for several years a deacon in Dr. Cuyler's church, of Brooklyn, and is at present a Trustee in the First Presbyterian Church, in Brooklyn. Unlike his Puritan ancestors, he is a man of liberal views and of large-hearted benevolence; he is modest and unassuming in his demeanor, never controlled by policy, but by deep-seated religious convictions and a strong sense of duty.

F. C. ELLIOTT.

There is no class of persons who appreciate the power, influence and blessings of Freemasonry to a greater extent than those "who go down to sea in ships, who do business on the great deep." Bro. F. C. Elliott joined the Fraternity some little time before he abandoned a seafaring life. He was proposed for membership in Altair Lodge, by Rt. Wor. Bro. Richardson, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by Wor. Bro. Hebert, in June, 1879. Though a frequent attendant at the stated communications of the Lodge, he has never sought office. In his daily life, however, he "squares his actions by the square of virtue," and gives an attentive ear to the appeals of distressed worthy brethren.

Bro. Elliott was born in Brooklyn, June 19, 1849, and was graduated at Public School No. 16. At the age of fifteen he entered the merchant service as boy, and reached the quarter deck before he reached his majority. He made mostly deep water voyages, and rounded Cape Horn several times. He entered the U. S. Navy in 1869, and was appointed Senior Master's Mate on the sloop-of-war Jamestown, commanded by Captain (now Admiral) Truxton. He was engaged in cruising about the Pacific Ocean. After two years service he left the Navy and returned to the merchant service, where he was promoted Captain. He commanded the brig William D. Andrews, and Louisa Price. He spent eight years of his life as captain, in the West India trade, and soon after his marriage, in 1881, he concluded to stop ashore. In 1882 he started in the commission and ship brokerage business, which he has carried on successfully for the past six years. He is a member of the Maritime Exchange.

RICHARD H. CLARKE.

While Bro. Clarke has not been as conspicuous in Altair Lodge as some of his brethren, he has accomplished no less, for whenever called on to take part in the work or contribute to the cause, he has cheerfully responded. He was instructed in the mysteries of Symbolic Masonry by Wor. Bro. Stenson, and was brought to light April 18, 1878. He has been a regular attendant at the stated communications of the Lodge during the past eleven years. He was Secretary in 1885, and filled that position acceptably to his brethren. He is associated with other benevolent organizations, among which are the Masonic Mutual Relief Association, Winona Council No. 905, A. L. of H., and the Booksellers Relief Association. In all his connections he enjoys the confidence and esteem of his associates.

Bro. Clarke is a native of Brooklyn. He enjoyed excep-

tional advantages to fit him for the active duties of life. After receiving a thorough education at a private German school, he spent several months abroad traveling on the Continent, where he acquired a fund of information greatly to his advantage in commercial life. He entered the house of Samuel Raynor & Co., now Raynor & Martin, envelope manufacturers, when a boy, commencing at the lowest round of the ladder and working his way to a position of great trust and responsibility. He is modest and unassuming in manner, but a man of great force and energy of character.

FRANKLIN P. SWAZEY.

Davy Crockett's motto was, "*Be sure you're right, and then go ahead.*" Bro. Swazey has always exercised a sufficient degree of caution to insure against failure, but whatever he undertakes is with his whole heart and soul, and success almost invariably attends his efforts. He has been too much absorbed in business, which takes him frequently from home, to accept official position in any of the masonic bodies with which he is connected, but his superior executive ability, kindness of heart and pleasing manners are qualifications that would fit him for any position.

Bro. Swazey was brought to Masonic light in Covenant Lodge No. 758, in 1874, under Dispensation, by Wor. Bro. Beasley. He was present at the dedication of the Masonic Temple the following year, and was said to be one of the youngest, if not the youngest, mason in the procession. He affiliated with Altair Lodge in 1881; he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209, by Rt. Wor. John W. Richardson, P. M. of Altair Lodge; he explored the vaults of Cryptic Masonry in Brooklyn Council No. 4, R. & S. M.; he was created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Clinton Commandery No. 14, by Eminent Sir Knight Geo. Nicholson, the present Senior Warden of Altair Lodge; in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite he passed through the Aurora Grata Bodies to the 32d degree in the New York Consistory; he dimitted from the latter and became a charter member of Aurora Grata Consistory; he is a Life Member of all these several Bodies. He crossed the burning sands in Mecca Temple Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and became a charter member of Kismet Temple, of Brooklyn, in which he holds the office of Oriental Guide. He is a member of Northwestern Masonic Assurance Association.

Bro. Swazey is a native of Boston, born Aug. 17, 1853, but was raised in New York city, and was graduated from the High School. He commenced his mercantile career with Anderson,

Starr & Co., and continued with them until they ceased to do business, and built up a large Southern trade. He has held his present position with the house of J. K. P. Pine, proprietor of the famous Lion Brand of Collars and Cuffs, since 1885.

He served eleven years in the National Guard as a member of B Company, Twenty-third Regiment, N. G. S., N. Y., of Brooklyn, and was with his regiment on the trip to Hornellsville during the railroad strikes, in which all were exposed to imminent danger. When he retired from service he was Senior First Lieutenant of the Regiment. He received the iron cross for ten years consecutive service. On retiring from the Regiment he was elected an Honorary Member of the Council of Officers. He is a member of the Twenty-third Regiment Veteran Association, also of the Veteran Officers Association. He has been a resident of Brooklyn for the past twenty years. In his military, social and business connections he has always maintained an unblemished reputation.

On Feb'y 20, 1889, he was unanimously elected Captain of F Company, 47th Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., which he accepted.

H. W. ST. JOHN.

The first duty of a Brother Mason is to his God, the second to his country; and those who risked their lives in defense of the Union are entitled to recognition in the history of their Lodge. Bro. St. John was proposed for membership in Altair Lodge by his brother-in-law, Wor. Bro. Hebert, and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in November, 1881. He has done what he could for the Lodge and for the fraternity at large, but, being called from home most of the time during each year he could not attend regularly to the stated communications. None can question, however, his loyalty to the cause, and the teachings of masonry have had a marked influence on his life.

Bro. St. John was born in the town of West Farms, Westchester Co., N. Y., June 28, 1843. He received a thorough preparatory course and entered Rutgers College, N. J., in 1861. His love for his country was paramount to every other consideration, and he abandoned his studies in September, 1862, and enlisted in C Company, Sixth N. Y. Heavy Artillery. He was attached to the 5th Army Corps and with it participated in some of the most important engagements of the war, among which were the battles of Spottsylvania C. H., Bethesda Church, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, and the Fall of Richmond. His regiment also participated in the battle of Cedar Creek, in the Shenandoah Valley, described in the scene of Sheridan's famous ride: he also participated with his regiment in the en-

gagements in and around Harper's Ferry; it held Crampton's Gap during the battle of Gettysburg, and was employed on the skirmish line. He was promoted to sergeant, and continued in service to the close of the war, and was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant. He continues his connection with his old comrades-in-arms as a member of Lafayette Post No. 140, G. A. R., Department of New York.

Soon after the close of the war he obtained a position with E. & H. Anthony Co., New York, continuing for about four years; he left them to join the house of Louis Pattberg & Bros.; with which he has been connected for the past twenty years. He has been a resident of Brooklyn since 1865.

FREDERICK B. RICHARDSON.

Bro. Frederick B. Richardson has reached the pinnacle of his ambition in Freemasonry. The same push and energy and spirit of investigation that have always characterized him in his business efforts led him to pursue his journey from the ground floor of the Temple to the highest point attainable in the Order. He took his first step as an Entered Apprentice in Nassau Lodge No. 536, on June 29, 1886; he passed to the degree of Fellowcraft September 9th, and was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason Sept. 20, 1886. He affiliated with Altair Lodge in January, 1887. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209; explored the vaults of Cryptic Masonry in Brooklyn Council No. 4, R. & S. M.; was exalted and dubbed a Sir Knight in Clinton Commandery No. 14; thence in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite through Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Oct. 8, 1886; Aurora Grata Council Princes of Jerusalem, Oct. 22, 1886; Aurora Grata Chapter Rose Croix, January 26, 1887, and was made Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32d degree, in New York Consistory February 20, 1881, and became a charter member of Aurora Grata Consistory at its organization; he crossed the burning sands in Kismet Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; he holds a Life Membership in all these Bodies except that of Clinton Commandery.

Bro. Frederick B., youngest brother of H. T. Richardson, of Altair Lodge, was born in Brooklyn, February 12, 1859. He was educated at the Polytechnic Institute, but left school at the age of seventeen to enter upon a business career with the firm of Richardson & Boynton, of which his father was a member; on the incorporation of the Richardson & Boynton Company, in 1882, he became its Secretary.

He made for himself an honorable record in the National Guard, having served five years, from 1877 to 1882, as a member

of Company C, Twenty-third Regiment. Two severe sun-strokes from exposure while on duty necessitated his resignation. He is a genial companion and has a wide circle of friends in Brooklyn. He is a member of Hamilton Club, of Peconic Council No. 631, Royal Arcanum; of Brooklyn Council No. 800, A. L. of H., and of the Northwestern Mason Aid Association.

T. JEFF. STEVENS.

Bro. Stevens was proposed for membership in Altair Lodge by Bro. George Nicholson, the present Senior Warden, and received his Master Mason's degree in June, 1887; he was soon after exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter and is now Master of the 2d Veil. He has reached the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, through the Aurora Grata Bodies, and is a member of Aurora Grata Consistory. He crossed the burning sands in Kismet Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was for five years Commander of Winona Council No. 905, A. L. of H., and is now its Treasurer; he is Past District Deputy Grand Commander of the 22d District of the State of New York of the same Order. He is also a member of Lafayette Council No. 28, Provident Union.

Bro. Stevens was born in Troy, January 7, 1844, but was raised in New York city. He attended the old Fifth Street School, familiar to many business men of the present day, who were educated at that school. Bro. Stevens completed his "schooling" at thirteen years of age, and started out to "paddle his own canoe." He obtained a position as errand boy with the old well known firm of Raynolds, Devoe & Pratt, remaining until the breaking out of the war. In 1862 he accepted a warrant in the U. S. Navy, being then eighteen years of age, and was appointed Captain's Clerk under Captain Marchand, of the U. S. Steamer Lackawanna, attached to the West Gulf blockading squadron, and stationed off Mobile and Galveston. Capt. Marchand was Flag Officer until the arrival of Admiral Farragut. After two years' service as signal officer, Bro. Stevens resigned on account of the illness, by yellow fever, of his father, who was Assistant Engineer attached to the Frigate Colorado, attached to the same fleet. In 1864 he entered the Market Bank, now the Market & Fulton National Bank, as clerk, and, during his twenty-five years' service, has filled temporarily every position in the bank except that of cashier and president; for the past seven years he has been Receiving Teller.

Bro. Stevens joined the Twenty-third Regiment, N. G. S., N. Y., in 1862, the first year of its organization, as a member of C Company and served for upwards of fifteen years; was pro-

moted through the several grades to the rank of Captain of his Company. He is a charter member of the Twenty-third Regiment Veteran Association, of which he has been Trustee for the past five years; he is also Secretary and Treasurer of the Twenty-third Regiment Officers' Association. He has been a resident of Brooklyn since 1861.

F. W. FINLAY.

The early training of Bro. Finlay had much to do with his subsequent course in life, and influenced to a great extent his actions. His father was a prominent Mason, who received his degrees at a Lodge in Glasgow, Scotland, and afterwards affiliated with a Lodge in St. Johns, Newfoundland, where he became quite prominent as an officer. Bro. Finlay was initiated an Entered Apprentice in St. John's Lodge No. 579, English Register, on June 6, 1884; passed to the degree of Fellowcraft October 3d; and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 14th of the same year. He was proposed for affiliation in Altair Lodge by Bro. H. Waterman and accepted in January, 1889. Although he has never held office, there are few brethren who have ever been more deeply impressed with the teachings of Masonry than Bro. Finlay, and he will doubtless prove a valuable acquisition to Altair Lodge. He received the same hearty welcome that has greeted every brother on his entrance into this Lodge.

Bro. Finlay was born in St. Johns, Newfoundland, January 16, 1862. He received his preparatory education in his native city, and subsequently pursued his studies abroad for four years in England, France and Switzerland. He profited by his travels on the Continent, which offered him a good field for observation and study. Soon after his return he engaged in business with his father, continuing for some four years. He came to New York in March, 1888, and engaged in the shipping business, and soon after became a member of the Produce Exchange. His courteous manner and strict business integrity have made him many friends among his business associates, and he starts out in his new field of enterprise with a promise of a successful business career.

HISTORY OF CRYSTAL WAVE LODGE NO. 638.

A Petition for a Dispensation to erect a Lodge to be known as Crystal Wave No. 638 was made to the Grand Master in the winter of 1867. The following named brethren signed the Petition, some of whom withdrew before the Dispensation was received: Henry E. Day, Henry S. Foote, James A. Beardsley, J. Windle Fowler, John Creighton, Jacob W. Buckbee, Wm. McBride, Lawrence Tower, Alfred G. Bishop, Samuel Hall, R. W. Champion, H. Sanford Wells, George Follett, Chas. C. Graves, Jr., Horace Tarrant, Joseph H. Willets, Wm. Scott, John Blakely, John C. Davis, Leonard J. Huking, John S. Davenport, E. O. Burling, Benj. Cromwell, W. B. Dayton, J. E. Rockwell, C. C. Converse. The Petition was indorsed by Long Island Lodge No. 382 and Amity No. 323. The officers named in the Petition were Henry E. Day, Master; Henry L. Foote, Senior Warden; James A. Beardsley, Junior Warden.

The Dispensation was granted February 9, 1867, by Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert D. Holmes. The first meeting, U. D., was held in the Halsey Building, No. 355 Fulton street, on February 13, 1867. The Lodge was started with twenty-two charter members, only nineteen of whom completed their membership. This was organized as a temperance Lodge, and no one who dealt in intoxicating liquors was to be eligible for membership. The first one proposed for initiation and membership was Wm. McConaughy (subsequently drowned in the Hackensack river, N. J.). The Lodge was constituted and instituted under warrant dated July 6, 1867, and the officers duly installed. From February 13 to December 16, 1867, there were held 48 communications, 21 U. D., 14 regular, 7 special, and 27 under warrant, of which 25 were regular and 5 special; 22 communications were held at which the E. A. degree was worked on 61 candidates; and 13 communications in which the F. C. degree was worked on 53 candidates; the same number were raised, and 6 joined by affiliation. The receipts from Feby. 9 to Dec. 9, 1867, were \$2,902.19. The following year a room was rented at 159 Fulton street and fitted up at an expense of about \$2,500, with a rental of \$800. This was sub-let to other Lodges. The Lodge continued to meet at this place until 1880, when the place of meeting was changed to the present location, No. 317 Washington street.

The growth of the Lodge will compare favorably with that of other Lodges in this District, and Crystal Wave has given her full share for the support of worthy and distressed brother masons, their widows and orphans, as well as to other benevolent objects. The first death occurring among its members was that of Bro. N. F. Webb, on June 21, 1869, and

since then many others have passed to that undiscovered country. A sad event occurred in August, 1871, in the death of Bro. Wm. Conaughey, a charter member of this Lodge, who was supposed to have committed suicide by drowning in the Hackensack river, N. J. The body was buried in the Potter's Field at Wiehauken, N. J. The brethren of this Lodge on learning the fact, had the remains disinterred and brought to Brooklyn, and buried in Greenwood Cemetery, with the usual ceremonies.

On December 4, 1884, the Lodge celebrated its 638th Communication, corresponding with the Lodge number. A grand banquet was given at the Clarendon Hotel, Brooklyn, which was attended by a number of distinguished brethren of this Masonic District, among whom were Most Wor. Bro. Jos. J. Couch, Rt. Wor. Edwin E. Gates, Rt. Wor. Rufus T. Griggs, Rt. Wor. William Sherer, also Past Masters and brethren of Brooklyn Lodges. The occasion was enlivened with music by the Aurora Grata Quartette; addresses were made by Most Wor. Bro. Couch, Rt. Wor. Bro. Gates, and others, and a recitation given by Dr. James L. Farley.

In the efforts to liquidate the debt of the Hall and Asylum Fund, Crystal Wave took prompt measures to meet her per capita tax of \$1,008. Coupon certificates were issued, payable in one, two and three years, and these were to be received in payment of Lodge dues. The certificates were taken by the members, and the balance was paid from the funds of the Lodge.

The Lodge has been fortunate in its selection of presiding officers, all of whom have left an honorable record. From 1867 to 1888, inclusive, a period of twenty-one years, there have been twelve Masters; of these, Wor. Bro. Day served two terms; Wor. Bro. Davenport, three; Wor. Bro. Reed, three; Wor. Bro. Kendall, three; Wor. Bro. Huking, two; Wor. Bro. Tandy, two; the others one year each. About the usual proportion of members have deceased, dimitted, and been dropped from the roll, leaving the total membership as per the Annual Report to the Grand Lodge for 1888, as 168. Ten Lodges in the District have a larger and twenty-one a smaller membership.

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF CRYSTAL WAVE LODGE, FROM
1867 TO 1888, INCLUSIVE.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—Henry E. Day, 1867–8; Henry L. Foote, 1869; George H. Reed, 1870; John S. Davenport, 1871–2; George H. Reed, 1873–4; John S. Davenport, 1875; L. J. Huking, 1876–7; John F. Tandy, 1878–9; C. F. Graves, 1880;

Henry Rogers, 1881; S. M. Perkins, 1882; N. W. Kendall, 1883-4-5; George R. Brown, 1886; George H. Reed, 1887; Harry M. Gardner, Jr., 1888.

SENIOR WARDEN.—Henry L. Foote, 1867-8; John S. Davenport, 1869-70; Wm. McConaughy, 1871; Henry Rogers, 1872; Henry Biggart, 1873-4; L. J. Huking, 1875; Henry Rogers, 1876-7; N. W. Kendall, 1878; C. F. Graves, 1879; John A. Humphrey, 1880; S. M. Perkins, 1881; Wm. McNeil, 1882; R. H. Dumbleton, 1883-4; Geo. R. Brown, 1885; S. R. Onstead, 1886; Harry M. Gardner, Jr., 1887; David Ellis, 1888.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—Jas. H. Beardsley, 1867-8; Geo. H. Reed, 1869; Henry Biggart, 1870; Thos. M. Tuberty, 1871; C. H. Darrow, 1872; John W. Mott, 1873; David Seals, Jr., 1874; W. E. Austin, 1875; Wm. McNeil, 1876; John F. Tandy, 1877; C. F. Graves, 1878; John A. Humphrey, 1879; S. M. Perkins, 1880; Wm. Pagan, 1881; R. H. Dumbleton, 1882; Geo. R. Brown, 1883-4; S. R. Onstead, 1885; Wm. Pagan, 1886; W. J. Allen, 1887; Walter Bell, 1888.

TREASURER.—Wm. McBride, 1867; John S. Davenport, 1868; A. P. Higgins, 1869; S. F. Washburn, 1870-71-72; L. J. Huking, 1873-4; John F. Tandy, 1875-6; C. F. Graves, 1877; John W. Fowler, 1878 to 1881, inclusive; John F. Tandy, 1883-4-5; C. F. Graves, 1886-7-8.

SECRETARY.—Benj. Cromwell, 1867 to 1878, inclusive; John S. Davenport, 1878 to 1888, inclusive.

WOR. JOHN S. DAVENPORT,

CHARTER MEMBER, SECRETARY, AND PAST MASTER OF CRYSTAL
WAVE LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Davenport won golden opinions from the brethren of Crystal Wave Lodge for his uniform kindness, urbanity of manner, and exemplary conduct as a man and a Brother Mason. He has been identified with the Lodge from the date of its erection, and has been untiring in his efforts to build up and extend its influence. Although his present residence is nearly 45 miles distant, he is regular and prompt in his attendance at all stated Communications. As Master he presided with dignity and honor, and in his twelve years service as Secretary, he has obtained a hold on the hearts of his brethren that death alone can sever. His books are a model of neatness and

system. He spent nearly two years in completing an historical record of its membership, which is invaluable as a work of reference. He was brought to light in St. John's Lodge No. 6, of Norwalk, Conn., in 1861. He subsequently took his dimit and assisted in organizing Crystal Wave Lodge. He was Senior Deacon in 1868; Senior Warden in 1869-70; Master in 1875, and Secretary from 1878 to 1888, inclusive. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Gate of the Temple Chapter, Brooklyn. He is a member of Arcanum Lodge, Knights of Honor, and is Regent of Stamford Council No. 999, Royal Arcanum.

Bro. Davenport was born in New York City, June 20, 1836. He was early in life thrown on his own resources, and commenced to "paddle his own canoe" at the early age of thirteen. He was mainly self taught, and worked his way up in life by his own exertions. He was engaged in mercantile affairs for a time, and was for several years in the New York Custom House. He removed to Stamford in 1881, and accepted a position with the firm of Gillispie & Thayer, lumber dealers. He has recently passed the twenty-first anniversary of his wedding day, having married, in 1867, Miss Rebecca N. Christmas, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Three *Christmas* gifts have been added to their household during that period, which has greatly enhanced their comfort and happiness.

WOR. LEONARD J. HUKING,

PAST MASTER OF CRYSTAL WAVE LODGE.

The administration of Wor. Bro. Huking was one of the most prosperous and successful of any ever enjoyed by Crystal Wave Lodge, and its influence was felt long after he laid aside the gavel. He was raised in Stella Lodge No. 485, in 1862, and dimitted in 1867 to assist in organizing Crystal Wave Lodge. During the first year of its existence he served as Organist. He was Senior Warden in 1875, and Master in 1876-7. At the beginning of his administration the Lodge treasury was almost depleted, but owing to his close application, materially assisted by his fellow officers and brethren, in sweeping away the influences of disaffected parties, he succeeded in re-establishing harmony, and in bringing the Lodge to that pinnacle of fame for its excellent work and high degree of social standing, enjoyed by but few Lodges in the entire Third Masonic District; and when he ceased his labors as presiding officer of Crystal Wave, he had the satisfaction of leaving as a legacy to the Lodge a handsome balance of over \$2,000, deposited in several banks

of Brooklyn. Twenty candidates were entered, passed, and raised, and the most perfect harmony and good feeling prevailed. At the close of his second term, the brethren showed their appreciation of his efforts by presenting him with a beautiful Past Master's jewel. He has served as Trustee of this Lodge for the past ten years. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Orient Chapter No. 138, but subsequently dimitted. In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite he reached the 32d degree, in the Aurora Grata Bodies, with which he is still connected. He is a member of Amaranth Council, R. A., and of Royal Arcanum Lodge, Knights of Honor.

Bro. Huking was born in Germany, March 22d, 1832. He received a collegiate education and entered upon a mercantile career. He came to this country in 1848, and engaged in the importing business. He is at present a stockholder in one of the largest iron manufactories of this country.

He became a resident of Brooklyn in 1849, and united with the Fleet street M. E. Church in 1857. He has been for twelve years its Treasurer, and has held almost every official position. He has taught a Bible class in the Sunday school for twenty-five years, some of his original pupils being still connected with the class. While he is a firm believer in the teachings of Freemasonry, and has been the recipient of distinguished honors from the Fraternity, he holds the teachings of the gospel as paramount to all else, and has devoted the best years of his life to the work of imparting to others a knowledge of the Word of God.

WOR. CHANDLER F. GRAVES,

PAST MASTER OF CRYSTAL WAVE LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Graves was proposed for membership in this Lodge, U. D., March 3, 1867, and was raised July 15th following. He has for many years officiated at the funerals of deceased brethren, and has been conspicuous for his visits to the sick. He was chairman of the Board of Trustees; was Treasurer in 1877; Junior Warden in 1878; Senior Warden in 1879, and Master in 1880. In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite he passed through the Aurora Grata Bodies, receiving his 32d degree in New York Consistory, and became a charter member of Aurora Grata Consistory, also of Aurora Grata Club. He was born at Seneca Falls, N. Y., January 1, 1836, and educated for the dental profession, which he has practiced for several years past in the city of Brooklyn.

WOR. N. W. KENDALL,

PAST MASTER OF CRYSTAL WAVE LODGE.

The energy, determination and perseverance which have characterized Wor. Bro. Kendall throughout his whole life, were manifested to an unusual degree in his connection with Crystal Wave Lodge. He was initiated Oct. 30, 1873; passed Nov. 13th, and raised on the evening of December 11th. At the following Communication he was appointed Senior Deacon, and, to the surprise of all the brethren who did not believe it possible, he took the candidate successfully through the work of the Middle Chamber, a feat almost unprecedented in the annals of masonry. He served again as Senior Deacon in 1876, was Senior Warden in 1878, Senior Deacon in 1881-2. On his election as Master in 1883 he threw his whole soul into the work and proved himself a *Master Workman*. Thoroughly familiar with every detail, with a perfect knowledge of the ritual, possessing administrative qualities of an unusual degree, he entered upon his labors with an assured success, and the growth, development and prosperity of the Lodge during his three years' administration are matters of record. The second and third terms, 1884-5, he received the unanimous vote of the Lodge. On retiring from the East at the close of his third term, the brethren, desiring to show their appreciation of his able administration of the affairs of the Lodge, and of his many noble qualities as a man and a Brother Mason, presented him with an elegant gold watch and chain, containing the following inscription: "*Presented to Wor. Bro. N. W. Kendall, by the members of Crystal Wave Lodge No. 638, F. & A. M., December 19, 1885.*" While a resident of Brooklyn his time and energies were devoted exclusively to Crystal Wave Lodge; he had neither time nor inclination for anything beyond Blue Lodge and Capitular Masonry. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209.

Bro. Kendall was born in Augusta, Oneida County, N. Y., May 12, 1848. After receiving a good common school education he removed to New Bedford, Mass., and engaged in the manufacture of stationery articles. He came to Brooklyn in 1872, where he established the same business, which he subsequently sold, and engaged in the sale of malt and hops under the firm name of A. B. Richardson & Co. He dissolved his connection with this firm in 1885, and removed to New Haven, Conn. He is now the principal owner of one of the largest brewing establishments in the State. He was married in 1870 to Miss Dora A. Forbish, of Boston. His success in life is due to his untiring energy and his indomitable will and perseverance. In his new field he has already commenced his labors with the Fraternity by trying to harmonize the discordant elements in that locality.

WOR. GEORGE R. BROWN,

PAST MASTER OF CRYSTAL WAVE LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Brown was made a Mason in a Lodge at Mound City, Ill., in 1864. He affiliated with Crystal Wave Lodge in 1875, and served for a time as Trustee; he was Junior Warden in 1883-4; Senior Warden in 1885, and Master in 1886. He was exalted in Mound Chapter No. 70, R. A. M., of Mound City, Ill. He is also a member of the Northwestern Masonic Insurance Company.

Bro. Brown was born in Brooklyn, February 11, 1839. During the war, from 1862 to 1866, he was employed in the U. S. Ordnance Department and stationed at Mound City, Ill. He has since been engaged in the book business for some years past.

WOR. ROBERT F. STOBO,

PAST MASTER OF REPUBLIC LODGE NO. 690, PRESENT MARSHAL
OF CRYSTAL WAVE LODGE.

When Bro. Stobo received his Master Mason's degree in Ivy Lodge No. 397, Elmira, N. Y., in March, 1866, he dedicated his life to the fraternity, and for twenty-three years he has continued the work with unabated zeal and enthusiasm. While a resident of Elmira he completed his Masonic course, and was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Elmira Chapter No. 42; explored the mines in Southern Tier Council, R. & S. M., of Elmira, and was created and dubbed a Sir Knight in St. Omar Commandery No. 19, of Elmira, N. Y.; affiliated with Republic Lodge No. 690, New York city, in 1872, one of the best working Lodges in the State. He was its Senior Deacon in 1874; Senior Warden in 1875, and Master in 1876. He entered with his whole soul into the work and fully maintained the reputation that this Lodge had hitherto borne. He was the centre of a bright array of Masonic lights. He assisted in organizing Republic Chapter, R. A. M., and was its C. of H. On his removal to Brooklyn he looked for a Lodge where he could be most useful, and finally decided on Crystal Wave, with which he affiliated in 1886. One of his first efforts was to organize a school of instruction, of which he was made Chairman. Its effects were soon apparent, and there has been since then a marked improvement in the work. He was repeatedly urged to accept the nomination for a seat in the East, but declined, in order to afford an opportunity to the younger members. He accepted, however, the appointment of Marshal, and one of his first *innovations* was to insist on the Lodge being

opened *promptly* at 8 o'clock. One of the best efforts of his life in connection with the Fraternity was the introduction into the monitorial work of the symbolic description of the lambskin, or leather apron, when presented to the neophyte; it is couched in the most beautiful language, is very impressive, and conveys to the candidate a clear idea of its symbolic uses. This has become a part of the standard work and has been adopted by the Grand Lodges of other States.

Bro. Stobo was born in Chatham, Canada, May 6, 1836. His father moved to the United States soon after Bro. Stobo was born, and in 1850 removed to Scotland. Young Stobo was prepared for College in the High School of Glasgow, and was graduated from the University of Edinburgh in 1855. He returned to America the same year, and was for some years connected with the wholesale silk business. In 1876 he became connected with the Pennsylvania R. R. Co., and since 1886 has represented one of its branches of the Lehigh Valley R. R., in New York city.

W. J. ALLEN, JUNIOR WARDEN-ELECT.

During his twenty years' experience Bro. Allen has served the Craft in many ways that are worthy of special mention in the history of his own Lodge. He received his E. A., F. C. and Master Mason degrees in Crystal Wave Lodge in 1868. He has been a Trustee; was Junior Deacon and Junior Warden, and has always taken an active part in the work. During the Ladies' Masonic Fair held in the Masonic Temple in the fall of 1887, he rendered great service in aid of that undertaking. He was one of the representatives of his Lodge on the Executive Committee, and was a member of the committee on badges and medals, and designed the medal commemorative of the Fair, and the badge worn by the Executive Committee. He remained on duty most of the time during the several days on which the fair was held. He was elected Junior Warden for 1889 at the Annual Election in December, 1888.

Bro. Allen was born in England, May 28, 1847, but has been a resident of this country from his earliest childhood, so that he knows no other. His parents resided in Philadelphia for a number of years. He removed to Brooklyn in 1863. He learned the trade of machinist and engineer, which he followed for some years. He has been for the past nine years engaged in the business of bakers' supplies. Having a natural taste for geology and numismatics, he has for a long time made these subjects a special study, and has a large and valuable collection. He has upwards of twenty-five hundred coins and medals, to-

gether with a great variety of rare and valuable minerals and fossils. His social and domestic relations are of the pleasantest. He has an interesting family, consisting of a wife and five children; he was married in January, 1867, to Miss Cecilia Jones, of Brooklyn.

WILLIAM FOSTER, SENIOR DEACON FOR 1889.

Bro. Foster was formerly a member of, and highly honored by, Cambridge Lodge No. 662, where he was brought to Masonic light, April 10, 1882. He was taken from the floor and elected Senior Warden in 1884. He affiliated with Crystal Wave Lodge, and at the annual election in December, 1888, was appointed Senior Deacon. He is a bright mason, an accomplished Craftsman, and thoroughly familiar with the ritual. He ascended to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite through Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Aurora Grata Council Princes of Jerusalem, and Aurora Grata Chapter Rose Croix. He was formerly connected with the New York Consistory, but recently affiliated with Aurora Grata Consistory.

Bro. Foster was born at Castine, Me., Sept. 8, 1850. His early life was spent on a farm, to which he is indebted for his strong, rugged constitution. He came to New York in 1876, and entered the employ of the Union Ferry Company in a subordinate position, but has since been promoted to a position of trust and responsibility.

JAMES H. FERGUSON.

Bro. Ferguson is at present one of the oldest members of Crystal Wave Lodge, having been raised in 1868 by Wor. Bro. H. E. Day, the first Master of this Lodge. While fully competent, and frequently solicited to accept official position, he has invariably declined, believing he could be more useful as an humble member of the Craft. Conscientious in the performance of all his duties, ready and willing at all times to assist worthy distressed brethren, and to assist in every good work, he has won the esteem and confidence of his brethren of this Lodge and of the Fraternity in general. He ascended to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; is a member and Treasurer of Brooklyn Consistory No. 24.

Bro. Ferguson is descended from an old and well known New England family. He was born at West Boylston, Mass., July 7, 1836. He became a resident of New York in early life,

and was educated at the Mechanics' Society School, a prominent institution of learning in New York forty years ago. He served his time at the machinists' trade with the Putnam Machine Company, of Fitchburg, Mass., commencing in 1855, continuing for three years. He afterwards removed to Kansas. Soon after the breaking out of the Civil War he was employed at the Springfield, Mass., Armory, continuing until it close, when he returned to New York and engaged in the business of electrotyping. He has been for some years connected with, and is now treasurer of The Lovejoy Company, Electrotypers, No. 45 to 51 Rose street, New York, one of the largest establishments of the kind in this country. He has been a resident of Brooklyn for the past twenty-five years.

THOMAS K. SHARP.

Bro. Sharp has never been an aspirant for office, satisfied that he could serve his brethren to better advantage as an humble Craftsman. Certain it is that he has rendered effective service and labored for more than twenty years in his own quiet way for the support of the principles of Freemasonry. He was entered, passed and raised in Sharon Springs Lodge No. 634, Sharon Springs, N. Y., in 1868. He contributed liberally to this as well as to the Fraternity in general. In 1883 he affiliated with Crystal Wave Lodge. He was elected Trustee to serve for 1888, and re-elected the same year for 1889.

Bro. Sharp was born at Sharon Springs, Schoharie Co., N. Y., June 9, 1837. He came to New York in 1853 as clerk for John A. Platt, continuing for seven years. He afterwards carried on the storage business for two years; he next started in the grocery business at 903 Third Avenue, New York, with his brother, under the firm name of H. & T. K. Sharp; this continued about two years, when he returned to Sharon Springs, his native place, and opened a country store, which he carried on for two or three years, when he sold out and started the meat business. He returned to New York in 1875 and opened a commission house, and has carried on the business successfully for the past thirteen years. During ten years of this time he held the position of night inspector in the custom house; he resigned in 1885, and has since given his whole attention to the commission business.

CAPT. G. E. WICKS.

There is no class of people that have a higher appreciation of the teachings of masonry or more conscientiously observe their masonic obligations than "those who go down to sea in

ships, who do business on the great waters." Bro. Wicks, the subject of this sketch, has never neglected any opportunity to show his interest in the work and his appreciation of the teachings of Symbolic Masonry, and never fails to visit his own and other Lodges when in port. He was entered, passed and raised in Cambridge Lodge in 1881, and affiliated with Crystal Wave Lodge in 1883. He is a member and Chaplain of West End Council, Provident Union.

Bro. Wicks was born at Perth Amboy, N. J., Feb. 11, 1847, but was raised and educated at Islip, L. I. His early surroundings led him to adopt a seafaring life, and his name has since become familiar to yachtsmen in almost every part of the globe as the winner of some of the most important races ever sailed in American waters, and as the commander of some of the most famous yachts. He has followed the sea for twenty-three years, fifteen of which he has commanded different vessels. He commanded the *Gracie*, built by Commodore Voorhis; was five years in command of the *Dauntless*; he had charge of James Gordon Bennett's steam yacht *Polynia*, and has more recently been in the employ of Commodore Gerry's steam yachts, the *Pastime* and the *Electra*. He is a thorough navigator, a man of good judgment and always reliable. He is a genial companion, and a man of great personal popularity.

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HISTORY OF ADYTUM LODGE NO. 604.

Adytum signifies "a secret apartment. In *ancient temples* a secret place from whence oracles were given." This Lodge was founded by Most. Wor. John W. Simons, Past Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, who was at that time a resident of Brooklyn. The first meeting was held February 1, 1867, at the house of Bro. Thomas Webster, No. 53 Willow street. There were present Most Wor. James W. Simons, Bros. Thos. Webster, John C. Smith, Jos. L. Farley, John W. Young, John C. Hill, Chas. A. Hodges, and Robert Black. Other preliminary meetings were held; a Petition was made to the Grand Lodge for a Dispensation, recommended by Central Lodge No. 361, and signed by the following brethren, all of whom became charter members: Most Wor. John W. Simons, Wm. M. Doe, Robert Black, Thomas Webster, John C. Smith, Gideon W. Young, James L. Farley, Charles A. Hodges,

John C. Hill, William Findlay, John Hillyer, William T. Lee, Daniel Sickles, James M. Thompson. The officers named in the Petition were, Most Wor. John W. Simons, Master ; William M. Doe, Senior Warden ; Robert Black, Junior Warden.

The Dispensation was granted February 14, 1867, by Most Wor. Robert D. Holmes, Grand Master. The first meeting held, U. D., was on February 21, 1867, at 139 Gold street. The place of meeting was changed on March 1, 1867, to the Halsey Building, 159 Fulton street ; on April 24, 1871, to the corner of Court and Livingston ; on July 24, 1871, to the corner of Court and Schermerhorn ; on July 12, 1877, to 304-6 Fulton street, and on the 1st of May, 1888, to No. 40 Court street, the present place of meeting. The time of meeting was to be every alternate Friday. This was subsequently changed to the 1st, 3d and 5th Tuesday evenings of each month.

It was the intention of the founders of this Lodge to make it very select, and the membership was limited to 75. The initiation and membership fee was fixed at \$35; affiliation, \$10; annual dues, \$6; the initiation fee was subsequently changed to \$25, and affiliation to \$2.

The first candidates proposed for initiation were J. C. Roach and Edward McManus, who received their E. A. degree April 12, 1867.

The Lodge was instituted under warrant, July 9, 1867, signed by Most Wor. Stephen H. Johnson, Grand Master, and the following officers duly installed: Most Wor. John W. Simons, Master ; Wm. M. Doe, Senior Warden ; Robert Black, Junior Warden ; J. C. Hill, Treasurer ; C. A. Hodges, Secretary ; J. L. Farley, Senior Deacon ; W. T. Lee, Junior Deacon ; John C. Smith, S. M. C.; G. W. Young, J. M. C.; F. Arbona, Tiler.

The first death in the Lodge was that of Wm. M. Doe, a charter member, and the first Senior Warden ; this occurred on April 26, 1870. The death of Bro. James Farley, a charter member and Past Master of this Lodge, in March, 1886, and the funeral ceremonies on March 12, 1886, were performed by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, at Greenwood Cemetery. During the present year, the founder of Adytum Lodge, Most Wor. John W. Simons, deceased at his home in the western part of the State.

The Lodge has taken part in several public ceremonies, notably the dedication of the Masonic Temple.

The membership of the Lodge, as shown by the Annual Report to the Grand Lodge in June, 1888, was 62. The present condition of the Lodge will vary but little from that number.

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF ADYTUM LODGE NO. 640, FROM
1867 TO 1888, INCLUSIVE.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—J. W. Simons, 1867–8; Robert Black, 1869–70; James L. Farley, 1871–2; John Hettrick, 1873; John White, 1874; James W. Macully, 1876; John Van Dyk, 1877; B. B. Hopkins, 1878–9–1880; A. G. Perham, 1881; Edwin Haywood, 1882; John S. Paine, 1883; Chas. K. Meyers, 1884–5; R. W. Gunsenhauser, 1886–7; Walter H. Meyer, 1888.

SENIOR WARDEN.—Wm. M. Doe, 1867–8; James L. Farley, 1869–70; Edwin Haywood, 1871; John C. Smith, 1872; John White 1873; J. W. Macully, 1874–5; John Van Dyk, 1876; B. B. Hopkins, 1877; Richard Morton, 1878; Nelson J. Gates, 1879; John Van Dyk, 1880; James A. Cassidy, 1881; John S. Paine, 1882; Chas. K. Meyers, 1883; R. W. Gunsenhauser, 1884–5; H. M. Ollivier, 1886; Walter H. Meyers, 1887; John G. Porter, 1888.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—Robert Black, 1867–8; Geo. F. Sayward, 1869; Mortimer McRoberts, 1870; John C. McMahon, 1871; John Hettrick, 1872; J. W. Macully, 1873; John Van Dyk, 1874–5; B. B. Hopkins, 1876; Richard Morton, 1877; A. G. Perham, 1878; F. La Manna, 1879; John H. Fisher, 1880–81; Chas. K. Meyers, 1882; R. Gunsenhauser, 1883; Chas. H. Guenard, 1884; W. B. Meyers, 1885; P. A. J. Russell, 1886; John G. Porter, 1887; Chas. R. Rivers, 1888.

TREASURER.—J. C. Hill, 1867–8; John C. Roach, 1869 to 1872, inclusive; G. F. Sayward, 1873 to 1878, inclusive; Arthur C. Jacobson, 1879 to 1888, inclusive.

SECRETARY.—C. A. Hodges, 1867; Wm. T. Lee, 1868; Chas. E. Sickles, 1869–70; Jos. Hartley, 1871–2; Richard Morton, 1873; Joseph Hartley, 1874–5; James L. Farley, 1876 to 1885, inclusive; Columbus Gottschalk, 1886; Chas. W. Bourner, 1887; Chas. K. Meyers, 1888.

HISTORY OF MISTLETOE LODGE NO. 647.

The Mistletoe is described as "A plant or shrub that grows on trees. The berry contains a glutinous substance, and the shrub is said to be propagated by birds. The plant was held in great veneration by the Druids." The name of Mistletoe is familiar to every family throughout the Christian world, and is associated with joy and gladness. The name was doubtless selected by Most Bro. Jos. D. Evans, the father and patriarch of this Lodge, on account of its pleasant associations, with the hope that Mistletoe Lodge, in its mission of love and charity, might carry joy and gladness into many households by alleviating the distressed, and stimulating its members to a higher, holier life, in imitation of the Great Teacher, the celebration of whose birth is annually associated with the Mistletoe bough.

While Mistletoe Lodge has not had an eventful career, it has thus far fulfilled the mission of its noble founder, and its influence for good has been felt not only throughout the Third Masonic District, but the seeds of charity have been scattered far and wide as its members have gone forth to other fields of labor.

The Lodge commenced its labors under Dispensation granted February 20, 1867, by Most Wor. Robert D. Holmes. The petitioners were Most Wor. Joseph D. Evans, Chas. W. Newton, Samuel G. Thayer, Wm. A. Evans, Joel B. Burnett, Henry T. Bragg, Anthony Frazier, Carmon E. Anderson, Wm. J. Munn, Theodore H. Munn, Henry A. Richey, Clement Read, Wm. W. Read, Wm. G. Wyatt, Wm. Russell, Abraham Simpson, Cyrus E. Lee, Winslow M. Burdick, Francis J. Duck, John D. Emmons, Jr., Daniel E. Porter, Hermon Stockholm, John Harkness, Butler Packard, Wm. B. Whittaker, Robert S. Pendleton, Wm. O. Massie, John C. Perry, Francis P. Robinson, Gerard Willett. The officers named in the Petition were, Most Wor. Jos. E. Evans, Master; Chas. W. Newton, Senior Warden, and Samuel G. Thayer, Junior Warden. The Petition was recommended by Altair Lodge No. 601.

The first Communication, U. D. was held at Montauk Lodge rooms, No. 14 Court street, February 23, 1867. The following officers were present, viz.: Most Wor. Joseph D. Evans, Master; Wor. Gerard Willett as Senior Warden; Wm. A. Evans as Junior Warden; Henry T. Bragg as Secretary; Henry A. Richey as Senior Deacon; A. Simpson as Junior Deacon; W. W. Read as Tiler; also Bros. W. B. Whittaker and C. E. Anderson. After being duly organized, the following officers were elected and appointed: Most Wor. Jos. D. Evans, Master; Chas. W. Newton, Senior Warden; Samuel G. Thayer, Junior Warden; Joel B. Burnett, Treasurer; Henry T. Bragg, Secre-

tary; Wm. A. Evans, Senior Deacon; A. Simpson, Junior Deacon; Henry A. Richey, S. M. C.; W. B. Whittaker, J. M. C.; W. W. Reed, Senior Steward; C. E. Anderson, Junior Steward.

Rooms in Halsey Building, Fulton street, were secured from Adytum Lodge, U. D., for the first and third Friday evenings.

The first proposition for membership was received at a Regular Communication held March 8, 1867. Bro. Richey proposed for affiliation, Bro. C. F. Copeland. At a Regular Communication held March 15th, 1867, the following persons were proposed for initiation and membership: Edmund M. Wheeler, Emile M. Blum, James H. Thayer, Alpheus B. Avery; these received the E. A. degree April 19, 1867.

The warrant was issued by Most Wor. Stephen H. Johnson, July 17, 1867, and the officers named therein were Most Wor. Jos. D. Evans, Master; H. T. Bragg, Senior Warden; Stephen G. Thayer, Junior Warden. The first Communication held under the warrant was on June 20, 1867, when the Lodge was instituted and its officers duly installed.

The following officers were installed, being the first under the warrant: Most Wor. Jos. D. Evans, Master; Henry T. Bragg, Senior Warden; Samuel G. Thayer, Junior Warden; Joel S. Burnett, Treasurer; William W. Read, Secretary; Wm. A. Evans, Senior Deacon; A. Simpson, Junior Deacon; Henry A. Richey, S. M. C.; C. E. Anderson, J. M. C.

There were no discordant elements in the foundation, and with Most Wor. Bro. Evans at the helm, the work went smoothly along, peace and harmony prevailing, and when, after four years service, Bro. Evans laid aside the gavel, it was taken up by Bro. Richey, who continued the work in the same spirit of brotherly love. Up to the time the Lodge reached its majority, on June 20, 1888, and down to the close of the present year, there have been but twelve Masters. Wor. Bro. Evans' term of four years was the largest, and Wor. Bro. Edward G. Williams' term of three years was next in length. Wor. Bro. Converse, after serving one year in 1874, and one year in 1876, was again called to the East in 1888, after a lapse of twelve years.

Mistletoe has provided for her own worthy and distressed members with a loving, liberal hand; the sick have received the tenderest care, while the widows and orphans have not been neglected. While she may not have given large amounts to charity beyond her own jurisdiction, she has responded liberally to every call from a worthy source, and met promptly her pro rata of the Hall and Asylum Fund debt.

Since its organization 151 have been initiated, passed and raised, 56 have joined by affiliation, 20 deceased, 87 dropped from the roll or dimitted, leaving the present membership 128. Most Wor. Bro. Evans, the founder of this Lodge, passed to his

eternal rest during the summer of 1888, after a long and useful life, having attained the ripe age of over fourscore years. A personal sketch of this brother will be found under the head of the general history of this work.

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF MISTLETOE LODGE, FROM 1867
TO 1888, INCLUSIVE.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—Joseph D. Evans, 1867–8–9–1870; Henry A. Richey, 1871–2; Nelson S. Drake, 1873; Everett H. Converse, 1874; Nelson S. Drake, 1875; Everett H. Converse, 1876; John H. Telfair, 1877; Edward G. Williams, 1878–9–1880; Chas. A. Marvin, 1881; John H. Walker, 1882; Chas. L. Walker, 1883; John Merrett, 1884; George E. Mott, 1885; Louis Hernsheim, 1886–7; Everett H. Converse, 1888.

SENIOR WARDEN.—Chas. W. Newton, 1867; Henry T. Bragg, 1868; Joel B. Burnett, 1869; Henry A. Richey, 1870; Wm. G. Adams, 1871; Everett H. Converse, 1872; John H. Telfair, 1873; Albert N. Chapman, 1874–5; Algernon S. Higgins, 1876; Henry P. Lowry, 1877; T. Mortimer Seaver, 1878–9; Chas. H. Marvin, 1880; John H. Walker, 1881; Jas. R. Beard, 1882; A. N. Chapman 1883; George E. Mott, 1884; Louis Hernsheim, 1885; Jas. H. Evans, 1886–7; Vernon L. Tenney, 1888.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—Samuel G. Thayer, 1867–8; Wm. G. Adams, 1870; Alpheus B. Avery, 1871; Nelson S. Drake, 1872; Benjamin W. Bond, 1873; Edward G. Williams, 1874–5; Thomas S. Singleton, 1876–7; Thos. R. Hopkins, 1878; Eugene E. Bishop, 1879; John H. Walker, 1880; Joseph M. Cord, 1881; Chas. L. Walker, 1882; Louis Hernsheim, 1883–4; Asa C. Fellows, 1885; Benj. N. Woodruff, 1886; Wm. E. Spencer, 1887; Albert W. Bailey, 1888.

TREASURER.—Joel B. Burnett, 1867–8; Algernon S. Higgins, 1869 to 1875, inclusive; Joel B. Burnett, 1876–7–8; Chas. B. Johnson, 1879; Joseph M. Cord, 1880; B. F. Hoyt, 1881 to 1888, inclusive.

SECRETARY.—Wm. W. Read, 1867; Benj. W. Bond, 1868; Alpheus B. Avery, 1869; Albert Vickers, 1870; Edward G. Williams, 1871–2–3; John A. Walker, 1874; Joseph M. Cord, 1875; Frank T. Stinson, 1876; Edward G. Williams, 1877; Chas. L. Walker, 1878–9; Thos. G. Singleton, 1880 to 1888, inclusive.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

Nearly forty biographical sketches of officers and prominent members of this Lodge have been written and sent to the parties for their approval; only about one-fourth of these have been returned.

RIGHT WOR. WILLIAM A. EVANS,

CHARTER MEMBER AND FIRST SENIOR DEACON OF MISTLETOE
LODGE; PAST MASTER OF PALATKA LODGE No. 34, FLA.; DIST.
DEPUTY G. M., EIGHTH MASONIC DIST., FLA.

Rt. Wor. William A. Evans, eldest son of Past Grand Master Joseph D. Evans, of the State of New York, inherits from his worthy sire many of those traits of character that distinguished the latter during his long and useful career. He was brought to Masonic light in Hillgrove Lodge No. 540, in 1865, by his father; he was the first one initiated in that Lodge; was its first Senior Deacon; was also Junior Warden. At a later period he, with his father, assisted in the erection of Mistletoe Lodge, and became its first Senior Deacon. His departure from the city prevented his further advancement; had he remained, his name would no doubt have been added to the long list of bright and shining lights for which this Lodge has been distinguished since the date of its organization. In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite he received the 14th degree on Aug. 29, 1865, for the purpose of organizing Lily Lodge of Perfection, and the 16th degree for the purpose of assisting in organizing Aurora Grata Council Princes of Jerusalem. He is still a member of the New York Consistory, having been advanced to the 32d degree in 1872. On becoming a resident of Florida in 1867 he affiliated with Palatka Lodge No. 34, of Palatka. His marked ability as a Craftsman and perfect familiarity with the masonic ritual led soon after to his election as Master. He became conspicuous as a member of the Grand Lodge of Florida, and, after holding a number of appointed offices, he was in 1886 appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighth Masonic District, which included the counties of Putnam, Marion and Alachua, a position he still continues to hold. Since 1879 he has represented the Grand Lodge of Virginia near the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Bro. Evans was born in Lynchburg, Va., and educated in Brooklyn. On attaining the proper age he became associated with his father in the tobacco export business, and in 1865 became a member of the firm. Believing there were greater in-

duancements offered in the culture of the orange, he removed to Florida, where he has since been extensively engaged in the cultivation of that fruit.

WOR. EVERETT H. CONVERSE,

PAST MASTER AND PRESENT WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF
MISTLETOE LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Converse received his instructions in Speculative Masonry from one of the brightest and most accomplished Masters of the Craft that the Fraternity of New York has ever produced, viz., M.: W.: Joseph D. Evans, who at that time was Master of Mistletoe Lodge. Bro. Converse was an apt pupil, and became a most skillful Craftsman, and years after his initiation the mantle of his illustrious Master fell on him. That he was worthy of the honor, those of his brethren who have known him intimately for nearly twenty years will bear witness. Twice called to the East within a period of three years, he was again the unanimous choice of the Lodge at their last annual election in December, 1887. It was eminently fitting that he as Master of the Lodge should perform the last sad rites at the funeral ceremonies of his honored teacher. Wor. Bro. Converse was brought to Masonic light in this Lodge in 1870. He filled with honor the difficult position of Senior Deacon, and in 1872 took his seat in the West as the assistant of Wor. Henry A. Richey. He was elected Master in 1874, and in 1876, the Centennial year, he was again called to the East. He laid aside the gavel, but continued in active service, never ceasing his labors for eleven years, and at the annual election in December, 1887, was again elected by his brethren to the position he had filled with so much honor and dignity. It is said by his brethren that his work is as near perfection as it is possible for a Craftsman to reach. His manner is pleasing, attractive and impressive, lacking naught in dignity or firmness. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Orient Chapter No. 138, but has never taken an interest in Capitular Masonry.

Bro. Converse is descended from one of the oldest families of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. To his early training is due his subsequent success in life. He was born in Monson, Hampden County, Mass., November 20, 1844; was prepared for college in his native town; entered Yale in 1861 and was graduated in 1865. He wisely chose a mercantile career, and in 1866 entered the employ of the Richmond Manufacturing Company, then of New York and Providence. In 1871 he accepted a position with Coffin & Allemus, dry goods commis-

sion merchants, of Philadelphia, to establish a branch of their business in New York, and in 1877 was made a member of the firm. He has since continued to carry on the business in New York city.

He became a resident of Brooklyn in 1867, and was married in 1873 to Miss Martha S. Dowse, of Pittsfield, Mass. He is a Life Member of the Long Island Historical Society; of the Yale Alumni Association of New York, and of the same Association on Long Island.

WOR. EDWARD G. WILLIAMS,
PAST MASTER OF MISTLETOE LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Williams has been prominently identified with Mistletoe Lodge since the first year of its organization. He was among the first raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by Most Worshipful Bro. Joseph D. Evans. He served one term as Senior Master of Ceremonies; filled an unexpired term as Secretary in 1869, and again in 1870, the position having become vacant by the death of Bro. Vickers. He was elected Secretary in 1871-2-3, and again in 1877; he was Junior Warden in 1874; Senior Warden in 1875, and Master in 1878-79-80. He has been Trustee for the past fifteen years. Since the death of M.: W.: Bro. Evans, he is the oldest living Past Master of Mistletoe Lodge. His record is the best evidence of the esteem in which he is held by the Lodge. Whole-souled, warm-hearted, generous to a fault, genial even to joviality. As presiding officer, however, he laid aside all levity and kept the Lodge well in hand, never for a moment permitting any irregularity or unmasonic conduct. The Lodge prospered and grew in numbers and in influence under his administration. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209; he was advanced to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite through Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Aurora Grata Council Princes of Jerusalem, Aurora Grata Chapter Rose Croix, and Brooklyn Consistory.

Bro. Williams was born in Wales, October 30, 1846, but has lived in Brooklyn since he was two years of age, and was educated at the Polytechnic Institute. His first business experience was in the manufacture of mechanical toys, having early in life developed mechanical genius which was turned in this direction. He commenced business the same year he entered Mistletoe Lodge, and has now one of the largest establishments of the kind in the country, employing upwards of fifty hands. His efforts to contribute to the happiness of the "little ones" brought him a large revenue, which he has continued to use in alleviating the sufferings of others, and in the cause of charity

and benevolence. As an amateur actor in the role of low comedian he has caused the hearts of thousands to thrill with joy and helped them to drive dull care away. He has been for many years connected with the Amaranth Amateur Dramatic Association, of Brooklyn; latterly as its President. He has been no less successful in contributing to the happiness of his own family. He has a wife and one daughter, seventeen years of age. The former was a Miss Hannah M. Hunt, of Brooklyn. He took *three* important steps the year he reached his majority. He started in business, he started on in his journey toward the East, and the same year took to himself a life partner, to whose wise counsel and advice he is largely indebted for his success in life.

WOR. JAMES W. MACULLY,

PAST MASTER OF ADYTUM LODGE, AND AFFILIATE OF MISTLETOE LODGE.

An experienced and honored Craftsman of over twenty years' standing, Bro. Macully has proved a valuable acquisition to Mistletoe Lodge, where his knowledge and skill are justly appreciated. He was brought to light in Masonry in August, 1868, in Adytum Lodge No. 640; he served as Senior Master of Ceremonies and Senior Deacon; Junior Warden, 1873; Senior Warden, 1874-5; Master, 1876; and subsequently two terms as Senior Deacon. He is thoroughly versed in the Middle Chamber work, and some of the brightest Masons in the Third Masonic District received their instructions from him. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Manhattan Chapter, New York, in which he served as Master of the 1st and 2d Veil. He affiliated with Mistletoe Lodge on Sept. 19, 1887.

Bro. Macully was born in New York City, January 16, 1847. His knowledge of the rudimentary branches was obtained at the public schools of his native city. He afterwards entered the College of the City of New York, where he continued his studies for two years. He commenced his business career on September 4, 1863, with the old established dry goods house of H. B. Claffin & Co., New York, and has remained with that firm for over twenty-five years. He has been a resident of Brooklyn since 1865.

WOR. VERNON L. TENNEY,

SENIOR WARDEN AND MASTER-ELECT FOR 1889.

Bro. Tenny has been more highly honored than any of his predecessors in Mistletoe Lodge; that he was "worthy and well qualified" for the position he now occupies, none who have

witnessed his work will deny. He received his Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees in this Lodge in the spring of 1887, and on April 4th, of the same year, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. In December, 1887, of the same year, he was taken from the floor and elected Senior Warden for 1888, and on December, 1888, he was elected Master. He has frequently been called to preside in the East during the absence of the Master. He has shown remarkable proficiency in the work, and administrative ability of a high order. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209; advanced to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, through Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Aurora Grata Council Princes of Jerusalem, Aurora Grata Chapter Rose Croix, and New York Consistory; he recently severed his connection with the latter body, and became a charter member of Aurora Grata Consistory of Brooklyn. He is also a member of Bedford Council, Royal Arcanum, of Brooklyn.

Bro. Tenney was born in Plainfield, Otsego Co., N. Y., October 6, 1854; was educated at public school, and removed to Wisconsin in 1868, where he engaged as clerk in the mercantile business; returned to New York in 1874, and soon after started in the manufacture of soap, which he has carried on successfully for the past fourteen years. He became a resident of Brooklyn the same year. He is a man of pleasing address; affable and agreeable in manners, and a true Mason at heart.

CHARLES M. HAY,

SENIOR DEACON, AND JUNIOR WARDEN ELECT, 1889.

To fill the position of Senior Deacon acceptably requires a high degree of intelligence, quickness of perception, and a retentive memory. The work of Bro. Hay shows that he appreciates the importance of the position, and possesses the requisite qualifications. His knowledge of the work and familiarity with the ritual evinces great care and painstaking. His manner is both pleasing and impressive. He completed his journey in search of light in October, 1887, in Mistletoe Lodge. He was immediately appointed Junior Deacon to serve an unexpired term, and at the annual election in December following, was appointed Senior Deacon for 1888. Not content with the Blue Lodge degrees, he sought an entrance to Capitular Masonry, and was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209. The same eager desire for further light and knowledge has characterized every step of his journey. He will doubtless prove a bright and shining light in the Fraternity.

Bro. Hay is a native of Bridgeport, Conn., born Nov. 2, 1855. He attended public school, and made the most of his opportunities. After completing his studies he engaged in the express business, first in Bridgeport, afterwards in New York. For the past fourteen years he has been connected with Adams Express Company, of New York. He became a resident of Brooklyn in 1878. He is of a generous nature, popular with his associates, and ever ready to do a friend a kindly turn.

S. F. AUSTIN, JUNIOR DEACON, AND SENIOR DEACON FOR 1889.

While the Masonic record of Bro. Austin is limited to a brief period, his opportunities for doing good and of disseminating the principles of Freemasonry are world-wide, as his official position in life brings him in direct communication with every nation on the face of the earth. He was brought to light in Masonry as a member of Mistletoe Lodge in April, 1887, and the following December was appointed Junior Deacon, to serve for the ensuing year; at the Annual Communication in 1888 he was appointed Senior Deacon. The interest he has already manifested in the work and the skillful use made by him of the working tools of Symbolic Masonry, give bright promise for the future.

Bro. Austin commenced his career under humble circumstances, and his advancement in life is due solely to his own exertions. He was born in England, October 18, 1854; educated at St. Clement's school, Liverpool. A young man of quick perception, with an indomitable will and perseverance, he rose from the lowest to a position of great prominence. At the age of sixteen he entered the Inland Telegraph service at Liverpool, and advanced rapidly. In 1873 he joined the Anglo-American Telegraph Company and removed to London; was transferred for one year to the Cable Station Valentia Island. At the expiration of his term of service, being desirous of seeing more of the world, he joined the Western and Brazilian Telegraph Co., where he remained three years, in Pernambuco and Bahia. In 1878, he accepted a position with the International Tel. Co., at Havana, Cuba. In January, 1880, he returned to New York and joined the Direct U. S. Cable Co. In 1882, he joined the Mexican Tel. Co., and was four months in Vera Cruz; he returned in March, 1883, and joined the Western Union, where he was advanced to the position of Manager of the Wheatstone and Southern Cables. When the Commercial Cable Company was organized, in 1884, he accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent in New York, and held that position until March, 1887, and was then appointed Superintendent and Representative of the French Atlantic Cable Com-

pany in America. In 1884, he was appointed Assistant Superintendent of the Commercial Cable Company, and in 1887, became Superintendent of the French Atlantic Cable Company. He removed to Brooklyn in 1880, and the same year married Miss Annie L. Hiorns, of London, England. He has a family of three children, and has become identified socially with the people of his adopted home and country.

EUGENE E. BISHOP.

A man who devotes the best years of his life to the military branch of our government can find but little time to devote to the active duties of Masonry, and yet some of our ablest military men are among the brightest and most distinguished patrons of our Order. Bro. Bishop, though still a young man, has already served upwards of fifteen years in the National Guard, yet was able to devote a portion of his time to the duties inculcated by masonry. He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Mistletoe Lodge in 1873. He served as Junior Deacon, Senior Master of Ceremonies, and in December, 1858, was elected Junior Warden to serve for 1879. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Orient Chapter No. 138; he is a member of South Brooklyn Masonic Mutual Assurance Association, also of Southern Tier Masonic Relief Association, of Elmira.

Bro. Bishop was born in Brooklyn, January 5, 1852. He was liberally educated at the Alexander Institute Military Academy, of White Plains, N. Y., and at the Polytechnic Institute, of Brooklyn. He entered the employ of the New York Safe Deposit Company as a boy in 1865, and for many years past has held a position of great trust and responsibility with this Company. He commenced his military career as a member of I Company, 23d Regiment N. G. S. N. Y., in November, 1870; was afterwards transferred to F Company. He served in this regiment for 12 years as private, and in October, 1886, he joined the 47th Regiment as 2d Lieutenant of B Company. He was awarded the Medal of Honor by the 23d Regiment for ten years consecutive service in the National Guard, and has since exceeded the record by six years. He is a member of the 23d Regiment Veteran association; of F Company Veteran Association; of the Uniformed Battalion 23d Regiment Veteran Association, and of the 23d Regiment Relief Association. Among the social orders with which he is connected is that of the Sons of St. George Society.

JAMES H. EVANS.

Bro. Evans is a son of Most Worshipful Joseph D. Evans, Past Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. He is truly a worthy son of an honored sire. Being naturally of a modest and retiring disposition, he has never become especially prominent as a Craftsman. For his own, as well as for his father's sake, however, he is highly esteemed among the brethren of his own Lodge, and the Fraternity in general. He was entered, passed and raised in Mistletoe Lodge in 1881, receiving his Master Mason's degree soon after, his father being present and participating in the work.

He served as Junior Master of Ceremonies, as Senior Deacon, and was Senior Warden in 1886-7. He ascended to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, through the Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Aurora Grata Council Princes of Jerusalem, and Aurora Grata Chapter of Rose Croix and is a member of the New York Consistory.

Bro. Evans was born in Brooklyn, educated in the rudimentary branches at public school, completing his education at the Polytechnic Institute. He soon after became connected with his father in the tobacco export business, and in 1874 was received into partnership. Since the death of his father he has continued to carry on the business alone.

He has been active in military matters, having already served eight years as a member of Company A, 23d Regiment N. G. S. N. Y. He possesses the same genial disposition and social characteristics that distinguished his father during the latter's long and useful career.

DR. MILTON B. DAVIS.

Bro. Davis joined this Lodge by initiation in the spring of 1884; he served one year as Senior Deacon and qualified for other positions, but the brethren preferred to benefit by his musical talents, rather than by his skill as a craftsman. He is a member of all the Aurora Grata Bodies, having received the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite North Masonic Jurisdiction, and also "crossed the burning sands" in Kismet Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is director of the Brunswick Quartette, an organization that has been in existence since the year 1874, and who now comprise the choir of the Aurora Grata Bodies of Brooklyn. He has been precentor of music in Plymouth Bethel Sunday School since 1883, and is also baritone soloist at the Sixth Ave. Baptist Church of Brooklyn.

Bro. Davis is a native of Brooklyn, born July 6th, 1860; he

took a preparatory course at the Polytechnic Institute, entered Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., from which he was graduated in 1880, in his twentieth year. He was leader of the college glee club during his sophomore, junior and senior years, an organization well known at that time for its musical abilities. He began the study of medicine under the tutorship of Dr. H. M. Eddy, a prominent mason and surgeon of Geneva, N. Y.; pursued a course of dissection and anatomy at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, and was graduated at the Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, in 1883. He has held the chair of skin diseases at the Brooklyn City Dispensary since 1883, and was appointed assistant demonstrator of anatomy at Long Island Coll. Hospital in 1885. He began his regular practice of medicine at 404 Pacific St. in the year of 1883, and in 1886 he removed to 726 Carroll St. He has a good practice among some of the best families on the hill. He was married in the spring of 1884 to Miss Dollie H., daughter of Geo. S. Williams, Esq., a well known citizen of Brooklyn.

JOHN H. TIENKEN.

Bro. Tienken is one of the best known and most popular members of the Fraternity in Brooklyn, and while contributing to its support with an open, generous hand, and "walking worthy of the high vocation wherewith he has been called," has had no desire for, and has declined to accept, official honors. He was brought to light in Mistletoe Lodge, June 7, 1886, and since been one of its staunchest supporters. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209, dubbed and knighted a Templar in Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T., advanced to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, through Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Aurora Grata Council Princes of Jerusalem, and Aurora Grata Chapter of Rose Croix. He "crossed the burning sands" in Mecca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shine of New York, and became a charter member of Kismet Temple of Brooklyn. His personal popularity extends throughout these several bodies where his many qualities of heart and mind are justly appreciated.

Bro. Tienken was born in Brooklyn, October 7, 1844; he enjoyed the best educational advantages to fit him for the practical duties of life. He attended the Polytechnic Institute, and was afterwards sent to Germany to complete his studies. On his return, in 1864, he entered Wall street as a clerk, joining the N. Y. Gold Exchange, and for several years past has been a prominent member of the New York Stock Exchange.

He served fifteen years in the National Guard of New York State, commencing as private in H Company of the famous

13th Regiment of Brooklyn, in 1864; was promoted through the several non-commissioned grades to Second Lieutenant and finally as Captain. He resigned in 1879, but continued his connection with the regiment as a member of the Thirteenth Regiment Veteran Association.

HISTORY OF CAMBRIDGE LODGE NO. 662.

Cambridge Lodge owes its origin to a split which occurred in Octorus Lodge, New York, in 1866, when a number of brethren, becoming dissatisfied with the elective officers, withdrew, and concluded to erect a Lodge in Brooklyn. They held preliminary meetings and finally decided to name it in honor of the Duke of Cambridge, a prominent patron of our Order, and a member of the Grand Lodge of England. A letter was written to this distinguished brother, informing him of this fact, which elicited a reply.

The Lodge was instituted Under Dispensation, February 23, 1867. The first Regular Communication was held on Saturday evening, February 23, 1867, at the corner of Court and Montague streets, at which time the following officers were elected and appointed: N. P. Fitzpatrick, Master; John Bloxham, Senior Warden; G. F. Kuhn, Junior Warden; E. W. Frost, Treasurer; Oliver Cotter, Secretary; Bro. Webb, Senior Deacon; Pabst, Junior Deacon; Phelps, Chaplain, and Sullivan, S. M. C. The first candidate proposed for membership was Francis Mallison; the first brother raised was Henry A. Frey, on March 2d. The Lodge continued to work Under Dispensation until the following year. The Charter was granted June 5, 1868. During the first few years the Lodge was financially weak, and the income was insufficient to meet the current expenses, which were frequently paid by individual members.

The only important event recorded on the minutes during the first year was the official visit of R. W. Bro. Marvin, Dist. Deputy G. M., who delivered an eloquent address.

On January 20, 1870, a special dispensation was granted by the Grand Lodge, granting permission to elect a Worshipful Master in place of Wor. Bro. N. P. Fitzpatrick, who was disabled by illness from attending to his official duties.

From the date above mentioned down to 1880, nothing appears on the minute-book worthy of record. On September 27, 1880, the Lodge decided by a vote to participate in the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the Egyptian Obelisk. At the same Communication a committee was appointed to purchase a jewel for the Chaplain.

The Lodge at this time was in a more prosperous condition and had increased in numbers and influence, and two years later the Finance Committee reported a balance in the bank of \$142.37. During its twenty-one years of existence, Cambridge Lodge has never been derelict in her duty to her own suffering or distressed members, and whether or not there was sufficient funds in the treasury, the brethren have never ceased to bear one another's burdens.

At a Regular Communication held September 26, 1881, the death of our worthy brother, James A. Garfield, President of the United States, was announced, and resolutions in accordance therewith adopted. It was resolved that no further business be transacted, and that the Lodge be draped in mourning for the space of thirty days.

Even with a limited exchequer, Cambridge Lodge bore her share of the burden of the Hall and Asylum Fund debt, and when appealed to by the Grand Master to raise a sufficient amount to release her from the annual per capita tax, promptly responded, and was thus released from all future obligations connected therewith.

The Lodge is now in a fairly prosperous condition, and the interchange of courtesies between it and sister Lodges is frequent and pleasant. The Annual Report to the Grand Lodge for 1888 showed a total membership of 59.

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF CAMBRIDGE LODGE No. 662,
FROM 1867 TO 1888, INCLUSIVE.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—N. P. Fitzpatrick, 1867-8-9; E. C. Hopping, 1870; James T. Williamson, 1871-2; James Walsh, 1873; John McElvery, 1874-5; W. J. Ramsey, 1876; Henry Biggart, 1877; James T. Williamson, 1878; Edward Coley, 1879; L. Pulvermacher, 1880; Theodore Theiler, 1881; Henry Biggart, 1882-3; L. Pulvermacher, 1884; Henry Biggart, 1885; Robert Henderson, 1886; W. M. Gibson, 1887; James W. Murray, 1888.

SENIOR WARDEN.—John Bloxham, 1867; J. M. Chaffee, 1868-69-70; William Gibson, 1871; John Jay, 1872; Chas. Williamson, 1873; Wm. J. Ramsey, 1874; Chas. Williamson, 1875; Geo.

M. Patton, 1876; Theo. Theiler, 1877; Jas. J. Denman, 1878; Stephen H. Purdy, 1879; H. E. Hamlin, 1880; John Cunningham, 1881; Sam'l Wilkinson, 1882; Thomas Henderson, 1883; Wm. Foster, 1884; Robert Henderson, 1885; Wm. M. Gibson, 1886; Henry Brown, 1887; Joseph H. Wirling, 1888.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—G. F. Kuhn, 1867–8; E. C. Hopping, 1869; Henry Higginson, 1870–71; John McElvery, 1872; Wm. J. Ramsey, 1873; Wm. Wright, 1874; Sam'l Posnet, 1875; J. T. Williamson, 1876; M. Gruschensky, 1877; Edward Coley, 1878; L. Pulvermacher, 1879; John Cunningham, 1880; Richard Strohm, 1881; A. Block, 1882; Peter Trotter, 1883; Robert Henderson, 1884; Matthew O'Neill, 1885; Henry Brown, 1886; James W. Murray, 1887; Henry Brown, 1888.

TREASURER.—E. W. Frost, 1867–8–9; Oliver Cotter, 1870–71; John Piper, 1872; Frank Levison, 1873–4–5; Daniel Jacobs, 1876 to 1880, inclusive; Morris Cohen, 1881–2; William Shroeder, 1883; Lewis Bitzold, 1884–5; A. Block, 1886–7; Reuben Jacobs, 1888.

SECRETARY.—Oliver Cotter, 1867; John Russell, 1868–9; H. C. Packard, 1870–71; A. McDonald, 1872 to 1875, inclusive; Wm. H. Blanchard, 1876–7; Geo. E. Miller, 1878–79–80; Charles Westervelt, 1881–82; Richard Strohm, 1883; James W. Murray, 1884–5–6; Henry C. Draper, 1887; Henry Biggart, 1888.

ROBERT HENDERSON,

PAST MASTER OF CAMBRIDGE LODGE.

Bro. Henderson was initiated, passed and raised in Cambridge Lodge, receiving his Master Mason's degree July 27, 1882. He served as Senior Master of Ceremonies, as Junior Warden, 1884; was Senior Warden in 1885, and Master in 1886. In every position he showed the skill of a true Craftsman, and was held in high esteem by his brethren. He was born in Ireland, January 16, 1856, received a fair education and emigrated to America in May, 1880; was married in 1883, to Catherine Wilson, of Brooklyn. He has been employed in various capacities, always enjoying the confidence of his employers.

WILLIAM M. GIBSON,

PAST MASTER OF CAMBRIDGE LODGE.

Bro. Gibson is among the honored veterans of the Third Masonic District who have contributed so largely to the success and growth of the Fraternity during the past twenty years.

He reached his majority as a Master Mason, October 24th of the present year, having received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason in 1867, in Cambridge Lodge. He served as Junior Deacon, Senior Deacon, and was appointed Junior Warden in 1870, to fill an unexpired term; served two years as Senior Warden, viz., 1871, 1886, and was elected Master in 1887. After laying aside the gavel he served for some time as Chaplain. He was made Chairman of the Historical Committee for compiling a history of Cambridge Lodge. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Nassau Chapter, Knighted and dubbed in Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T.

Bro. Gibson was born March 16, 1844. He was educated in the public schools of New York and Brooklyn, and adopted the occupation of bricklayer. From 1864 to 1867 he was employed as a mechanic in the U. S. Engineers' Department. During the past twelve years he has been a prominent builder in Brooklyn, and has left his mark on some of the most substantial edifices in this City of Churches. Conscientious and upright in his dealings with others, he has acquired a reputation for honesty and integrity, which affords a richer legacy for his children than any amount of worldly gains he might bequeath to them. He is the father of four children, having married Miss Jennie Halliday, of Brooklyn, in 1869.

JAMES W. MURRAY,

WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF CAMBRIDGE LODGE.

Bro. Murray is one of the best presiding officers in the Third Masonic District; a man of great force, energy and decision of character, tempered with the "milk of human kindness." While he rules with dignity and firmness, he is courteous and pleasant in his demeanor; a thorough parliamentarian, his rulings are seldom questioned. He is beloved and honored by the brethren and invariably receives a cordial welcome in his visits to sister Lodges. He aims to keep up that fraternal intercourse with other Lodges in this District, which is often reciprocated by visits from other brethren to Cambridge Lodge. Bro. Murray was brought to light in this Lodge in April, 1882; he served as Secretary in 1884-5-6; as Junior Warden in 1887, and, at the annual election in December, 1887, was elected Master for the ensuing year, and re-elected in Dec., 1888.

Bro. Murray was born in Glasgow, Scotland, Dec. 13, 1852, but has been a resident of Brooklyn since early childhood, where he also received his education. He commenced his business career as a clerk in a real estate office. After an experience of four years he took the position as bookkeeper in the

produce business in New York, and remained with the same firm for about six years. About 1878 he concluded to start in the oil and benzine business, which proved a fortunate venture. He was married in 1878 to Miss Jessie Rennie, of Brooklyn; three children have been born to them; two deceased and one now living, named Howard. W. Bro. Murray is a man of dignified deportment, but genial and pleasant in his domestic and social relations, and has a large circle of friends and acquaintances in Brooklyn, especially with the Craft, having made over one hundred visits to various Lodges within the year. Is also a member of Fern Council 774, R. A.

JOSEPH H. WIRLING,

SENIOR WARDEN OF CAMBRIDGE LODGE.

Bro. Wirling has served a long and faithful apprenticeship as an humble Craftsman, but his patience and fidelity have at last been rewarded. He was initiated Entered Apprentice on July 28, 1880, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft, August 9th, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, August 23d, of the same year. He has been a regular attendant, and has frequently been called on to assist in the work, and at the annual Communication held in December, 1887, he was unanimously elected to a seat in the West. As an assistant of the Worshipful Master he has shown himself "worthy and well qualified," and his efforts have met the hearty approval of his brethren, whose confidence and esteem he has always enjoyed.

Bro. Wirling was born in Ireland forty years ago, on June 4th. His early life was spent in tilling the soil. He arrived here in 1871, and continued farming until 1875, when he obtained a position with the Brooklyn White Lead Company. His intelligence, fidelity and industry were rewarded by advancement, and in 1883 he was made foreman of the establishment, a position of great trust and responsibility. Bro. Wirling took to himself a partner for life in 1878, in the person of Lizzie Wilson, to whom he is devotedly attached. He is a kind husband and the affectionate father of three children.

ROBERT HOWE, SENIOR DEACON OF CAMBRIDGE LODGE.

Bro. Howe has not been long on his Masonic pilgrimage, but he has surveyed the mysteries and become familiar with the work of the Middle Chamber. His eager desire and thirst for knowledge in Masonry, and the great proficiency already at-

tained by him, give great promise of his future career. He will no doubt prove a valuable acquisition to Cambridge Lodge, and will render a good account of himself at no distant day. He was admitted to this Lodge as an Entered Apprentice, in the fall of 1886; he passed to the degree of Fellowcraft soon after, and was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason Nov. 22, 1866. He served one term as Senior Master of Ceremonies, and at the Annual Election in the fall of 1887, was appointed Senior Deacon; reappointed in the fall of 1888. Subsequent events have shown that the selection for this important position was a wise one, and the brother has proved himself equal to its duties and responsibilities.

Bro. Howe enjoyed the advantages of a good private and public instruction in Ireland, his native country, where he was born April 15, 1861. After his arrival here in 1881, he was not long in obtaining a position. He commenced with the house of Jaffee & Perkins, wholesale dry goods, New York City, where he soon ingratiated himself with his employers, winning their confidence and good will, and in due time received that promotion which he justly deserved.

WOR. HENRY BIGGART,

SECRETARY AND PAST MASTER OF CAMBRIDGE LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Biggart was made a Mason in Crystal Wave Lodge No. 638, in 1869, and was elected Senior Warden in 1873-4. He affiliated with Cambridge Lodge in January, 1876; elected Master the following year. He served as Senior Deacon in 1881; was again elected Master in 1882-3, also in 1885. In December, 1887, he was elected Secretary for the ensuing year.

Bro. Biggart was born in Brooklyn, Nov. 9, 1838. For several years past he has carried on the profession of dentistry.

PETER H. TROTTER.

Bro. Trotter is the son of a prominent Mason who was at one time Grand Lecturer of Masons in the State of New York. Bro. Trotter was made a Mason in Cambridge Lodge, Oct. 3, 1872. He was Junior Warden in 1884, and has filled temporarily most of the offices in the Lodge. He was born in New York City, Oct. 1, 1850. He received a fair education and has since held prominent and responsible positions. He had charge of the branch office of Adams Express Company, at 684 Broadway, for three years. He has been a resident of Brooklyn since 1881.

HISTORY OF ORION LODGE NO. 717.

Orion is defined as "a large and bright constellation on both sides of the equinoctial." Considering its geographical position, Orion Lodge is fitly named. It is situated near the centre of the business portion of the city. There are 19 Lodges West, 7 East, and 4 South. While nearly all of the others have changed their places of abode at different times, Orion has remained in a *fixed* location; while others, in many cases, have reflected a borrowed light, Orion has always contained a bright array of masonic and intellectual Luminaries among its own members, who from time to time have edified one another by lectures on various topics. From a numerical standpoint, the symbol does not hold good, except that quality rather than quantity be accepted as the desideratum. Its membership is made up largely of brethren living in the vicinity of Flatbush, Sixth and Seventh avenues, who meet on every 2d and 4th Monday of each month and enjoy all the benefits of a social club. While apparently a close corporation, brethren of sister Lodges are always cordially welcomed and well entertained.

Orion Lodge was organized in 1871 by a few Masonic brethren living in the vicinity of Flatbush avenue. Preliminary meetings were held at the house of Bro. O. G. Carter, then a member of Kings County Lodge. Some difficulty was experienced in obtaining a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge, as it was thought that there was already a sufficient number of Lodges in Brooklyn. Through the efforts of Rt. Wor. Enoch George, then District Deputy Grand Master, the Dispensation was obtained early in November, 1871, and the first Regular Communication held Nov. 20, 1871, in the building, 264 Flatbush avenue, which had previously been erected by Bro. J. M. Nash, a charter member of this Lodge. The names of the charter members were: Henry Taylor, King Hiram G. R. C.; David Gribben, Mount Vernon No. 3; Theo. B. Gates, Kingston No. 10; Geo. V. Carleton, St. Andrews No. 56, Portsmouth, N. H.; George Coonwall, Ansantawae, Milford, Conn.; W. H. C. Price, Auburn No. 76, Ala.; J. Douglass Brown, Valley No. 109; O. G. Carter, Kings County No. 511; Henry F. Aten, South Dedham, Mass.; Wm. Richardson, Mount Vernon No. 3; J. W. Birdseye; Trowell No. 14; Erastus Cooke, Kingston No. 10; Abram M. Kirby, Stella No. 485; J. S. Stevens, Cincinnati No. 3, N. J.; J. M. Nash, Hillgrove No. 540; H. G. Landon, Lexington No. 310; B. H. Lane, Stella No. 485; James Cruikshank, Wadsworth No. 417; Ithamar Dubois, Anglo-Saxon No. 137; John C. Davis, St. John's No. 1, R. I.; A. W. Howell, Manhattan No. 62. The first officers were, Henry Taylor, Master; David Gribben, S. W.; Thos. B. Gates, J. W.; John S. Mackay, Treasurer; Barient H.

Lane, Secretary; James Cruikshank, S. D.; A. W. Howell, S. M. C.; George H. Carleton, J. M. C.

The fee for the three degrees was, by resolution, placed at \$50; this was afterwards reduced to \$35, and finally to \$25. The first candidate proposed, initiated, passed and raised, was Chas. Delapierre, the present Secretary.

Several distinguished brethren visited the Lodge on Dec. 11, 1871, among whom were Most Wor. John W. Simons, P. G. M.; Rt. Wor. Joseph J. Couch, D. G. M.; and Rt. Wor. Enoch George, D. D. G. M. A vote of thanks was given to the Grand Lodge officers for their eloquent addresses, and to Rt. Wor. Enoch George for his efforts in obtaining the Dispensation. Similar action was taken on January 22, 1872, when Most Wor. John H. Anthon, G. M., and others, paid a visit to this Lodge.

On June 17, 1872, the following record appears in the minutes: "The Most Wor. Grand Lodge, having been pleased at its Annual Communication, held on the 7th day of June, 5872, to grant a Warrant to Orion Lodge, the brethren formerly working under a Dispensation, assembled at the Lodge room, Orion Hall, Flatbush avenue, Monday, June 17, 1872, for the purpose of being constituted into a Lodge, and for the installation of its officers." The Grand Lodge was represented by Rt. Wor. Elwood E. Thorne, as acting G. M., and other distinguished brethren, when the following officers were regularly installed, viz., Wor. Henry Taylor, Master; David Gribben, S. W.; Thos. B. Gates, J. W.; John S. Mackay, Treasurer; D. S. Kirby, Secretary.

The first death recorded on the minutes was that of Bro. Oliver J. Carter, at whose house the first meeting was held. His death occurred April 13, 1873; and at a Communication held April 16, suitable resolutions were adopted.

The Annual Report for 1873 showed a prosperous condition of affairs. The total number initiated, passed and raised was 22, which, with the 24 charter members, made a total of 46. The receipts for the year were \$2,484.74. The Lodge was free from debt, and had expended \$956.52 for furniture, fixtures, etc. In November of that year a St. John's box was presented to the Lodge by Bro. Francis, in accordance with a resolution adopted, to receive voluntary contributions from members and visiting brethren, the amount received to be used as a poor fund. This is still a distinguishing feature of this Lodge.

For several years, one Communication of each year was set apart for the entertainment of the friends of the Lodge; at which ladies were invited. The first of these was held January 19, 1874, at which time Most Wor. Bro. Couch delivered an interesting address.

The Lodge enjoyed a greater degree of prosperity during

the year 1874 than at any previous or succeeding period. A total of 32 was added by initiation, making the membership 81. Since that time the increase in membership has not equalled the falling off by dimit, decease, etc., the present membership being but 59. The initiation and membership fee was changed on March 22, 1880, from \$50 to \$25.

The Lodge met promptly its per capita tax of the Hall and Asylum Fund debt, amounting to \$330. It has provided generously for its worthy and distressed brethren, although there have been but few who required aid.

During its organization of nearly seventeen years, it has had but eleven Masters. Of these Wor. Bro. Henry Taylor served four terms; Wor. Bro. W. H. B. Pratt, two terms; Wor. Bro. David Gribben, two terms; Wor. Bro. E. C. Barnum, two terms, and John C. Grennell, two terms.

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF ORION LODGE No. 717, FROM 1871 TO 1888, INCLUSIVE.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—Henry Taylor, 1871-2-3-4-5; James Cruikshank, 1876; Benjamin Edson, 1877; W. H. B. Pratt, 1878-9; David Gribben, 1880-81; John Condon, 1882; D. S. Ramsey, 1883; E. C. Barnum, 1884-5; S. J. Hughes, 1886; John C. Grennell, 1887; John N. Wyckoff, 1888.

SENIOR WARDEN.—David Gribben, 1871-2-3-4; Barient H. Lane, 1875; Benj. Edson, 1876; W. H. B. Pratt, 1877; D. S. Ramsay, 1878-9; John Condon, 1880; Nat. W. Howell, 1881; E. C. Barnum, 1882-3; S. J. Hughes, 1884-5; John C. Grennell, 1886; John N. Wyckoff, 1887; W. C. Sheden, 1888.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—Theo. B. Gates, 1871-2; Barient H. Lane, 1873; Benjamin Estes, 1874; James Francis, 1875; Henry Atterbury, 1876; A. S. Ramsay, 1877; John Condon, 1878-9; Orson Breed, 1880; E. C. Barnum, 1881; S. J. Hughes, 1882; F. C. Chamberlin, 1883; John C. Grennell, 1884-5; John N. Wyckoff, 1886; W. C. Sneden, 1887; N. C. Allen, 1888.

TREASURER.—John S. McKay, 1871 to 1881, inclusive; David Gribben, 1882-3-4; Albert P. Wells, 1885-6-7; F. P. Center, 1888.

SECRETARY.—Barient H. Lane, 1871; D. L. Kerby, 1872-3-4-5; David Gribben 1886-7-8-9; Chas. Delapierre, 1880 to 1888, inclusive.

WOR. DAVID GRIBBEN, PAST MASTER OF ORION LODGE.

Any personal eulogy of Wor. Bro. Gribben would be superfluous, as his record alone is the best evidence of his ability and integrity. He was brought to Masonic light about 1858, in Mount Vernon Lodge No. 3, of Albany, one of the oldest Lodges in the State. He was appointed Senior Deacon immediately after he was raised, and in December following was elected Junior Warden, and the next year was seated in the East. During this period he had charge of a school of instruction composed of officers of the different Lodges. On leaving there to take part in the Civil War he was presented by these brethren with a beautiful and costly Past Master's Jewel. Some time after the close of the war, having become a resident of Brooklyn, he assisted in organizing Orion Lodge, and was elected its first Senior Warden, serving through 1871-2-3-4; he was Secretary in 1876-7-8-9, and Master in 1880-81. He has been equally honored in other Orders. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Orient Chapter No. 138; at the first election following he was elected Scribe, and one year later was High Priest. He is Past Grand of American Lodge No. 32, I. O. O. F., and Past Chief Patriarch of En-Hakkose Encampment No. 6, of Albany. He affiliated with Brooklyn Lodge No. 26, I. O. O. F., some years ago, in which he has held the position of Trustee for the past fifteen years.

Bro. Gribben is a native of Ireland, born April 9, 1828. He came here at the age of twelve years, settled in Albany, and was for many years engaged in the saddlery business. At the breaking out of the war he was appointed Paymaster's clerk under Major Richardson, his warm personal friend. He remained at headquarters in Washington for some years. He was sent to New Orleans in 1864, and Major Richardson soon after resigned, and through the latter's influence Bro. Gribben was appointed Paymaster by President Lincoln. He served through President Johnson's administration, and was mustered out by General Grant, June 1, 1869. He came to Brooklyn soon after this, and on January 1, 1870, he was appointed Paymaster of the Atlantic Avenue R. R., under Major Richardson, the President, his old army friend. He has held the position continuously for upwards of 18 years.

WOR. BENJAMIN EDSON, PAST MASTER OF ORION LODGE.

Bro. Edson is a child of Orion Lodge, having been initiated, passed and raised in 1873. He was Senior Warden in 1876, and Master in 1877. During his administration as Master he endeavored to raise the standard of the work by eliminating

objectionable features. A man of culture and refinement and of superior administrative ability, he ruled with dignity and firmness, and yet with love and kindness.

Bro. Edson was born in Otsego, N. Y., May 26, 1831; was graduated from the New York State Normal School at Albany in 1857, and from New York University in 1873. He came to Brooklyn in 1864, and for over twenty years was engaged in teaching as principal of Public School No. 14. During this period he pursued a medical course of study and commenced practice in 1873, continuing at the same time as principal of the public school until 1885, when he resigned, and has since devoted his whole time to the practice of his profession. He has been located for the past fifteen years at 83 St. Mark's Avenue, and now enjoys a large and lucrative practice. He is a member of Kings County Medical Society.

WOR. E. C. BARNUM, PAST MASTER OF ORION LODGE.

The firm and decided course pursued by Wor. Bro. Barnum during his administration as Master showed at least that he had the courage of his convictions. From the first he became a firm adherent and a warm supporter of the Grand Lodge in its efforts to pay off the debt of the Hall and Asylum Fund, while a majority of the brethren of Orion Lodge were not in sympathy with the methods employed. Fully persuaded in his own mind, however, of the worthiness of the object, and of the wisdom displayed by the Grand Master in the means he adopted, he continued to advocate the matter until a majority of the brethren were led to accept his views and gave him their hearty support. Orion Lodge finally took the lead and was the first Lodge in the District to pay in full its per capita tax. Bro. Barnum was brought to Masonic light in this Lodge February 8, 1875. He served one term as Junior Deacon; was elected to the South in 1881; was Senior Warden in 1882-3, and Master in 1884-5. On laying aside the gavel he received, as he justly deserved, the thanks of the brethren. Even while holding different views from many of the brethren his personal relations remained unchanged, and the warmest friendship has continued to exist between him and his co-laborers in the work. He was prompt in his attendance and never absent more than two or three times during his term of office.

Bro. Barnum has had a successful business career, due entirely to his own efforts. He was born in Putnam County, N. Y., September 13, 1837. He came to New York in 1853, where he has since been engaged in mercantile business.

WOR. SAMUEL J. HUGHES, PAST MASTER OF ORION LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Hughes obtained his knowledge of Symbolic Masonry in Fortitude Lodge No. 19. He entered Oct. 30, 1873; was passed to the degree of F. C. Nov. 13, and raised Dec. 11 the same year. He continued for several years to labor with the brethren of that Lodge. He affiliated with Orion Lodge March 13, 1876, and not long after was appointed Junior Deacon. He was Senior Deacon in 1880-81; Junior Warden in 1882; Senior Warden in 1884-5, and Master in 1886. He filled acceptably every position, and peace and harmony prevailed during his administration as Master. A man of few words, modest and unassuming in his demeanor, but earnest in his efforts to promote the good of the Fraternity and sow the seeds of charity and benevolence. He is a member of the Past Master's Association of Brooklyn, and still continues to labor in whatever capacity he can be the most useful.

Bro. Hughes is a native of Brooklyn, born May 13, 1852, and was educated at the public school; has since been engaged in mercantile business.

WOR. JOHN C. GRENELL,

PAST MASTER OF ORION LODGE, AND MASTER-ELECT FOR 1889.

Wor. Bro. Grennell has for a second time been honored with a seat in the East. He was made Master Mason in this Lodge April 3, 1882. He was soon after appointed S. M. C.; was Junior Warden in 1884-5; Senior Warden in 1886, and Master in 1887. At the annual election in December, 1888, he was again elected Master to serve for the year 1889.

Bro. Grinnell was born at Northville, Fulton Co., N. Y., August 8, 1854, and came to Brooklyn at the age of fourteen; was with Dr. Wright in the retail drug business for three or four years; he was next in a wholesale paint house in New York for seven or eight years. For the past eleven years he has carried on the same business in Brooklyn.

WOR. W. G. DEAN,

PAST MASTER OF TROWEL LODGE; AFFILIATE OF ORION LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Dean is one of the very few Masons in this District whose record antedates 1850, and for nearly forty years he has been one of the bright and shining lights of the Craft. He was brought to Masonic light in 1849, in Trowel Lodge, Benev-

olent, N. Y., which was warranted by St. John's Grand Lodge. He was raised by Most Worshipful Henry C. Atwood, who was afterwards Grand Master of that Body. He passed through the several chairs and served two terms as Master. He continued in active service until 1859, when he withdrew and for several years remained non-affiliated, though still taking a deep interest in the work. He affiliated with Orion Lodge, April 8, 1872, and, while holding no office, has done much to encourage the brethren in the work, as well as giving his hearty financial support. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Zetland Chapter, New York (now extinct).

Few men in this country have had a more successful business career than Bro. Dean, all of which has been accomplished through his own efforts, as he started in life with no other capital than his inherited gifts of pluck, energy and perseverance. He was born in New York city, Sept. 21, 1825. He enjoyed about the same educational advantages as other boys of that period. He commenced his business career as a clerk in the office of a manufacturer of licorice, mustard, &c., in 1840, and for more than forty years has been engaged in the manufacture of mustard, his firm, W. G. Dean & Son, being now the largest manufacturers in this line of any house in the country. He has managed to steer clear of the quicksands and shoals that have wrecked many of his competitors in business. His reputation as a business man has remained untarnished and his success is due to his unswerving integrity, his good judgment, and his strict adherence to the fundamental laws of trade.

WOR. JOHN N. WYCKOFF, MASTER OF ORION LODGE No. 717.

During his administration as Master, Wor. Bro. Wyckoff has done much to advance the interests of Orion Lodge, and has received the hearty support and endorsement of the brethren. The plan proposed by him of having different members deliver lectures before the Lodge on various topics, has proved a decided success in drawing out the members and in awakening a more general interest in the work. By his visits to sister Lodges he has invited fraternal intercourse, and interested the Fraternity in his own Lodge. Bro. Wyckoff has served the Craft for upwards of a quarter of a century. He was brought to light in Stella Lodge No. 485, November 27, 1863, where he served one term as Junior Master of Ceremonies. He affiliated with Orion Lodge, April 14, 1873, soon after its organization. He was regular in his attendance and qualified himself for the higher duties, and in 1886 was made Junior Warden; Senior Warden in 1887, and Master in 1888. He was exalted a Royal

Arch Mason in Nassau Chapter some years ago, but found he could not devote the necessary time to Capitular without neglecting Blue Lodge Masonry, hence he dimitted from the former and gave his time and attention to the latter. He received his degrees up to the 32d in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite by communication and assisted in organizing the Aurora Grata Bodies of Brooklyn, and was Secretary of the four Bodies for one year. He is a member of the Brooklyn Masonic Relief Association, a director in the South Brooklyn Masonic Mutual Relief Association, Past Protector of Prospect Hill Lodge No. 1092, Knights and Ladies of Honor, which he was instrumental in organizing.

Bro. Wyckoff was born in New York city, July 5, 1832. After completing his education, was engaged for some years in mercantile pursuits. He became Assistant Secretary of the Firemen's Trust Insurance Company in 1856, and resigned in 1860 to engage in the real estate business, which he has successfully conducted. He was an active member of the old Volunteer Fire Department; was Secretary of Engine No. 14, which he resigned to accept the appointment of Secretary to the Fire Department of Brooklyn. He held the latter position one year, but declined a re-election. He has an interesting family of a wife and five children. His wife was a Miss M. Emily Underhill, daughter of a prominent farmer of White Plains, N. Y. He was married in 1861.

ALLAN STEVENSON, JUNIOR WARDEN ELECT 1889.

Although Bro. Stevenson has served the Craft for nearly eighteen years, it is only since his connection with Orion Lodge that he has been called to take an active part in the work. The interest, zeal and capacity already evinced give bright promise for the future and show that the brethren made no mistake in electing him to a seat in the South. He was for sixteen years a member of Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 585, where he was raised in 1870. He affiliated with Orion Lodge on January 18, 1886; was Junior Deacon in 1887-8, and at the annual communication in December, 1888, he was elected Junior Warden. In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite he received his degrees in Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Aurora Grata Council Princes of Jerusalem, Aurora Grata Chapter Rose Croix, and was made Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32d degree, in Aurora Grata Consistory Northern Jurisdiction. He recently "crossed the burning sands" in Kismet Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Bro. Stevenson is a native of Scotland, born December 25,

1844, but has been a resident of Brooklyn since he was nine years of age, enjoying the advantages of our public school system for acquiring an education. He learned the business of metal engraving and has carried on successfully in Brooklyn, for upwards of twenty years, the stationary and engraving business under the firm name of Stevenson & Marsters.

F. P. CENTER, TREASURER.

The record of a brother who served his country in the hour of danger is of no less interest to his brethren than one who has spent his life in deeds of charity and benevolence; both involve duties of paramount importance. Bro. Center's Masonic experience is brief, but during this time he has been faithful and earnest in the discharge of his duties. He was entered and passed in this Lodge, in the spring of 1887, and was raised on June 6th following; at the annual election in December he was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. He is a member of Vanderbilt Council No. 203, Order of United Friends, and Prospect Hill Lodge No. 1092, Knights and Ladies of Honor.

Bro. Center was born in Boston, Mass., Oct. 23, 1832; received a good public school education, and followed the sea for twenty years, working his way up from the forecandle to the command of a ship. He was master of the ship Punjab in the East Indies. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy in 1863, and was commissioned Acting Ensign; assigned to U. S. sloop-of-war Shenandoah; subsequently detached and ordered to the monitor Canonicus. He participated in both engagements at Fort Fisher; afterwards accompanied the fleet up the James river, taking part in the engagement at Dutch Gap. He was also with the fleet that was sent to take the rebel ram Stonewall from the Spanish authorities. The ram was surrendered, however, on the formal demand of the commander of the American fleet. Bro. Center was honorably discharged at the expiration of his term of service. He engaged for a short time in the indigo trade but for the past twenty years has been connected with the New York Condensed Milk Company. He has been a resident of Brooklyn for upwards of twenty years.

CHARLES DELAPIERRE, SECRETARY.

Bro. Delapierre is the *first* child of Orion Lodge. He was proposed by Bro. Barent H. Lane at the first Communication held U. D., and was the first candidate entered, passed and raised. He took his E. A. degree at the third Communica-

tion, December 4, 1871, and was raised January 8, 1872. He comes of a masonic family; his grandfather was Master of a Lodge in New York, and the apron and jewel worn by him is still in the possession of the family. Bro. Delapierre served as organist for several years, but was elected Secretary in 1880, continuing in office ever since. At a Communication held March 19, 1883, he was presented with an elegant gold watch, containing a suitable inscription inside of the case.

Bro. Delapierre is descended from a French Huguenot family of this name; his ancestor was a marquis in the south of France, who fled to Holland soon after the massacre of St. Bartholomew. His descendants settled in New York early in the present century. The grandfather of Bro. Delapierre fought in the war of 1812; was wounded in an engagement at Lake Erie and honorably mentioned for his bravery on that occasion; he received a pension up to the time of his death. Bro. Delapierre was born in New York city, January 6, 1848, and was educated at private school. For some years past has carried on business as a coffee broker. Some time since he gave an interesting lecture before the Lodge on the cultivation of the coffee plant. He became a resident of Brooklyn in 1866, and was married July 25, 1871, to a Miss Angelica Delapierre, connected by family relations. He has a family of three children. In addition to his masonic connections, he is a member of Brooklyn Council, R. A., and the Northwestern Masonic Insurance Association.

HISTORY OF ACANTHUS LODGE NO. 719.

Botanists define Acanthus as "a prickle or thorn." The Acanthus garments of the ancients were made of the down of the thistles or embroidered in imitation of the Acanthus.

In architecture an ornament resembling the foliage or leaves of the Acanthus is used in the capitals of the Corinthian and Composite orders.

A number of meetings were held by the founders of Acanthus Lodge and the subject frequently discussed before any decision in regard to a name could be reached, and it was not until some time after the birth of the child that the name of Acanthus Lodge was finally agreed upon. It has since proved

worthy of the name it bears as shown by the records ; although for many years of slow growth, yet it finally received new impetus, developed rapidly and is to-day one of the strongest and most prosperous Lodges in the Third Masonic District.

A great deal of time was spent in laying the foundation of this Lodge, and much difficulty was experienced in securing a competent Master Builder. It was composed principally of members of Central Lodge No. 361, living in the vicinity of Bedford Avenue, who, owing to the great distance, found it difficult to attend the regular communications of their own Lodge. At least sixteen preliminary meetings were held at different places before its final organization. At the third meeting it was decided to call it St. James' Lodge, on account of the close proximity to St. James' Place. At the 12th meeting it had not attained the proportions of a Lodge, and the name was then changed to "Welcome Association," and at the next communication Bro. Enoch George suggested the name of "Welcome Lodge." The first meeting was held June 7, 1871, at the residence of Bro. Charles O. Mann, No. 229½ Putnam Avenue, where it was decided to organize a new Lodge in the vicinity of Bedford and Fulton Avenues. Four different persons were proposed for Master at these several meetings before one was found willing to accept. At the fifteenth preliminary meeting, held December 4, 1871, at the house of Bro. Arad T. Foster, No. 106 St. James' Place, it is stated in the minutes that the meeting was called "for the purpose of forming a new Lodge." Bro. Samuel H. Scripture was proposed for Master, and signified his willingness to accept. Soon after this the Petition was drawn, signed by the following brethren: A. Alford, Charles Kingdon, George Bather, James Young, Lewis Hurst, Joshua H. Ackerman, Chas. F. Bloom and J. C. Cortis, of Central Lodge No. 361; S. H. Scripture and Edward Sears, of Stella Lodge No. 485; George A. Deleree and Benjamin C. Smith, of Joppa Lodge No. 201; George M. Mann, Corner-Stone No. 367; Theodore B. Munn, Hillgrove No. 540; John M. Coughlin, Lafayette No. 64; Samuel A. Forest, Hohenlinden No. 56; J. H. Lounsbury, Lexington No. 310, Arad T. Foster, Shefford Lodge, Quebec. The following brethren were named in the Petition for the first officers: Bro. S. H. Scripture, Master; Arad T. Foster, Senior Warden; James Young, Junior Warden.

After the Petition was sent to the Grand Lodge a new and unexpected difficulty arose. It was found that Most Wor. John H. Authon, the Grand Master, was strongly opposed to granting a Dispensation. At this juncture Bro. Chas. F. Bloom, who still retained his membership with Central Lodge although he had signed the Petition for Acanthus, was urged by the brethren to use his efforts in trying to convince the Grand

Master of the necessity of a new Lodge in the vicinity of Bedford Avenue. Accompanied by Rt. Wor. Enoch George, Dist. Deputy G. M. of the Fourth District, he called on the Grand Master, and presented the matter in the strongest possible light, but met with a cool reception and received no encouragement. Soon after this Bro. Bloom invited the Grand Master and Rt. Wor. Enoch George to take a drive in Prospect Park, which was accepted, and, on their return Bro. Bloom drove through Bedford Avenue and stopped in front of the new masonic hall, then just completed. Bro. Bloom took occasion to refer incidentally to the Petition of the brethren for a new Lodge. Most Wor. Bro. Anthon was favorably impressed with the location and promised to give the matter his careful consideration. Shortly after this there was published in the *Brooklyn Eagle* the following: "NOTE.—There is no such Lodge as Shefford No. 53, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, *the only Masonic Government recognized* by the Grand Lodge of New York in and for that Province. If there be such a Lodge there, it is as intrusive as are the clandestine Lodges of Hamburg in the States of New York and New Jersey."

This "Note" referred to the fact that among the officers named in the Petition was that of Bro. Arad T. Foster, of Shefford Lodge No. 53, of Quebec, who was named for Senior Warden. Previous to this most of the Lodges in Quebec had seceded from the Grand Lodge of Canada, and formed a separate Grand Lodge, known as the Grand Lodge of Quebec. As the Grand Lodge of New York had recognized the Grand Lodge of Quebec as the sole Masonic Sovereignty within its territory, it could not recognize another Grand Body, and as *Shefford Lodge*, of Waterloo, Province of Quebec, still gave its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, the *original* Grand Lodge, it was held to be a clandestine Lodge, and Bro. Arad T. Foster, the Senior Warden of Acanthus Lodge, was held to be a *clandestine Mason*. These facts coming to the knowledge of Grand Master Anthon, he sent for Bros. Scripture and Foster and peremptorily informed them that they must get rid of their Senior Warden as he was a clandestine Mason, unworthy of recognition. Bro. Foster was surprised and indignant, this being the first intimation that his title to membership was clouded. He was abruptly dismissed by the Grand Master, who would listen to no explanation. He then told the brethren that he would withdraw and not stand in the way of their obtaining a Dispensation. He was urged, however, to remain, and finally consented. He accordingly wrote to his mother Lodge and obtained a dimit. This did not avail him, however, as an *irregular* Lodge could not perform a *regular Masonic act* to be recognized by lawful Masons. These facts being made known to Most Wor. John H. Graham, Grand Master of Masons in Quebec,

he came to the relief of Bro. Foster and removed his disabilities, the final result being that his *Mother Lodge*, with other recusant Lodges in Quebec, wheeled into line, and thus solidified this new Grand Body, and object long sought by the Fraternity at large. Bro. Foster's was made the *test* case, and Acanthus Lodge became indirectly the instrument of accomplishing this great object. Through the continued and persistent efforts of Bro. Bloom the Dispensation was finally granted, January 13, 1872, and Most Wor. Bro. Anthon afterwards made ample apology before the Lodge for apparent, though unintentional, rudeness towards Bro. Foster. It was he who named the Lodge, it being suggested by Most Wor. John W. Simons, P. G. M.

The first regular communication of Acanthus Lodge, U. D., was held at Style's Hall, cor. of Bedford Ave. and Fulton streets, January 30, 1872, when the following officers having been duly elected took their respective stations: S. H. Scripture, Master; Arad T. Foster, Senior Warden; James Young, Junior Warden; George A. Deleree, Treasurer, and Joshua H. Ackerman, Secretary. The first proposition for initiation and membership was that of Mr. Wm. H. Coughlin, proposed by his father, Bro. John M. Coughlin.

The Lodge at this time had incurred an expense of over \$2,300 in fitting and furnishing the Lodge room, and were under an expense for rent of \$500 per annum. Over two-thirds of the amount had been generously subscribed by the brethren, and for the balance remaining unpaid the Treasurer was empowered to draw a note for \$750, bearing seven per cent. interest, indorsed by the officers and Board of Trustees, to be used in payment of furniture and fixtures. This action of the Lodge was subsequently the cause of serious embarrassment and greatly disturbed its peace and harmony on account of the personal liability of the endorsers.

On March 19, 1872, Wor. Bro. Boggs was elected the first Honorary Member.

At the eighteenth regular communication held June 25, 1872, the warrant issued by Most Wor. Christopher G. Fox, Grand Master (who succeeded Grand Master Anthon), dated June 12, 1872, was received, and the Lodge constituted and instituted in due and ancient form. The officers were publicly installed in the presence of a number of ladies as well as visiting brethren. The only one of the Grand Lodge officers mentioned in its minutes was that of Rt. Wor. Elwood E. Thorne, D. G. M. The installation ceremonies were followed by a banquet, dancing and other entertainments in the room below.

On November 26, 1872, Bro. Sears, of Atlantic Lodge, delivered a very interesting and entertaining lecture before Acanthus Lodge, his subject being the "Yosemite Valley."

On January 14, 1873, the first death in the Lodge was announced, viz., that of Bro. Wm. N. Goddard.

The first year of the Lodge was successful in point of membership, though not altogether so financially, owing to the heavy expenses of rent, etc. The *Brooklyn Union* referring to it says: "This Lodge is in a very flourishing condition, starting out one year ago with twenty-four members, its members have been more than doubled." The installation ceremonies which were held on January 7, 1873, were exceedingly interesting. The *Brooklyn Eagle* stated that, "The solemn and impressive rites of the Order were witnessed by a large concourse of the members of the Fraternity and others, including quite a number of the fair sex, some of whom had never been present at a ceremony of the kind before."

Rt. Wor. Enoch George, P. D. D. G. M., officiated as Grand Master, and Wor. Jeremiah Box, P. M., of Stella Lodge, as Grand Marshal. The following officers were installed and inducted into their positions: Bro. A. T. Foster, Master; Charles B. Bloom, Senior Warden; L. L. Burdick, Junior Warden; George A. Deleree, Treasurer; A. Alford, Secretary; Wm. H. Coughlin, S. D.; B. C. Smith, J. D.; A. G. Jenkins, S. M. C.; C. M. Manchester, J. M. C.; Marion Grimes, Chaplain; W. D. Holmes, Tiler.

Wor. Bro. Foster, on behalf of the members of the Lodge, presented Wor. Bro. Scripture, the retiring Master, with a magnificent Past Master's Jewel. The Lodge soon after retired from "labor to refreshment," which was followed by dancing, etc.

While the members of the Lodge were generous givers, they were under heavy expenses. During this year the Lodge was called on to meet the \$750 note, which had matured, and in order to meet this and other indebtedness issued bonds for \$1,000, which were all taken by the members. The administration of Wor. Bro. Foster was successful, and he was heartily supported by his officers and the brethren, and on retiring from the East was presented with a beautiful Past Master's Jewel. About this time, on account of the failing health of his wife, he removed from the jurisdiction of Acanthus Lodge, and the brethren conferred upon him an honorary life membership. He was succeeded by Wor. Bro. Bloom, who held the Lodge well in hand, governed with dignity and moderation. The brethren showed their confidence in him by electing him to a second term. For the next five or six years the Lodge was not in a prosperous condition. In 1876 there was only one raised, one joined by affiliation and five propositions for affiliation. According to the Report for 1878, there were 83 members in good standing; two joined by affiliation, and three raised, while the average attendance was only 20; less than one-

fourth of the membership. Notwithstanding the efforts of a few faithful brethren there was a continued falling off in attendance and a general lack of interest, and at a communication held on Nov. 15, 1880, there were present only the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, the Tiler and three members. It was then suggested that some means be adopted to increase the membership and attendance, and on January 17, 1881, a lecture was given by Rt. Wor. C. L. McClanachan, on the "*Symbols and Fables of Masonry*." The close of 1881 showed a more discouraging state of affairs than at any previous period in the history of the Lodge. There were only four initiated, four passed and three raised, while the total membership in good standing was but 72. In March of this year the furniture of the Lodge was sold to outside parties for \$900, payable in installments, this sum was applied to the final liquidation of the indebtedness. By a report made on June 5, 1882, it appears that 67 out of the 100 bonds issued by the Lodge had been redeemed and cancelled, leaving a balance of 33 still outstanding. There was some improvement made during the years 1882-3-4, but nothing of special importance appears on the minutes.

The year 1885 marked a new era in the history of this Lodge. Bro. Marion Grimes, who had served two years in the West, was called to the East. He did not display an unusual amount of enthusiasm. He calmly surveyed the field, went quietly to work, and the result of his efforts were soon apparent in the increased attendance and membership. He placed himself in communication with every member of the Lodge, either by letter or personal visit, and urged them to come and assist in the work. He invited the most prominent Craftsmen and best known workers to assist in working the degrees, among whom were R. Wor. Bros. Richardson, Griggs and Wor. Bro. Mascord, of Altair Lodge, and R. Wor. Bro. Sherer, of Anglo-Saxon. On Sept. 21, 1885, Grand Secretary Ehlers was present and worked the 2d and 3d sections of the M. M. degree. Wor. Bro. Grimes visited sister Lodges and invited others to reciprocate. He sought out members of other Lodges who for years had taken no interest in masonry, brought them in by affiliation, and set them to work. Among these was Bro. Pratt, the present Master, whose record for attendance and zeal in the work is familiar to every brother of this Lodge. The annual report for 1885 showed an average attendance of 44, or nearly 50 per cent. of the membership, which is presumably the largest record of any Lodge in the Third Masonic District. During the year there were 13 raised, 8 affiliated, 1 dropped, 1 deceased, leaving a total membership of 98. The two following years of Wor. Bro. Grimes' administration are without a parallel in this District. On January 18, 1886, Rt. Wor. Bro. Richardson, of Al-

tair Lodge, who had frequently assisted in the work of this Lodge, was made an Honorary Member.

During the year 1886 there was an addition of 26 members; 14 raised; 11 affiliated; 2 restored; 1 deceased; while the average attendance was 52. The receipts were \$1,084.20, while the available assets were \$1,684.20.

The year 1887 was the most prosperous ever enjoyed by this Lodge. There were held 19 Regular, and 13 Special Communications, at which 43 were raised, and 15 joined by affiliation; 5 were dropped from the roll, and one deceased, leaving a net gain of 52; with 177 Master Masons, 1 Fellowcraft, 14 Entered Apprentices, 8 elected and not initiated, making a total membership of 200. The receipts were \$1,926.20, and the balance in the treasury, after deducting all expenses, was \$739.58; this does not include the per capita tax of \$596 paid on the Hall and Asylum Fund debt, which was raised entirely by individual subscription. On laying aside the gavel at the close of this year, Wor. Bro. Grimes received the hearty congratulations of his brethren, and, as a token of their high esteem, as well as their just appreciation of his efforts, they presented him with a handsome gold watch. Still further honors awaited this brother as well as that of Acanthus Lodge. At the assembling of the Grand Lodge in June, 1888, his appointment was urged by the brethren of the Third Masonic District for the position of District Deputy Grand Master, and on September 17, 1888, his appointment was officially announced before his own Lodge, and he was received with the honors befitting his exalted station. At the same time he was presented with a handsome diamond mounted jewel and apron, corresponding with his rank as D. D. G. M., in recognition of past services, as well as an encouragement to him in his new field of labor. He entered at once upon his labors as District Deputy, and won golden opinions from the Fraternity, both for himself and Acanthus Lodge.

Wor. Bro. Wm. M. Smith proved a worthy successor and continued the good work with the same zeal that had characterized his efforts as Senior Warden, and the Annual Report for 1888 shows a state of affairs which reflects honor on his administration, and is exceedingly gratifying to the brethren of this Lodge. There were held 17 Regular, and 5 Special Communications; 25 were initiated, 34 passed and raised, and 19 joined by affiliation, which, after the usual deductions, leaves the total membership 220. The receipts for the year were \$1,505; the total cash assets in the Treasurer's hands and in bank, \$1,972.15; paraphernalia, \$200; outstanding dues collectible, \$1,162.50; making the total assets \$3,334.65. Wor. Bro. Smith was congratulated on his successful efforts, and at a Regular Communication held on January 21, 1889, was pre-

sented with a handsome gold watch in recognition of the esteem in which he is held by his brethren, as well as of his faithful labors in behalf of Acanthus Lodge.

Wor. Bro. Pratt, his successor, elected at the last Annual Communication, enters upon his labors with bright prospects and the assurances of his brethren of their unshaken confidence in him as a brother, and of their earnest support of his administration.

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF ACANTHUS LODGE No. 719,
FROM 1872 TO 1888, INCLUSIVE.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—Samuel H. Scripture, 1872; Arad T. Foster, 1873; Chas. F. Bloom, 1874-5; L. L. Burdick, 1876; James Mitchell, 1877-8-9; Samuel Keeler, 1880; Aug. W. Peters, 1881-2; Azariah Seiple, 1883-4; Marion Grimes, 1885-6-7; Wm. M. Smith, 1888; Wm. T. Pratt, for 1889.

SENIOR WARDEN.—Arad T. Foster, 1872; Chas. F. Bloom, 1873; L. L. Burdick, 1874; Chas. N. Manchester, 1875; James Mitchell, 1876; Geo. Wightman, 1877-8; Samuel Keeler, 1879; Aug. W. Peters, 1880; Azariah Seiple, 1881-2; Marion Grimes, 1883-4; Daniel M. McClellan, 1885; Wm. M. Smith, 1886-7; Wm. T. Pratt, 1888.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—James Young, 1872; L. L. Burdick, 1873; Chas. N. Manchester, 1874; Egbert O. Reeve, 1875; George Wightman, 1876; Chas. H. Kimberly, 1877; Aug. W. Peters, 1878; M. F. Van Vranken, 1879; Azariah Seiple, 1880; M. F. Van Vranken, 1881-2; Daniel McClellan, 1883-4; Paul H. Kretschmar, 1885-6; Wm. T. Pratt, 1887; And. W. Bell, 1888.

TREASURER.—George A. Deleree, 1872-3; Alonzo Alvord, 1874; Edward Honeywell, 1875 to 1879, inclusive; John C. Cortis, 1880-81; Wor. Chas. F. Bloom, 1882 to 1888, inclusive.

SECRETARY.—Joshua H. Ackerman, 1872; Alonzo Alford, 1873; Benjamin C. Smith, 1874; Augustus G. Jenkins, 1875-6; John J. Chapin, 1877; Thomas G. Aller, 1878; Louis A. Wagner, 1879; Henry D. Dumont, 1880; Edward Honeywell, 1881; John C. Cortis, 1882; John J. Chapin, 1883 to 1887; Edward Honeywell, 1888.

RT. WOR. MARION GRIMES,

PAST MASTER OF ACANTHUS LODGE; DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND
MASTER THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

The brethren of Acanthus Lodge have just reasons to feel proud of their Worthy Brother, Rt. Wor. Marion Grimes. In his official visits to several Lodges as District Deputy Grand Master, he has been highly honored, and has received a warm greeting, not only in his representative capacity, but as a member of Acanthus Lodge, and as a brother greatly beloved for his many personal virtues. With a heart overflowing with sympathy for the distressed, he aims to awaken a like sympathy in the hearts of his brethren, by presenting in an earnest manner cases deserving of special attention. In his exemplification of the work, he has won golden opinions from the Fraternity. He is a man of few words, but his deeds of kindness and charity are well known to his brethren; he cannot, if he would, "hide his light under a bushel." Bro. Grimes received his first lessons in Speculative Masonry in Stella Lodge No. 485. He withdrew from there to assist in organizing Acanthus Lodge in 1872, and became its first Chaplain. He was S. M. C., Junior Deacon, Senior Deacon, in 1880-1-2; Senior Warden in 1883-4, and Master in 1885-6-7. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter, No. 209, of which he is the present Treasurer. He is a member of Brooklyn Council No. 4, R. & S. M.; was created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Clinton Commandery No. 14; ascended to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, through the Aurora Grata Bodies; crossed the burning sands in Mecca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; dimitted from there and assisted in the erection of Kismet Temple, of Brooklyn, of which he is the present Marshal. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master in June, 1888, by Most Wor. Grand Master Frank R. Lawrence. During his three years administration in Acanthus Lodge, the membership increased from 72 to 192, a record unparalleled in this State.

Bro. Grimes was born at Boothbay, Me., February 12, 1839. His schooling was limited to about three months of each year until he was sixteen years of age, when he obtained a situation as clerk in a store in Boston; he was afterwards three years in Rockport, Mass., and one year in Gloucester. He came to New York in 1862, and obtained a position as bookkeeper for James A. Stetson & Co., wholesale fish dealers, No. 2 Coenties Slip, and at the end of three years was taken into the firm as partner. He severed his connection with this firm in 1872, and has since been engaged in the real estate business in Brooklyn, where he has resided since 1862. His family consists of his wife, nee

Miss Lucy F. Pool, and three children, two daughters and one son—Ida Marion, Jennie Foster, and Louis Irving.

WOR. SAMUEL H. SCRIPTURE,

FIRST MASTER OF ACANTHUS LOEGE.

It is said of Rome in her ancient grandeur, "In that day to be a Roman was greater than a king." To have been the *first* Master of any Lodge is a great honor, but to have served as the first Master of Acanthus Lodge is an honor of which any man might justly feel proud. Wor. Bro. Scripture came from a Lodge celebrated for its bright workmen and skillful Craftsmen. He was raised in Stella Lodge No. 485, about 1867. He served there as Junior Master of Ceremonies, and assisted in the work by filling temporarily other positions. He dimitted in 1872; assisted in organizing Acanthus Lodge, and was named in the Petition as its first Master. Even with his limited experience as an officer, he showed himself a Master Builder, and laid the foundations broad and deep, spreading the cement of brotherly love. At the close of his administration as Master, the brethren evinced their appreciation of his labors, as well as their love and esteem for him as a brother, by presenting him with a beautiful Past Master's jewel. Although the Lodge has largely increased in membership and influence, Bro. Scripture is not forgotten, but on each and every visit to the Lodge is welcomed by the brethren, who look back upon his administration with pleasant recollections. Though not a frequent attendant at the Regular Communications, he meets regularly with his brethren of the Third Masonic District at the Past Master's Association, of which he is a member.

Bro. Scripture is a native of Stoddard, N. H., born Aug. 20, 1839. His father was a prominent mason and had reached the highest point in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. His grandfather was a distinguished patriot who fought in the war of 1812. Bro. Scripture received a good academic education and commenced his business career in Boston. He came to New York in 1861, and for some years was engaged in the soda water business. For several years past he has been caterer for the students at Columbia College, New York. He has been a resident of Brooklyn since 1861, and has lived on one block for the past twenty-five years. He has been for some years a prominent member of the Young Men's Republican Club, and took an active part in the Presidential campaign of 1884, and again in 1888.

WOR. ARAD T. FOSTER,

CHARTER MEMBER AND PAST MASTER OF ACANTHUS LODGE.

Little is known by the present members of Acanthus Lodge of Wor. Bro. Arad T. Foster, the subject of this sketch, but the records show that he was conspicuous for his generosity, his magnanimity, and his unselfish devotion to the interests of this Lodge; that he was beloved of the brethren who reposed great confidence in his skill as a Craftsman and his administrative ability as Master. The principles of Freemasonry were "bred in the bone," as both his father and grandfather were conspicuous members of the Fraternity. He has just reason to feel proud of his alma mater, viz., Shefford Lodge No. 53, of Waterloo, Quebec, where he was brought to Masonic light in 1863. He enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his brethren there, and was honored with a seat in the South and West. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Dorchester Chapter, Quebec, the same year. In 1871, having become a resident of Brooklyn, living in the vicinity of Bedford avenue, he united with the few brethren in that locality in their efforts to establish a new Lodge, and his own house was a place of frequent resort for them. His familiarity with the ritual, and general knowledge of the work, led to his selection as Master, but he declined the proffered honor, and accepted the second place, viz., that of Senior Warden. The firm stand he took in his controversy with Grand Master Anthon, referred to in the history of Acanthus Lodge, excited the admiration of his brethren, who extended him their warmest sympathy and undivided support during the trying ordeal, and offered their hearty congratulations on his triumphant success; the following year being again urged to accept a seat in the East, he accepted, and proved himself worthy of the confidence thus reposed in him. The increase in membership, the general interest in the work, and the peace and harmony which prevailed, show that his administration was a successful one. On retiring from the East, the brethren gave him a grand entertainment, and presented him with a Past Master's jewel of unique pattern and design, set with a diamond. In 1876 he removed from the jurisdiction of Acanthus Lodge on account of his wife's failing health, and the brethren conferred on him an Honorary Life Membership. He affiliated with Constellation Chapter No. 209 in 1873; was created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Clinton Commandery No. 14.

Although a native of Québec, Bro. Foster is descended through his *maternal ancestor* from one of the most distinguished families in New England; his great grandfather, general Belknap, was a prominent officer in the Massachusetts Line during the War of the Revolution. His father and mother were both natives of Massachusetts, but removed to Canada East

before his birth. His father and all his brothers became prominent in the affairs of Canada. His father, who was a distinguished physician, became a Member of Parliament and Governor of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. He is a brother of the late Hon. Asa B. Foster, who was a prominent railroad man in Canada, and a member of the Upper House of Parliament. Another brother, the late Hiram S. Foster, a gentleman of large wealth and influence, was Registrar for Broome County for upwards of twenty-five years. Still another brother, Hon. S. W. Foster, was Circuit Judge for a number of years and is now a prominent railroad man in Canada. While Bro. Foster owes his success in life to his own efforts, he inherits from his distinguished ancestors those traits of character that conduced to his success. He was born in Canada East, April 12, 1837. It was the wish of his father that he should follow a professional career, but he chose instead a mercantile life. He came to the States in 1864, and soon after became connected with Messrs. Peck Bros. & Co., of New Haven, Conn., as Manager of their New York house, at 73 Beekman street. For the past twenty-five years he has been closely identified with this establishment, which is among the largest, and one of the leading manufacturing industries of this country. He is now one of the principal owners and Vice-President of this corporation, and President of the Haydenville Manufacturing Company, a competing corporation established by the late Governor Hayden, of Massachusetts, at Haydenville, Mass., in 1845, now owned and operated by Bro. Foster and the Peck Brothers. He has been for a number of years a member of the New York Metal Exchange, and was chosen President of the Manufacturers National Association, at Pittsburgh, in 1886, to which position he has been re-elected each succeeding annual meeting. Since its commencement his business career has been a successful one. He is a man of unflinching courage, cool judgment, and dogged perseverance, with a heart as tender as a woman's; generous in his nature, kind and sympathetic toward the unfortunate, and considerate to his employees. His domestic life, though clouded with afflictions, has been otherwise a happy one. He has been twice married; his first wife (married in 1859) was Miss Jane E., daughter of the late Luke Knowlton, Esq., and a niece of the late Hon. P. H. Knowlton, a member of the Queen's Council, and one of the largest landed proprietors in Canada. Two sons were the issue of this marriage; Arad T., the eldest, is now a planter in Messina, Southern California, while the youngest, Richard D., is being educated at the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn. The mother of these children deceased in 1878, and in 1882 Bro. Foster married Mrs. Sanborn, the widow of George H. Sanborn, Esq., who left three sons, two of whom succeeded their own father in

business, and the youngest, Cuyler K., is learning the business of his step-father.

WOR. CHARLES F. BLOOM,

**CHARTER MEMBER, PAST MASTER, AND PRESENT TREASURER OF
ACANTHUS LODGE.**

Wor. Bro. Bloom is one of the founders of Acanthus Lodge. He has witnessed its toils and struggles, its adversity and prosperity, and while others have come and gone, he has remained true and faithful in his devotion to the cause, and unceasing in his efforts to promote the interests of this Lodge. His first instructions in Symbolic Masonry were received in Central Lodge No. 361, in 1862. Ten years later he withdrew from his alma mater and assisted in founding Acanthus Lodge, and was its second Senior Warden, serving in 1873. He was called to the East in 1874, and re-elected in 1875. He enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his brethren, receiving their hearty and undivided support. He was elected Treasurer in 1881, and has annually received the unanimous support of his brethren for this position. He was exalted in Constellation Chapter No. 209; in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite he passed through the Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Aurora Grata Council Princes of Jerusalem, Aurora Grata Chapter Rose Croix, and was made Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32d degree, in Aurora Grata Consistory, Northern Jurisdiction. He is a member of De Witt Clinton Council, R. A., and of Bedford Council, A. L. of H.

Bro. Bloom was born in New York City, June 8, 1838, and received a good public school education, after which he learned the printing business, which he has carried on for upwards of twenty-seven years; first under the firm name of Bloom & Smith, and later as Charles F. Bloom. He has been a resident of Brooklyn for more than twenty-six years, where he is well known and has a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

WILLIAM M. SMITH,

WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF ACANTHUS LODGE.

While still in the prime of life, Wor. Bro. Smith is a veteran in Masonry of nearly a quarter of a century. He has proved himself a valuable acquisition to Acanthus Lodge, where he has many warm friends who appreciate his qualities as a man, as well as his faithful administration of the affairs of the Lodge.

Wor. Bro. Smith was made a Master Mason in Lincoln Lodge No. 3, of Wicasset, Me., April 8th 1864; he subsequently, February 4, 1876, affiliated with Queen City Lodge No. 358, of Buffalo, where he served as Senior Deacon. He affiliated with Acanthus Lodge March 17, 1884; was appointed Senior Deacon in 1885; was Senior Warden in 1886-7, and Master in 1888. On the evening of February 4, 1889, he was presented by his brethren with an elegant gold watch, as a slight testimonial of their affection and esteem, as well as their appreciation of his earnest efforts in behalf of the Lodge. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Keystone Chapter No. 163, of Buffalo, March 20th, 1877; served as Master of the 1st and 2d Veil; he affiliated with Constellation Chapter No. 209, of Brooklyn, April 14, 1884, where he has served as Master of 2d Veil, Principal Sojourner, and Scribe. He became a member of Keystone Council, R. and S. M., of Buffalo, June 16, 1877, where he was P. C. W.; he since affiliated with Brooklyn Council No. 4, of Brooklyn, in which he has been P. C. W. and Master; has ascended to the 14th degree in the Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

Bro. Smith was born in Boothbay, Me., October 5, 1838. He received a public school and academic education, and subsequently taught school for several winters. On August 14, 1862, he enlisted in E Company, 4th Maine Vols., for three years or the war. He participated in a number of engagements, was promoted to Sergeant and Sergeant Major. The 4th Maine Regt. having been in service eight months prior to Bro. Smith's enlistment, he was transferred to the 19th Maine Vols. and discharged therefrom July 17th, 1865.

At the close of the war he engaged in the telegraph business, since which time he has served in the following capacities: Cashier Insulated Lines Telegraph Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; Cashier Franklin Telegraph Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; Chief Clerk Tariff Dept. Merchant's Union Ex. Co., Auburn, N. Y.; Cashier Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Co., New York city; Chief Clerk Tariff Dept. American Express Co., in Buffalo, from 1873 to 1882, and New York city, from 1882 to the present time.

WOR. WM. TUDOR PRATT,

SENIOR WARDEN AND MASTER ELECT, 1889.

Wor. Bro. Pratt was raised in Commonwealth Lodge No. 409; subsequently affiliated with Mistletoe Lodge No. 647, and finally affiliated with Acanthus Lodge. He served as Senior Deacon; as Junior Warden in 1885-6; Senior Warden in 1887-8; and at the Annual Communication in December, 1888, was

elected Master for 1889. His record in the South and West won him the confidence of his brethren, and he enters upon his new duties under the most favorable auspices. His ability as presiding officer, his firmness and decision of character, combined with his uniform courtesy and kindness, are elements that conduce to success. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209; served as Master of the 3d Veil one year. In Cryptic Masonry he explored the vaults in Brooklyn Council No. 4, R. & S. M. In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite he passed through the Aurora Grata Bodies, and was made Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32d degree, in New York Consistory. He is Senior Warden of Aurora Grata Chapter Rose Croix; he crossed the burning sands in Mecca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Bro. Pratt is descended from Lieut. Pratt, one of the original settlers of Saybrook, Conn., in 1635, under the Fenwick patent. He was born in Brooklyn July 2, 1847. He was educated at the Polytechnic Institute, and for a number of years was in the large book publishing firm of Baker, Pratt & Co. For some years past he has been Manager of the Western Farm Mortgage Trust Co., of New York.

ANDREW W. BELL, JUNIOR WARDEN.

With a Craftsman's experience limited to about three years, Bro. Bell has made good use of his time, and not only has he made great proficiency in the work and thoroughly informed himself on all matters pertaining to Symbolic Masonry, but also in Capitular Masonry and the several degrees connected with the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He was made a Master Mason in Acanthus Lodge, Sept. 21, 1885, served one year as Senior Master of Ceremonies, and at the Annual Communication in December, 1887, he was elected Junior Warden to serve for 1888. That he has "looked well to the South," and used every endeavor to advance the interests of the Lodge, is a fact apparent to all his associates in masonry. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209, and was Master of the 2d Veil; he is a 32d degree member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite having passed through Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Aurora Grata Council Princes of Jerusalem, and Aurora Grata Chapter of Rose Croix, Brooklyn Consistory. He was for two years presiding officer of Brooklyn Lodge No. 165 of the Empire Order Mutual Aid Society.

Bro. Bell is descended from an old New England family prominent among the early settlers of New Hampshire. He was born at Portsmouth, N. H., December 18, 1840. He received

a good academic education at Chapman Hall Academy, of Boston, and for four or five years was engaged as clerk in the shipping business in that city. He came to New York in 1855, and engaged in the manufacture of cigars, which he has carried on successfully for upwards of thirty years. He married a Brooklyn lady, and has been a resident of Brooklyn since 1855.

THEODORE H. BAILEY, J. M. C.

Although a newly made member of the Masonic Fraternity, Bro. Bailey is no novice in the work of charity and benevolence, having been for some years prominent in other Orders whose objects are similar to our own. He brings to Acanthus Lodge a ripe experience and will doubtless prove a faithful as well as an able Craftsman. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in this Lodge, June 20, 1887, was appointed J. M. C. in Dec., 1888, was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209, and has already ascended to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in connection with Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Aurora Grata Council Princes of Jerusalem, Aurora Grata Chapter Rose Croix, and Aurora Grata Consistory. He is Past Grand of Chosen Friends Lodge No. 100, I. O. O. F., of Philadelphia, where he was highly esteemed and honored; he is also a member of Jordan Encampment of the same Order; also of Dorian Senate, another Benevolent Order, and of Long Island Council No. 173, R. A.

Bro. Bailey was born in Philadelphia, Pa., February 27, 1850; he was graduated at a grammar school, and also attended private school. His knowledge of mercantile affairs was obtained in the shipping and commission house of Jones & Hipple, with whom he remained for six or eight years. In 1874 he formed a connection with the William Mann Company, manufacturing stationers, Philadelphia, where his ability and talents received just recognition, and for the past eight years he has been manager of the New York house of this Company. He was married in 1870 to Miss Emma Louisa, daughter of General Uriah Cox, one of the most prominent citizens of Philadelphia. Two children are the issue of this marriage. Bro. Bailey has resided in Brooklyn since 1881.

A. H. NICHOLS, S. M. OF C. AND JUNIOR WARDEN ELECT.

Bro. Nichols is one of those sturdy veterans of the Order who never tire of the work. For nearly thirty years he has devoted his time and energies to the growth and development of

the Order in this State. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Jefferson Lodge No. 332, of Watkins. He served five years as its Senior Deacon, and found great pleasure and profit in the work of instructing others in the beauties of Symbolic Masonry. He made it a special study and became so proficient in the work that his services were in frequent demand by sister Lodges for the work of the Fellowcraft degree; he thus aided and strengthened the brethren in that locality, and contributed largely to the growth and development of the Order. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Watkins Chapter No. 182. He affiliated with Acanthus Lodge in 1886, where he met with a warm reception and was made to feel at home in his new field of labor. He was appointed S. M. of C. at the Annual Communication of December, 1887, to serve for the ensuing year, and in December, 1888, was elected Junior Warden for 1889.

Bro. Nichols is a native of Watkins, Steuben county, N. Y., born December 4, 1840. After a few years of schooling, he spent thirteen years on a farm, and to this is due his strong, robust constitution. He came to New York in 1873, and engaged with his brother in the produce commission business. His energy and perseverance have been rewarded by a successful business career. His life partner, Miss Charlotte Shepard, to whom he was married in 1868, has contributed largely to his success as well as his happiness in life.

GEORGE W. CLOUGH, STEWARD ELECT.

Bro. Clough has made rapid advancement in Masonry since he entered the door of Acanthus Lodge in 1887, in search of masonic light; he received his Master Mason's degree in November of that year. The first position he has held in this Lodge was his appointment as Steward at the annual election in December, 1888. He commenced his investigations of Capitular Masonry in 1887, and was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209; he has already reached the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and is Captain of Guard in Aurora Grata Chapter of Rose Croix; he "crossed the burning sands in Kismet Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine," and will doubtless continue his journey in search of light until all the hidden mysteries are revealed to him. Among the beneficial orders, he is connected with Amaranth Council, R. A. He is Master of the First Veil in Constellation Chapter.

Bro. Clough was born in Brooklyn, March 6, 1855; he was educated both at public and private schools, and commenced his mercantile career as clerk in the hardware business with the

Hart Mfg. Co., New York, in 1869, remaining there for a year. For the past four years he has been connected with William Wise & Son, jewelers, of Brooklyn.

ALFRED POTTER,

CHARTER MEMBER OF ACANTHUS LODGE.

While not one of the founders, Bro. Potter became a charter member from the fact of his being made U. D. ; he was one of the Fellowcrafts on whom the Third Degree was conferred on the first night this degree was worked, after the Lodge received its Dispensation. From that time to the present he has remained true and steadfast to his alma mater, but his frequent absence from the city on business has prevented his regular attendance. He is always ready, however, to contribute his share to the cause of benevolence and charity, and to assist otherwise to the extent of his ability. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Brooklyn Chapter No. 148 ; was created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Clinton Commandery No. 14 ; in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite he passed through the Aurora Grata Bodies, and was made Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32d degree, in New York Consistory, of which he is a Life Member ; crossed the burning sands in Pyramid Temple (of Bridgeport, Conn.), Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Bro. Potter is a native of England, born February 3d, 1848, but has been a resident of Brooklyn from infancy, where he was raised and educated ; he commenced his business life as a boy in a lawyer's office, and afterwards was connected with the shipping and commission business for five years. Twenty years of his life has been spent with two different wholesale houses in New York—part of that time as traveling salesman ; for the past ten years he has represented the Colwell Lead Company.

M. F. VAN VRANKEN.

Although not a child of Acanthus Lodge, no brother has labored more earnestly or conscientiously to bring it to its present prosperous condition than Bro. Van Vranken ; he is a tried veteran in the Fraternity, always loyal and true to its interests. He was initiated E. A. in St. George's Lodge No. 6, of Schenectady, N. Y., January 22, 1863, passed to the degree of F. C., February 12, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, March 12th. He did but little active work until after

he affiliated with Acanthus Lodge, June 15, 1875. He was elected Junior Warden in 1879, and again in 1881-2; but was obliged to decline further advancement on account of business engagements on the meeting nights of his Lodge; for the past seven years he has served as a member of the Board of Trustees. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209, and has reached his 14th degree in the Ancient Scottish Rite in Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection. He is a member of the Brooklyn Masonic Veterans; also of De Witt Clinton Council No. 419, R. A., of which he has been Treasurer for the past eight years, and is at present a member of the Board of Trustees of De Witt Clinton Lodge No. 308, Order of Tonti, and also a member of Brooklyn Council, Home Circle, and of the Mercantile Benefit Association.

Bro. Van Vranken is a descendant of the old Hollanders, who were among the early settlers of Schenectady county; he was born at Rotterdam, Schenectady county, November 27, 1842. He was for a number of years connected with the superintendent's office of the R. W. & O. Railroad Company, and for ten years ran on the road as conductor. He came to Brooklyn in 1873, and for the past fifteen years has carried on a successful livery business. He is popular with the brethren of Acanthus Lodge, as well as with his associate in other organizations with which he is connected.

W. IRVING COMES.

Bro. Comes has served the craft with unswerving devotion for upwards of twenty-one years, and during that time has passed through the Symbolic, the Capitular, the Cryptic, thence to the Commandery and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He was raised to the degree of Master Mason in Ivanhoe Lodge No. 610, of New York, in 1867, and affiliated with Acanthus Lodge in 1884. In Capitular Masonry he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Crescent Chapter No. 220, of New York City; in Cryptic Masonry he explored the vaults in Brooklyn Council No. 4, R. & S. M.; he was created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Clinton Commandery No. 14, of Brooklyn, of which he is now Prelate; in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite he entered Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, thence through Aurora Grata Council Princes of Jerusalem, Aurora Grata Chapter Rose Croix, and was made Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32d degree, in New York Consistory, and is at present Grand Minister of State in that Body; he crossed the burning sands in Mecca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of which he is still a member. While holding no office in Acanthus Lodge, Bro. Comes has been an active, earnest

worker in the cause and regular in his attendance at the communications of the Lodge.

Bro. Comes has been prominent in business circles in New York city for more than thirty years past. He was born in New York, August 5, 1839, and was named in honor of that distinguished author, Washington Irving. Immediately after completing his education he became connected with the marine insurance business, commencing at the lowest, and advancing through the different grades to the highest positions. He has been for upwards of thirty-one years connected with the Commercial Mutual Insurance Company of New York, and for the past ten years has been its President. He is Vice-President of the New York Board of Marine Underwriters, Vice-President of National Board of Marine Underwriters, and Vice-President of the American Ship-masters' Association.

Bro. Comes has been a resident of Brooklyn since 1884, where he is well and familiarly known in social circles. He is a member of the Lincoln Club, and Union League Club, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Chamber of Commerce, Maritime Exchange, and of other organizations; a Trustee of the American Seamen's Friend Society, and one of the Managers of the Life-Saving Benevolent Ass'n of N. Y.

GEORGE A. ROWELL.

Owing to the large membership of Acanthus Lodge the opportunities for advancement are exceedingly limited, however capable or worthy a brother may be. Bro. Rowell is capable of filling any position in this Lodge, but where there is so much good material to select from, his chances for promotion are small. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in this Lodge in 1886. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209; he explored the mines of Cryptic Masonry in Brooklyn Council, R. & S. M.; continuing his journey in search of further light in masonry, he passed to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and is at present Junior Warden of Aurora Grata Council Princes of Jerusalem; he crossed the burning sands in Kismet Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; he is a member of Long Island Council, R. A.

Bro. Rowell is a son of Rev. G. B. Rowell, a missionary to the Sandwich Islands, who died in the service. The son was born at the Sandwich Islands, April 26, 1850, where he received a thorough classical education. He came to the States in 1870, and for five or six years was engaged in mercantile pursuits in different parts of the country. Since 1877 he has been con-

nected with the Babcock & Wilcox Steam Boiler Company, of New York. He became a resident of Brooklyn in 1877.

JAMES STUART GILLEN.

During his brief connection with Acanthus Lodge, Bro. Gillen has obtained a strong hold on the hearts of his brethren, and has been frequently urged to qualify for important positions, but with characteristic modesty and self-denial he has not only declined, but has assisted others to the position he was so well qualified to fill. He was brought to masonic light in this Lodge on the evening of May 3, 1886, and was appointed Senior Deacon the following year. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209; was created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Clinton Commandery No. 14; entering the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite through the Aurora Grata Bodies, and was made Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32d degree, in the Consistory of New York City, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, and served in the latter body as Grand Standard Bearer. He crossed the burning sands in Mecca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was a member of the first Board of Trustees of the Aurora Grata Cathedral, and it was largely through his influence that this most desirable property was secured.

Bro. Gillen is a native of the Emerald Isle, born January 15, 1837, at Bushmills, County Antrim, but has resided in New York and Brooklyn from his early childhood, and is just as much a Brooklynite as though "to the manor born." He received a good public school education, and entered the old established banking house of Brown Brothers & Co. as a boy, where he has remained continuously for upwards of thirty-six years, having in the interim been advanced to one of the most important positions in the house.

Bro. Gillen is an ardent Republican, and has been active in Brooklyn politics for many years past. In order to unite the disaffected elements in the Seventh Ward Republican Association, he accepted the Presidency, having been unanimously elected at one of the largest Primaries ever held in the Ward; and although one of the most active workers in his Ward, he has always declined to accept other official positions.

E. T. COPELAND.

Although Bro. Copeland's entrance into Masonry commenced at a later period in life than most men, he has no less appreciation of the beautiful symbols of our Order than if he had de-

voted his earlier years to the work. His interest in the work, and his zeal in the cause is greater than that of many who have borne the burden and heat of the day. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Acanthus Lodge in May, 1887. He soon after entered the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Aurora Grata Council Princes of Jerusalem, Aurora Grata Chapter Rose Croix, and was made Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32d degree, in New York Consistory, Northern Jurisdiction; he continued his journey and crossed the burning sands in Kismet Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Bro. Copeland is a native of Bridgewater, Plymouth Co., Mass., born July 10, 1842. His American ancestor, one Lawrence Copeland, emigrated from England in 1650, and became one of the large land proprietors of the town of Braintree. The descendants of the latter bore a prominent part in the events that resulted in civil and religious liberty for this country, and were conspicuous for their patriotism and love of country. Bro. Copeland, the subject of this sketch, received a thorough academic education, and has always been engaged in the machinery business, being the business manager for the N. Y. Safety Steam Power Company, one of the largest and oldest steam engine building houses in the United States.

ANDREW PECK.

Few men in the Fraternity have ever evinced a greater love for the symbolisms of Speculative Masonry than Bro. Peck. He has accumulated a large masonic library of rare and expensive works, which he continues to add to from time to time, his means enabling him to gratify his thirst for masonic lore. His first step in masonry was through the door of Acanthus Lodge in March 5, 1887, and made Master Mason. He next tried Capitular Masonry, and was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209, of Brooklyn. He next resolved to enter the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and was received into the Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, thence through the dark mysteries to the Council of Jerusalem, Rose Croix Chapter and Consistory to the 32d degree, and will doubtless some day reach the exalted station of Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33d and last degree. He has already "crossed the burning sands" through Mecca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and still his thirst for knowledge is unsatisfied. He is a member and Director of Aurora Grata Club.

Bro. Peck was born in New York city, Oct. 15, 1836. He was early in life left an orphan and placed in the Leake & Watts Orphan House. He acquired a good education in this institu-

tion, which fitted him for the active duties of life, and subsequently obtained a position as clerk in a store. At the breaking out of the war in 1861, he enlisted in the 38th N. Y. Vols., D Company, 2d Scott Life Guards, for three years. Owing to physical disability, brought on by exposure, he was honorably discharged after ten months' service. In 1866 he started in the business of general sporting goods; two years later Mr. Snyder became associated with him, under the firm name of Peck & Snyder, and the name of this has since become familiar to the out door pleasure seekers of every class throughout the country. Bro. Peck became a resident of Brooklyn in 1876, where he is well known and personally popular in social circles. He has always taken a deep interest in the Leake & Watts Orphan House, to which he is indebted for his early training and start in life. He subsequently organized the Leake & Watts Association, a beneficial and social organization, composed of former inmates of this institution, of which he is President. It has already accomplished a great deal of good.

JAMES W. NEWTON.

Bro. Newton is well known throughout the several Masonic bodies for his activity and zeal in the cause; and although his masonic experience is limited to two or three years, there is no more enthusiastic or earnest brother in Acanthus Lodge; he was proposed by the present S. W. In recommending candidates for membership he has been careful to select only the best material. Bro. Newton was raised in this Lodge by Wor. Bro. Grimes in the Spring of 1887. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209, Dec. 10, 1888. He took his several degrees in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Aurora Grata Council Princes of Jerusalem, and Aurora Grata Chapter Rose Croix; he was made Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32d degree, in New York Consistory, Northern Jurisdiction; he crossed the burning sands in Mecca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and is a charter member of the Aurora Grata Club. He enjoys a deserved degree of popularity among the Brooklyn fraternity.

Bro. Newton is a native of England, born August 21, 1850. He received a thorough education and business training at home, and came to this country in October, 1871. He was in business for some years in Philadelphia; for the past six years has been engaged in the steel importing business in New York, where he is well known and highly esteemed among the downtown merchants.

ISAIAH GREENACRE.

Bro. Greenacre has but recently started on his masonic journey, yet the earnestness and zeal with which he has pursued his quest in search of further light shows how deeply he was impressed with its symbolic teachings. He received his first instructions in the mysteries of Speculative Masonry in the fall of 1887, through Wor. Bro. Smith. Continuing his journey, he sought and obtained admission into the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite through the Aurora Grata Bodies. He entered the Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, ascending to the 14th degree; thence to Aurora Grata Council Princes of Jerusalem, and Aurora Grata Chapter Rose Croix, and finally the 32d degree, the Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, through Aurora Grata Consistory, Northern Jurisdiction. Having once entered upon that important undertaking, he is determined to acquire all the light and knowledge in masonry that it is possible to attain.

Bro. Greenacre is a native of County Norfolk, England, born July 21, 1840; he was thoroughly instructed in the rudimentary and subsequently the commercial branches of education. He learned the jewelry business, which he continued to follow for some twenty years. He finally determined on seeking a new field of operations and came to this country in 1882, where he has since been associated with a large firm, dealers in bookbinders' materials.

Bro. Greenacre possesses by nature all the elements of an accomplished Craftsman; courteous and pleasing in his address, endowed with a goodly share of the milk of human kindness, strongly sympathetic, he delights in doing good and contributing to the happiness of his fellow-men.

HISTORY OF EZEL LODGE NO. 732.

The name of *Ezel* is taken from the Bible and refers to the stone that marked the hiding-place of David when he fled from the presence of Saul, who sought to take his life. It also marked the spot of his meeting, and final parting with Jonathan, his *best* and *truest* friend on earth, and became a monument to the indissoluble bond of brotherhood that united these

two hearts. This name fittingly represents the fraternal bond that unites the brethren of Ezel Lodge.

The brethren who erected this Lodge experienced many of the difficulties that fell to the lot of the craft in early days. They met in barns, real estate offices, and at private residences, and frequently had no other light than the "tallow dip," "the light of other days." Several preliminary meetings were held, and a petition was drawn up signed by thirty brethren representing fifteen different Lodges; among these there were six from Long Island Lodge No. 382; four from Fortitude No. 19; and three from Crystal Wave No. 638. The signers to the petition were: H. Clay Lanius, David H. Jones, James English, Peter W. Roff, Wm. E. Rogers, William Birch, Edwin S. Van Orden, Washington L. Baker, A. R. Higgins, Henry W. Rozell, Wm. H. Robins, George Goater, John Opp, E. P. Lyman, Chas. W. Young, Joseph T. Stevens, W. E. Pierson, Geo. Keymer, S. Breckels, Thomas N. Eaton, Chas. M. Slater, Peter M. Beam, Peter R. Kelly, J. E. Hendrickson, Robert Harper, John J. Dewall, C. E. Van Vlack, Wm. H. Marshall, Henry F. Rollins and Aniello Seramello. H. Clay Lanius was named as Master, Wm. M. Birch, Senior Warden, and Joseph T. Stevens, Junior Warden.

The Dispensation was granted December 7, 1872, by Rt. Wor. Elwood E. Thorne, Deputy G. M., and the first communication U. D. was held January 13, 1873, at the hall corner of Myrtle avenue and Adelphi street, the present place of meeting. The following officers were then elected and appointed, viz.: H. Clay Lanius, Master; W. M. Birch, Senior Warden; Joseph T. Stevens, Junior Warden; Chas. M. Gater, Treasurer; E. S. Van Orden, Secretary; Robert Harper, S. D.; H. F. Rollins, J. D.; Wm. E. Rogers, S. M. C.; George Keymer, J. M. C.; Chas. M. Young, Tiler.

The first ones proposed for initiation and membership were Matthew Gales, G. Mathieson, Edward A. Burn and J. T. Smith.

The Lodge was warranted on June 3, 1873, and on June 30, following, was regularly constituted and instituted, and the above-named officers duly installed by the Grand Lodge, represented by Rt. Wor. Elwood E. Thorne, as G. M.; Rt. Wor. Thos. C. Cassidy, as D. G. M.; Rt. Wor. Geo. H. Raymond, Sen. G. W.; Wor. Wesley B. Church, J. G. W.; Rt. Wor. Dan'l Sickles, Grand Secretary; Wor. Isaac Simmons, Grand Chaplain; Rt. Wor. Henry A. Richey, Grand Marshal, and others.

The annual report for 1873 showed the total receipts, \$1,825.23, and disbursements, \$1,722.07, with a balance of \$103.16. There were held 23 communications, at which there were 34 applications for initiation and membership, 29 of which were accepted, and the E. A. degree conferred on 24 candidates.

On July 6, 1874, the Lodge moved to Armory Hall, on Claremont avenue, and on Oct. 10, 1881, returned to 157 Adelphi street, the present place of meeting. On Nov. 16, 1874, a beautiful gong was presented to the Lodge by Bro. John Opp. The Lodge continued to meet every Monday evening until 1883, when the time of meeting was changed to the 1st, 3d and 5th Mondays.

On Dec. 20th, 1875, Wor. Bro. H. Clay Lanius was presented by the brethren with an elegant gold watch, in recognition of faithful service rendered.

The annual report in December showed a falling off in the receipts, the disbursements exceeding the receipts \$60.57. The total membership at that time was 89. From this time forward there was a gradual increase in membership. The Lodge has always met promptly its financial obligations, and met its per capita tax of the Hall and Asylum Fund debt, without difficulty. According to the annual report for 1887, the E. A. degree was worked on 5 candidates, F. C. degree, 5, and Master Mason's degree, 4. There was a balance in the treasury at this time of \$519.80. During the past year, 1888, the E. A. degree has been worked on 2 candidates, F. C. 2, and Master Mason's degree, 1. The receipts for the year were \$666.57, and the disbursements, \$552.59. There is a balance in bank of \$513.30, which, with the amount due from members, \$891.50, makes the total assets, not including Lodge furniture, \$1,404.80. Its present membership is 100.

Wor. Bro. Wm. E. Rogers, a Past Master and the recent Secretary of this Lodge, furnished the data for its history while lying on a sick bed, and was soon after called from his labors on earth to the Lodge Celestial, that house not made by hands, eternal in the heavens. He was a faithful brother, and greatly beloved by all who knew him.

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF EZEL LODGE No. 732, FROM 1873 TO 1888, INCLUSIVE.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—Henry Clay Lanius, 1873-4-5; Robert Harper, 1876; Edmund A. Warren, 1877-8; William G. Pierson, 1879; Edmund A. Warren, 1880; Ralph Pomeroy, 1881; Rinaldo H. French, 1882; Wm. E. Rogers, 1883; Hendrick Haste, 1884; Hubert T. Ketchum, 1885; Hendrick Haste, 1886-7-8.

SENIOR WARDEN.—William M. Birch, 1873; Robert Harper, 1874; Wm. M. Birch, 1875; Edmund A. Warren, 1876; Shippen S. Wetmore, 1877; William G. Pierson, 1878; Ralph Pom-

eroy, 1879; Shippen S. Wetmore, 1880; Richard Perrott, 1881; Wm. E. Rogers, 1882; Hendrick Haste, 1883; Hubert T. Ketchum, 1884; Henry A. Taylor, 1885; William H. Foote, 1886-7; Jacob Gruber, 1888.

* JUNIOR WARDEN.—Joseph F. Steavens, 1873; James H. English, 1874; Joseph H. Colyer, 1875; George Lloyd, 1876; James Whitehouse, 1877; Rinaldo H. French, 1878; William E. Rogers, 1879; James Elevin, 1880; Robert Holcke, 1881; Hendrick Haste, 1882; Hubert T. Ketchum, 1883; Henry A. Taylor, 1884; Albion P. Higgins, 1885; Chas. Ewald, 1886; Jacob Gruber, 1887; J. F. Golding, 1888.

TREASURER.—Chas. M. Gater, 1873-4; Henry W. Rozell, 1875; Chas. M. Gater, 1876-7; Peter W. Roff, 1878-79-80; Albion P. Higgins, 1881-2-3-4; Geo. W. Powell, 1885-6-8.

SECRETARY.—Edmund A. Warren, 1873; Robert B. Kelley, 1874-5; Ralph Pomeroy, 1876-7; Robert B. Kelley, 1878; Henry Clay Lanius, 1879-80; Chas. W. Waters, 1881-2; Richard Perrott, 1883-4-5; William E. Rogers, 1886-7-8; deceased in office soon after his re-election at the close of 1888.

WOR. RINALDO H. FRENCH,

PAST MASTER OF EZEL LODGE.

Wor. Bro. French has been one of the main props of Ezel Lodge for many years past, and through his wise counsels and good judgment, has exercised a potent influence among the brethren. He was brought to Masonic light in this Lodge in March, 1876; served as its Senior Deacon for three separate terms, and many of the brightest masons in this Lodge are indebted to him for their knowledge of the Middle Chamber work. He was elected Junior Warden in 1878, and Master in 1882, and was again urged to accept the position at the annual election of 1888. He has served several terms as Trustee. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Nassau Chapter, in which he is Past High Priest, and was Captain of Host for three terms.

Bro. French was born in New Bedford, Mass., May 22d, 1833. He received a good education; came to Williamsburgh at the age of sixteen, and entered the office of the Corporation Counsel, New York, where he remained for over eleven years, and was admitted to the bar in 1858. He was subsequently a member of the law firm known as Andrews, Thompson & French, 47 Wall street, N. Y. In 1863 he was appointed to a position in

the Surveyor's office, port of New York, where he has remained for twenty-six years. He has never taken any active part in politics, but has confined himself strictly to the duties of his position.

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WOR. HENDRICK HASTE, PAST MASTER OF EZEL LODGE.

No brother of Ezel Lodge takes a deeper interest in its welfare or has worked more faithfully for its interests than Bro. Haste. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in January, 1880. He was Junior Warden in 1882; Senior Warden in 1883, and Master in 1884, 1886 and 1887. In the spring of 1887, as he was about taking his departure for Europe, the brethren, desirous of showing their appreciation of his noble efforts in the cause of benevolence and charity, and of his eminent services rendered to this Lodge, presented him with a beautiful Master's jewel set with a diamond. Since his retirement from the East he has been serving as Trustee. At the annual election in 1888 he was again nominated for the East, but was compelled to decline the honor. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Gate of the Temple Chapter, in which he served as E. King. He is a member of Principle Lodge No. 48, I. O. O. F.; of Fern Council No. 774, R. A., which he assisted in organizing, and was a charter member.

Bro. Haste is a native of Denmark, born April 2, 1846. He received a good education in his own country and afterwards engaged in the meat business. He came to this country in 1864, and settled in Brooklyn, where he has since continued in the same business. He married, in 1869, Miss Hannah O'Keefe, of Jamaica, L. I. He has an interesting family of four children.

JACOB GRUBER,

SENIOR WARDEN AND WORSHIPFUL MASTER-ELECT.

Bro. Gruber was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1885. He was taken from the floor and elected to the South in 1887, and was made Senior Warden in 1888. At the annual election in December, 1888, he was elected Master.

Bro. Gruber is a native of Broadbrook, Conn., born May 4, 1854.

He has been for a number of years engaged in the lithographic business with the Brett Lithographic Company, of New York.

GEORGE W. POWELL, TREASURER.

Bro. Powell has guarded well the finances of Ezel Lodge for the past four years, receiving for his services the unqualified support and confidence of his brethren, to whom he has endeared himself by the strongest ties that bind men together in one common brotherhood. In the higher orders of Masonry he has been equally steadfast and true, and labored to the best of his ability to advance the cause of benevolence and good fellowship among his associates. Bro. Powell was raised in this Lodge in November, 1881. He was elected Treasurer in 1885, again in 1886-7-8, and at the annual election in December, 1888, was unanimously re-elected to the same position. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Gate of the Temple Chapter, of which he is also the Treasurer; he was created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Clinton Commandery No. 14; he is also a member and Trustee of Fern Lodge No. 2830, K. of H.

Bro. Powell was born at Farmingdale, L. I., February 13, 1847. He was sent early in life to boarding school, and completed his education by taking a commercial course at Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College. He obtained a position with the large and well known dry goods house of Abernathy & Co., where he remained for eleven years. Since 1876 he has held a responsible position with J. W. Goddard & Sons, a large New York importing house. He became a resident of Brooklyn in 1864. He was married in 1873, but lost his wife two years later. He was left with one child, who is now a lad of fourteen, to whom he is devotedly attached. He has been a member of the Presbyterian Church (Dr. Cuyler's) for the past twenty-five years.

GEORGE W. AULT, JUNIOR WARDEN-ELECT, 1889.

Bro. Ault was well advanced in years before he took upon himself the obligations of a Master Mason, but he has been all his life practicing the principles inculcated. It is his nature to do good and help others, and his entrance into masonry gave him a wider field for more systematic efforts in aiding his fellow-men. His willingness to serve in any capacity in the Lodge where he might be useful has led to his recent advancement. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in this Lodge in 1887, and served as its Chaplain for two years. At the Annual Communication in December, 1888, he received the unanimous vote of the brethren for the position of Junior Warden, which he accepted with the promise to "look well to the South."

Bro. Ault is a native of the "land of steady habits;" he was born in Coventry, Conn., December 25, 1829, but was raised and educated in East Hartford. During his long and eventful life he has been engaged in a variety of occupations, but the "song of the shirt" has always had for him a peculiar charm, and he devoted nearly thirty-six years of his life to this important article of men's wear. He laid aside the immaculate shirt front in 1865 and donned the blue uniform as a member of the 14th Massachusetts Light Battery. As the war closed soon afterwards, he saw but little service. Although he enlisted at the "eleventh hour," he did it with the expectation that the war would be further prolonged. He came to Brooklyn in 1874, where he soon established a reputation as a shirt maker on "new and original principles," and has since built up a large and successful business.

Bro. Ault has been twice married, his first wife deceased, leaving one child, and in 1860 he married Miss Elizabeth Oldershaw, of New Britain, Conn. One child is the issue of the latter marriage; since deceased.

JOHN OPP, CHARTER MEMBER.

Bro. Opp has served the Craft for nearly thirty years and Ezel Lodge from the date of its foundation, and has never yet held any office save that of Trustee. No man, however, could be more loyal in his support of the Fraternity, or more faithful in his adherence to the principles of Freemasonry than this worthy brother. As a charter member of Ezel Lodge he has stood by it and used his best endeavors to promote peace and harmony and encourage the brethren in the good work. He was made Master Mason in Ionic Lodge No. 121, of Iowa Hill, Plaza County, Cal., in 1859. On his return East he affiliated with Hillgrove Lodge No. 540, of Brooklyn, and when a new Lodge was talked of to meet the wants of the brethren residing in the locality of Myrtle Avenue, he rendered every assistance in his power to organize and build up the Lodge, and has received marked tokens of the approbation of his brethren for his faithful efforts.

Bro. Opp was born in Prussia, March 27, 1829. Soon after his arrival in this country, in 1846, he obtained a position with the Herring Safe Co. The breaking out of the gold fever in 1849-50 led him to seek his fortune on the Pacific Coast, where he arrived in August, 1850. He spent three years in the mines, and returned to New York in 1853, where he remained for a short time. At the breaking out of the gold fever he again took passage for California, but was wrecked at Ballinas Bay, some twenty-five miles from San Francisco. The passengers and

crew were saved. He remained on the Pacific coast about six years, returning to New York in 1859. He removed to Brooklyn in 1865, and started in the hardware business, which he has since continued. He was married in 1863 to Miss Caroline Jacobs, of New Jersey; one son and two daughters have blessed their married life. He is an affectionate husband and kind father, and greatly beloved by all who know him.

HISTORY OF SANCTORUM LODGE NO. 747.

This Lodge is made up principally of the German-American element, and owes its existence and maintenance largely to the efforts of Wor. Bro. Anthony N. Bungart. One-half of its charter members came from Munn Lodge No. 190, of New York. Of the number who signed the Petition there were 13 from Munn Lodge; 2 from Star of Bethlehem No. 322; 2 from Long Island No. 382; 1 from Silentia; 2 from Tabernacle; 1 from Ophir Lodge No. 33, California; 2 from Lexington No. 310; 1 from Lodge No. 636; 1 from Lebanon Lodge; 1 from Lessing, 608.

Dispensation was granted February 10, 1874, and the following were the first officers, viz.; John F. Schlichting, Master; Peter J. Meaney, Senior Warden; Anthony N. Bungart, Junior Warden; John Anson, Treasurer; B. Degenkolb, Secretary; Edward R. Sleath, S. D.; Fred'k Hougard, J. D.; August D. E. Frank, S. M. C.; H. H. Graf, J. M. C.; W. Wilson, Tiler.

The first meeting of the Lodge was held at the corner of Court and Union streets, and has continued to meet in the same place ever since. The first to receive the Third Degree in the Lodge was Solomon Rowe.

The Lodge continued to meet under Dispensation until the Regular Communication of the Grand Lodge in June, 1874. The Warrant was granted on June 12, 1874, signed by Most Wor. Elwood E. Thorne, Grand Master, and on June 19 the Lodge was instituted and the several officers installed by the Grand Lodge, represented by Most Wor. Joseph J. Couch as G. M.; Rt. Wor. Harvey Farrington as D. G. M.; Wor. W. Sherer, S. G. W.; Wor. J. Du Moulin, J. G. W.; Wor. J. M. Hopper, Grand Treasurer; Wor. P. M. Borland, Grand Secretary; Wor. H. A. Richey, Grand Marshal; Wor. James Armington, S. G. D.; Rt. Wor. George Raymond, J. G. D.; Wor. John Hoole, Grand Tiler. The same officers elected and appointed U. D. were installed on this occasion.

Bro. Bungart, on behalf of his mother, who was deeply interested in the success of the Lodge, presented the Lodge with the "Three Great Lights." Bro. Bungart himself presented the hour glass.

The Lodge has been fairly prosperous since the date of its organization. The total receipts in 1876 were \$1,495.08, with a balance in the treasury of \$792.02. It has been generous in providing for its worthy distressed brethren. It met promptly its per capita tax of the Hall and Asylum Fund debt, and has always met its financial obligations. The Annual Report to the Grand Lodge in the spring of 1888 showed the total membership to be 98. There are 8 smaller Lodges in the District and 23 larger.

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF SANCTORUM LODGE No. 747, FROM
1874 TO 1888, INCLUSIVE.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—John F. Schlichting, 1874-5; Anthony N. Bungart, 1876-7; Solomon Rowe, 1878-9; Anthony N. Bungart, 1880-81; Henry Endner, 1882-3; William H. Brown, 1884-5; Frederick Harvey, 1886-7-8.

SENIOR WARDEN.—Peter J. Meaney, 1874; Anthony N. Bungart, 1875; Solomon Rowe, 1878; Henry Endner, 1878-9; Albert F. Krey, 1880-81; Frederick Harvey, 1882; Jacob Gabel, 1883-4; Frederick Harvey, 1885; Samuel Loring, 1886-7-8.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—Anthony N. Bungart, 1874; Edward Sleath, 1875; John Lang, 1876-7; Edward Reiter, 1878-9; Bernhard Degenkolb, 1880; W. H. Brown, 1881; Jacob Gabel, 1882; John Langill, 1883-4; George A. Traver, 1885; Alfred Hall, 1886; Jacob Gabel, 1887; Amos Schachtel, 1888.

TREASURER.—John Anson, 1874-5; Henry Reiter, 1876 to 1881, inclusive; Franklin Stebbins, 1882-3; Anthony Bungart, 1884; Charles Barry, 1885-6-7-8.

SECRETARY.—Bernhard Degenkolb, 1874-5; David Van Cleaf, 1876-7-8-9; Samuel Loring, 1880; Bernhard Degenkolb, 1881 to 1888, inclusive.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

Personal sketch of several of the officers and past officers were written and sent to the parties for their approval, but only those of Wor. Bro. Bungart and Bro. Gabel were returned.

WOR. ANTHONY N. BUNGART,
PAST MASTER OF SANCTORUM LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Bungart may be justly called the Patriarch of Sanctorum. He was one of its principal founders, and from the time of its organization up to the present time has been unceasing in his efforts to build up and increase its influence and membership. He also succeeded in enlisting the interest of his aged mother in the good work, and she had the honor of presenting the Lodge with its *Three Great Lights*, which are still in constant use. Bro. Bungart was made a Master Mason in Star of Bethlehem Lodge No. 322, on May 15, 1863, and ten or eleven years later assisted in organizing Sanctorum Lodge, and became its first Junior Warden; he was Senior Warden and acting Master in 1875, and served as Master in 1876-7; and again in 1879-80. As a remarkable coincidence it is noted that his brother was elected Master of Star of Bethlehem Lodge on the same evening that he was elected Master of Sanctorum. The Lodge has shown its appreciation of Bro. Bungart's efforts in many ways, and on one occasion, while he was acting Secretary, the brethren presented him with a beautiful gold watch chain, with a locket attached. This is cherished by the brother as one of the most interesting mementoes of his connection with this Lodge. On the death of his father, the Lodge presented his mother with a set of Resolutions, beautifully engrossed, expressive of the sentiments of the brethren; these were presented by a committee consisting of Bros. Degenkolb, Frank and Krez. He is still a regular attendant and frequently assists in the work.

Bro. Bungart was born at Cologne-on-the-Rhine, Prussia, October 2, 1837. After arriving at the age of manhood, he followed the occupation of painter. He came to this country in 1853, and continued to work at his trade for some years. For several years past, however, he has been the owner and proprietor of the Senate Billiard Hall, Nos. 67 and 69 Woodhull street, Brooklyn.

Bro. Bungart never married, but watched and cared for his aged parents, both of which took a great interest in the success of Sanctorum Lodge. His father died on February 27, 1879, at the ripe age of seventy-seven years.

JACOB GABEL.

Bro. Gabel has been conspicuous as an officer of Sanctorum Lodge for many years past, and has filled nearly every position in the Lodge except that of the East. He is faithful and conscientious in the discharge of his duties, regular in his attend-

ance, and has been unremitting in his efforts to build up the Lodge. He was made a Master Mason in Sanctorum Lodge in 1874. He served as Junior Master of Ceremonies, Junior Deacon; was Junior Warden in 1882; Senior Warden in 1883-4, and was again elected Junior Warden in 1887. While holding no position at the present time, he is ever ready to assist the brethren in the work, and is competent to fill any position in the Lodge. He was appointed one of the historical committee for compiling a history of the Lodge.

Bro. Gabel was born in Hadlyme, on the banks of the Connecticut river, April 8, 1842. He received a good common school education, and afterwards learned the trade of moulder in the shops at Chester, Conn. At the breaking out of the war he was among the first to volunteer under President Lincoln's proclamation calling for troops to put down the rebellion. He enlisted in Company A, 2d Conn. Regiment, known as the Mansfield Guards, and took part in the first battle of Bull Run. He came to New York on January 2, 1865, and continued to work at his trade. For the past eighteen years he has been connected with Worthington's Hydraulic Works, of Brooklyn. By his perseverance, industry and economy, he was enabled to lay by a snug little sum and purchase for himself a home in Brooklyn, where, surrounded by an interesting family of a wife and three grown daughters, he enjoys the comforts of life far more than many possessed of affluence and riches.

HISTORY OF AURORA GRATA LODGE NO. 756.

Aurora is defined as the rising light of the morning; the goddess of the morning, or twilight deified by fancy. The poets represented her as rising out of the ocean in a chariot, with rosy fingers dropping with gentle dew.

The founders of this Lodge gave it the name of Aurora Grata, or the *Great Light*. Judging from the brilliant Masonic Luminaries that composed it, the poetical allegory, defining the Aurora, was fitting and appropriate, and the hope expressed by one of its most brilliant and successful Masters (Wor. Bro. Wm. Henry White) has, with few exceptions, been realized, viz., that "prosperity may mark each year from end to end;" that

" * * * * * All men's good
Be each man's rule, and Universal Peace
Lie, like a shaft of light, across the land,
And like a lane of beams athwart the sea
Thro' all the circle of the Golden Year."

The first meeting of Master Masons for the organization of this Lodge was held in the Lodge room of Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, on Monday evening, Oct. 19, 1874. There were present Most Wor. John W. Simons, P. G. M., Rt. Wor. Daniel E. Sickles, Rt. Wor. Anathasius Colo-Veloni, Rt. Wor. John G. Barker, Wor. Geo. W. Close, Bros. Wm. H. Martin, Henry T. Bragg, James E. Connor, Harry M. Gardner, Philip P. Hauff, L. R. Hallock, S. Edward Stiles. The officers elected and appointed were, Wor. George W. Close, Master; Rt. Wor. Daniel Sickles, Senior Warden; Wm. H. Martin, Junior Warden; Harry M. Gardner, S. D.; Chas. L. Camp, J. D.; Henry L. Bragg, Secretary; Athanasius Colo-Veloni, Tiler.

The Dispensation, granted by Most Wor. Elwood E. Thorne, G. M., and dated October 17, 1874, was read. Most Wor. John W. Simons, P. G. M., was invited to the East, and congratulated the brethren on the formation of Aurora Grata Lodge. Two petitions for affiliation were read. The second Communication of the Lodge was held at 367 Fulton street, Oct. 23d. The first candidate proposed for initiation and membership was that of William Jarvis, proposed by Bro. Bragg. He was duly initiated Nov. 9, 1874.

On November 2, 1874, Most Wor. Bro. John W. Simons and Rt. Wor. Bro. J. G. Barkler were elected Honorary Members, and on December 14, 1874, Rt. Wor. Bro. Knapp was also elected an Honorary Member.

On January 26, 1875, the Lodge held a reception, with a varied and interesting programme, consisting of music, recitations, etc.

The Lodge continued to work Under Dispensation until after the meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1875. On June 14, 1875, it being the 32d Regular Communication, the Lodge was regularly constituted and instituted, and the officers installed by the Grand Lodge, represented by Most Wor. Elwood E. Thorne, Grand Master; Rt. Wor. Henry S. Knapp as D. G. M.; John G. Webster, Grand Chaplain; Wm. S. Woodruff, Grand Senior Warden; John G. Barker, Grand Junior Warden; Chas. K. Hyde, Grand Treasurer; J. M. Austin, Grand Secty.; John C. Book, Grand Marshal. The officers installed were Wor. G. W. Close, Master; D. Sickles, Senior Warden; W. H. Martin, Junior Warden; Wm. Waring, Jr., Treasurer; W. H. Connell, Secretary; Harry M. Gardner, Jr., S. D.; S. Edward Stiles, S. M. C.; C. A. Winship, J. M. C.

Nothing of importance appears on the Minute-Book for 1875. On November 9, 1876, Wor. Bro. Martin, the Master, on his return from his wedding tour, was presented with an elegant clock. The close of 1876 does not evince any great

degree of prosperity, as there was a remaining indebtedness of \$165.78 for fixtures, etc.

The place of meeting was changed on July 11, 1879, to 304-6 Fulton street. There was no marked change in the affairs of the Lodge until 1879, when Bro. Wm. Henry White was elected Master, and during the three years of his administration the Lodge enjoyed a remarkable degree of prosperity. He was a man of brilliant attainments, courteous and refined, an excellent presiding officer, and a model Master. He made many innovations, and introduced many new features; he held frequent entertainments, which were of an instructive and refining character; clergymen and prominent laymen were invited, and all visiting brethren were cordially welcomed. Numbers were added to the membership; the attendance largely increased, and Aurora Grata shone with renewed brilliancy. The Valedictory delivered before the Lodge at the close of his first year's administration was one of the finest literary productions that ever emanated from any Lodge in Brooklyn. It abounds with beautiful and poetic phrases, both instructive and impressive. In his allusion to the object of our Order and our duty to one another, he thus admonishes his brethren: "The noblest privilege we enjoy in this beautiful world is that of brotherhood with our fellow-man—and hospitality is its truest expression. If the Arab respects forever the person of the stranger who has eaten of his bread and tasted of his salt, how much nearer should be the bond, and warmer the fellowship, between men who have knelt at a common altar, and who cherish the same philanthropic mysteries; who acknowledge, through many lands and in myriad tongues, the eternal 'loving fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man.' Shame upon us, nor can blessing rest upon our house, when the stranger sits under the shadow of our altar, and is fed alone upon the cold-cuts of formality. See to it my brothers, that this reproach be never written over against our portals."

At the beginning of his administration, January 1st, 1879, there were but 59 Master Masons upon the roll; on December 1st, of the same year, there were 71 Master Masons, 5 Entered Apprentices, and 1 Candidate, making a total of 77. The remaining years of his administration showed equally gratifying results. He was followed by Wor. Perry Dean, who continued the good work with the same ardor, zeal and enthusiasm of his worthy predecessor. He was a man of fluent speech, impressive manner, and thorough in his work. He added good and substantial material to its membership, and held the Lodge well in hand. He was greatly honored and beloved by his brethren, and laid aside the gavel at the close of his second term, amid the plaudits of his brethren, and the assurance of "Well done good and faithful servant."

For the past five years the Lodge has not prospered to the same extent, but Wor. Bro. Barker, who as Senior Warden, filled the East during a great part of 1888, evinced a degree of earnestness and enthusiasm in the work, that encouraged the brethren, who rallied around him, infused with the same zeal, and promised him their hearty support. At the Annual Election in December, 1888, he was seated in the East by the unanimous vote of his brethren, together with an efficient corps of assistants. On Tuesday evening, January 22d, 1889, a large and brilliant gathering assembled at the Lodge room, in the Aurora Grata Cathedral, corner of Bedford avenue and Madison street, to witness the installation ceremonies. Seated in the East was Rt. Wor. John W. Vrooman, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, surrounded with a bright array of Masonic Luminaries. Representatives from nearly every Lodge in the Third Masonic District were present, and Rt. Wor. Marion R. Grimes made this the occasion of his official visit, which added eclat to the ceremonies. Rt. Wor. Bro. Vrooman came all the way from Herkimer for the express purpose of installing Wor. Bro. Charles S. Barker. Rt. Wor. Bro. Sherer acted as Grand Marshal, and made the announcement from the South, West and East. Wor. Bro. Barker responded to Rt. Wor. Bro. Vrooman in a neat speech, thanking him and the members for their kindness and courtesy. Among the officers installed on this occasion was Rev. and Rt. Wor. Dr. Hall, Past Grand Chaplain of Grand Lodge, installed as Chaplain of this Lodge. At the close of the ceremonies, Wor. Bro. Perry Dean, on behalf of Aurora Grata Lodge, presented Rt. Wor. Bro. Vrooman with one of the celebrated Rogers' groups entitled "Politics." The accompanying speech of Bro. Dean abounded with wit and humor, at the same time earnest and eloquent, eliciting frequent applause. At the close of the ceremonies, the Lodge, together with the visiting brethren, retired from labor to refreshment, where a fine banquet was spread, to which all did full justice.

The total membership of the Lodge, as shown by the Annual Report of the Grand Lodge in June, 1888, was 102.

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF AURORA GRATA LODGE No. 756, FROM 1874 TO 1888, INCLUSIVE.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—George W. Close, 1874-5; Wm. H. Martin, 1876-7; James E. Conner, 1878; Wm. Henry White, 1879-80-81; Perry Dean, 1882-3; John W. Nutt, 1884; Jonathan Bennett, 1885; P. O. Anderson, 1886; Henry J. Schenck, 1887; J. D. Mitchell, elected for 1888; Chas. S. Barker, Acting Master, 1888, elected for 1889.

SENIOR WARDEN.—Daniel Sickles, 1874–5; James E. Conor, 1876; James B. Warner, 1877; Aug. J. Warner, 1878; Wm. W. Thurston, 1879; Perry Dean, 1880; Harry M. Gardner, 1881; W. Silver, 1882; John W. Nutt, 1883; Jonathan Bennett, 1884; P. O. Anderson, 1885; Henry J. Schenck, 1886; Joseph D. Mitchell, 1887; Chas. S. Barker, 1888.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—W. H. Martin, 1874–5; Wm. C. Dresser, 1876; Wm. W. Thurston, 1877; C. O. Morgan, 1878; M. D. Messinger, 1879; L. B. Hallock, 1880; Joseph A. Cross, 1881; H. H. De Guiscard, 1882; P. O. Anderson, 1883; A. E. Mallette, 1884; Henry J. Schenck, 1885; Joseph A. Pippetday, 1886; Chas. S. Barker, 1887; D. S. Draper, 1888.

TREASURER.—William Waring, Jr., 1874 to 1877, inclusive; Wm. W. Silver, 1878–9–1880–81; P. O. Anderson, 1882; Joseph De La Harpe, 1883 to 1888, inclusive.

SECRETARY.—Henry T. Bragg (Acting), 1874; W. H. Cornell, appointed March 15, 1875; Chas. A. Winship, appointed Aug. 9, 1875, elected 1876; Geo. W. Mansfield, 1877–8; Wm. C. Dresser, 1879; Geo. Whitworth, 1880; resigned, and Joseph A. Cross appointed April 18th; W. C. Dresser, 1881; N. H. Gillett, 1882–3; W. C. Dresser, 1884–5; Wor. John W. Nutt, P. M., 1886–7; S. Bradley, 1888.

RT. WOR. ATHANASIUS COLO-VELONI,

PAST MASTER OF DARCY LODGE NO. 187; PAST MASTER OF
TEMPLAR NO. 203; PAST GRAND LECTURER OF THE GRAND
LODGE, STATE OF NEW YORK, AND PAST GRAND LECTURER
OF ST. JOHN'S GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

Rt. Wor. Colo-Veloni is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, of the active Brother Masons in the Third Masonic District. He was made a Mason in 1846, in Independent Lodge No. 7, New York, warranted by St. John's Grand Lodge; he afterwards organized Templar Lodge—warranted by the same Grand Body—and became its Master. He was a charter member of Lebanon Lodge, which he left to assist Benevolent Lodge as its Junior Warden. He was Grand Lecturer of St. John's Grand Lodge, and after the union of the latter with the Grand Lodge of New York, he resuscitated Darcy Lodge No. 187, and became its Master. He was also Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge, State of New York. He affiliated with Lafayette Lodge No. 64, which he helped in a measure to reinstate. He was a charter mem-

ber of Aurora Grata Lodge, and has continued steadfast and unremitting in his efforts to build up the Lodge. He is at present Assistant Chaplain. His experience in Capitular Masonry was obtained under the jurisdiction of St. John's Grand Lodge. He was exalted in Orient and afterwards was one of the charter members of Metropolitan Chapter, of which he became High Priest. He was one of the organizers of the Supreme Council, which created and dubbed him a Sir Knight; and he in turn created Palestine Commandery, New York, and became its first Commander; also P. Junior G. Warden of the G. Commandery of N. Y. He is a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General of the 33d degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; also a Past Grand Officer of that Body. He is now Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction.

Bro. Colo-Veloni is a native of Catoona, Greece, born Jan. 24, 1817; his maternal grandfather was a priest of the Greek Church. His father was killed while fighting for liberty during the Greek revolution, and he, the son, was taken on board the U. S. sloop-of-war Ontario, commanded by Capt. John B. Nicholson; he remained on this vessel for three years, and in Jan'y, 1828, was brought to this country. Arrangements were made for his education, but were never completed, and he was finally left to care for himself, and he turned his attention to mechanical employments, which he has since followed.

RIGHT WOR. WILLIAM HENRY WHITE,

PAST MASTER OF AURORA GRATA LODGE.

"He is a scholar, and a ripe good one;
Exceeding wise, fair spoken, and persuading."

The record of Rt. Wor. Bro. White, as Master of Aurora Grata Lodge, is without a parallel in the history of masonry on Long Island. At the beginning of his administration the membership of the Lodge was smaller than that of any other in the Third Masonic District. At the end of his first year as Master 37 had been added to the list; and at the close of his third year the total increase in membership was 120. He came to the Lodge as an affiliate in 1879, at the earnest solicitation of M.: W.: Chas. Roome, M.: W.: John W. Simons and other prominent masons of this jurisdiction, who were friendly to Aurora Grata Lodge. He came with a ripe experience, "thoroughly furnished unto every good word and work;" having devoted a great deal of time to the study of Symbolic Masonry, receiving his instructions in the ritual from some of the most

eminent masons in the State of New York. He was elected Master at the second communication after his affiliation, and entered at once upon his duties. His first object was to perfect the work, which he did by instructing his subordinates in the most minute details; he introduced many new features and attended personally to the instruction of the candidates; he visited other Lodges in the District, and whenever he found an accomplished workman invited him to participate in the work of Aurora Grata Lodge. Frequent entertainments were held, and brethren of sister Lodges invited, and whenever the Lodge "retired from labor to refreshment," the members were bountifully provided with "creature comforts," yet no intoxicating liquors were ever permitted, nor a word allowed to be spoken which could not properly be uttered in the presence of ladies. He conformed to the highest standard of morality; and as a result, prominent clergymen and laymen of the Brooklyn churches were frequent visitors. Representatives of the press were invited and everything of interest was imparted to the masonic publications. The character of the work was, to say the least, equal to that of any other Lodge in Brooklyn. Visiting brethren, without regard to social status, were cordially welcomed, and received the personal attention of the Master. Not a stone was left unturned to make Aurora Grata a *model Lodge*. As a presiding officer Bro. White was a model; courteous and dignified in his demeanor, kind and considerate, yet exacting in discipline, conforming strictly to parliamentary usage, never giving offense by word or act to a brother, and seeking by every means in his power to spread the cement of brotherly love. Throughout his entire administration of three years he enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his brethren, many of whom were his warm personal friends. On retiring from the East he was presented with an elegant Past Master's jewel, of elaborate design and workmanship, set with a large and costly diamond. The jewel possessed to him a greater attraction from the fact that it was made by Bro. Wilkinson, a member of the Lodge.

Bro. White was made a Mason in Washington Lodge, of Elizabeth, N. J., in 1872. In 1875, soon after his removal to Brooklyn, he affiliated with Bedford Lodge No. 574, and four years later affiliated with Aurora Grata Lodge. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Empire Chapter, Elizabeth, N. J., and subsequently affiliated with Constellation Chapter No. 209, of Brooklyn. He was created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Clinton Commandery No. 14, in which he served as Junior Warden, Captain General, Generalissimo, and Eminent Commander. As a 32d degree member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, he has been presiding officer in all the Aurora Grata Bodies, and was 1st Lieutenant Commander of the New

York Consistory. He "crossed the burning sands" in Mecca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and is still a member of that Body. Was Grand Sword Bearer of Grand Lodge, 1880-81.

Bro. White was born in Cambridge, Md., March 4, 1844. He was prepared for college at Dr. Jayne's School, Philadelphia, and entered the University of Pennsylvania. He, with other students who enlisted in the Union Army, was given his diploma in 1861. He enlisted first in the 17th Penn. Vols. for three months, and, at the expiration of his term of service, re-enlisted for three years in Co. G, 68th Penn. Vols. He participated in all the principle engagements of the Army of the Potomac, including the battle of Gettysburg, and was promoted to 2d and 1st Lieutenant, and afterwards to the rank of Captain, for gallantry and meritorious conduct at the battle of Hatcher's Run. He subsequently served on the staff of Gen. Collins. He is a member of Lafayette Post No. 140, G. A. R.; also of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Commandery of New York.

At the close of the war he took up civil engineering, which he has since followed with unvarying success, having been engaged mostly in the construction of gas and water works in different parts of the country.

WOR. PERRY DEAN,

PAST MASTER OF AURORA GRATA LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Dean has the reputation of being a *model* Senior Deacon, and his Middle Chamber work is second to none in the Third Masonic District, but in his administration of the affairs of Aurora Grata Lodge he forged the chains of love and affection with such tenacity and strength that death alone can sever them. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in this Lodge in April, 1877, and was the only Senior Deacon ever elected, the subsequent change in the By-Laws making it an appointive office. He was elected Senior Warden in 1879, and Master in 1882-3.

At the time he assumed the duties of Master, the Lodge was considerably in debt, the attendance was small, and there was a great lack of interest. He at once placed himself in communication with the members, visited them at their homes, manifested a personal interest in their welfare, and exhibited that strong *brotherly* feeling that should always animate the true mason; and by this means he obtained a hold on the hearts of the brethren, restored peace and harmony, and at the close of

his second term as Master the Lodge was in a prosperous condition, had liquidated every dollar of its indebtedness, the attendance was much larger and the utmost good feeling prevailed. He was strongly urged to accept another term, but declined, in order to afford others an opportunity for advancement.

He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209; filled the several offices, including that of High Priest. In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite he is Sovereign Grand Inspector-General of the 33d degree; was Thrice Potent Grand Master of the Lodge of Perfection; he also held office in the other bodies.

Bro. Dean was born in Franklin, New London County, Conn., Nov. 23, 1850. He received an academic education at the Norwich Free Academy, and commenced his business career with the Norwich Insurance Co., with which he remained from 1869 to 1871. In April, 1874, he became connected with the Queen Insurance Co., of England, with which he still holds a responsible and important position.

WOR. P. O. ANDERSON,

PAST MASTER OF AURORA GRATA LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Anderson presided over the officers of Aurora Grata Lodge during one of the most eventful periods in the history of Masonry in the Third Masonic District. Appeals were made to every Lodge in the District during 1886, to pay their per capita tax of the Hall and Asylum Fund debt, and Wor. Bro. Anderson made strenuous efforts to accomplish his part of the work, the result of which is shown by the records. All his work displayed good executive ability and a thorough knowledge of the ritual. He was raised in this Lodge by Wor. Bro. White, in March, 1880. He served as Senior Master of Ceremonies, Junior Deacon; Treasurer, in 1882; Junior Warden, in 1883; Senior Warden, in 1885, and Master, in 1886. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209; but his whole time and attention was devoted to Symbolic Masonry; he is a member of the Northwestern Masonic Assurance Association.

Bro. Anderson was born in Brooklyn, Feb'y 3, 1839. He was educated at private school, and was engaged for a time in the baking business. He subsequently obtained a position as port steward with the Old Dominion Steamship Company, which he held for upwards of eighteen years.

WOR. CHARLES S. BARKER,

SENIOR WARDEN AND ACTING MASTER, 1888, AND MASTER-ELECT
FOR 1889.

Wor. Bro. Barker has been especially active and conspicuous in numerous benevolent and charitable works for several years past, and his connection with Aurora Grata Lodge has been marked by that zeal and earnestness which has characterized his connection with other benevolent institutions. He was initiated, passed and raised in Aurora Grata Lodge, receiving his Third Degree May 28, 1884; he was Junior Warden in 1887, and elected Senior Warden for 1888, but owing to the absence of the Master since June of this year he has filled that position. At the annual election held December 11th, 1888, he was unanimously elected Master for 1889, and on January 8th following he was regularly installed by Rt. Wor. John W. Vrooman, Deputy Grand Master of Masons, State of New York, assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. E. W. Sherer, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., State of New York.

He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 209, was advanced to the 14th degree in Aurora Grata Lodge of Perfection, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He took his degrees in Nassau Lodge, I. O. O. F., for the purpose of organizing Stella Lodge No. 200, of which he is Past Grand. He is also Past Chief Patriarch of Fidelity Encampment; he was also a charter member of Franklin Degree Lodge, I. O. O. F., and is at present a member of Fulton Council No. 299, R. A.

Bro. Barker was born in New York city, February 27, 1842. Owing to the removal of his parents to New Rochelle, he had no other schooling than that of the district school. He had not attained his majority at the breaking out of the war, and on Aug. 22, 1862, he enlisted as private in B Company, 133d Regiment N. Y. Vols. He accompanied Banks' expedition to Louisiana, and participated in nearly all of the important engagements of that campaign—notably, those of Camp Bisland, Irish Bend, both battles of Port Hudson, May 27th and June 14th. In the latter engagement his Company went in with sixty-eight men, rank and file, and came out with only twenty-three, including the wounded; he was among the fortunate ones who escaped unharmed. He was subsequently sent to Sabine Pass with the remainder of his company, where he was taken sick and confined to the hospital; he was twice promoted, but preferred to return to the ranks; he was honorably discharged Aug. 16, 1865. At the close of the war he engaged in the insurance, also in the baking, business both of which he carried on for some years; he sold out the latter, and has since carried on a successful insurance business.

ALFRED W. SCHURIG,

JUNIOR DEACON (1888) AND JUNIOR WARDEN-ELECT (1889).

Bro. Schurig is a bright intelligent young Craftsman, who has fairly earned the honor and distinction recently conferred upon him by his zeal and attention to the work. When he entered this Lodge in 1884 he became deeply impressed with the beauties of Symbolic Masonry and was earnest in his efforts to become proficient in the use of the working tools as well as of the ritual. He served one year as Steward, one as Senior Master of Ceremonies; was Junior Deacon in 1888, and at the annual election in December of that year elected Junior Warden for 1889. He continued his journey in search of further light, and was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Orient Chapter No. 138, in which he has served as Royal Arch Captain and Master of the 3d Veil.

Bro. Schurig is a son of the gallant Lieut.-Colonel of the 14th Regiment, who lost an arm while fighting the battles of his country. Bro. Schurig is a worthy son of an honored sire; he was born in Brooklyn, August 30th, 1861, an eventful year. He received a good public school and academic education. He commenced life as clerk in the insurance business. He received an appointment in the Brooklyn Post Office in 1879, and at present holds a position as clerk.

SAMUEL BRADLEE, SECRETARY.

It is only recently that Bro. Bradlee has been called to take an active part in the work of the Lodge, although for more than seven years he has been steadfast and earnest in its support, and a regular attendant at its stated Communications. He received his E. A. degree, Oct. 12, 1881; F. C., Nov. 23, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason December 8th following; he served one year as Junior Steward, and at the annual election in December, 1887, was elected Secretary to serve for the ensuing year. In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite received his 32d degree through the several bodies, and served as Secretary of the Lodge of Perfection.

HISTORY OF COVENANT LODGE NO. 758.

The large increase in the membership of Commonwealth Lodge No. 409, necessitated the organization of a new Lodge, and in 1875 over seventy brethren withdrew for this purpose, among whom was Wor. Bro. Lester W. Beasley, who had served three terms as Master of Commonwealth Lodge.

The first meeting of these brethren for the erection of a new Lodge was held Sept. 29, 1874, in Anglo-Saxon Lodge room, corner of Montague and Court streets. Several preliminary meetings were held, and October 14, 1874, after considerable discussion, the name of Covenant was adopted. The Petition was forwarded to the Grand Lodge Sept. 29, 1874, signed by 82 brethren, mostly from Commonwealth Lodge; of this number only 77 qualified and became charter members. The Dispensation was granted Nov. 19, 1874, by Most Wor. Elwood E. Thorne, Grand Master, and the first regular communication U. D. was held Dec. 2, 1874, at Commonwealth Lodge rooms, No. 317 Washington street. Right Wor. Henry S. Knapp presided on this occasion, and presented the Dispensation. There were also present Rt. Wor. Bro. Couch and other prominent brethren. The officers elected and appointed were Wor. Lester W. Beasley, Master; George B. Elmore, Senior Warden; Monroe B. Washburn, Junior Warden; Frank G. Miller, Treasurer; Frederick Walker, Secretary; J. W. Reid, Senior Deacon; Chas. W. Bedell, Junior Deacon; Eugene G. Judd, S. M. C.; W. H. Stringer, J. M. C.; Geo. Reock, Tiler.

The first candidate proposed for initiation and membership was Thomas Watson. Rt. Wor. Geo. H. Raymond, Grand Lecturer, visited the Lodge on December 9th, and exemplified the work.

The first death in the Lodge was that of Bro. Isaac S. Bourne, a police captain, who was killed on December 20th by the accidental discharge of a pistol in the hand of a policeman.

On Dec. 30, 1874, the E. A. degree was conferred on Messrs. Hamilton S. Smith, James Heckler and Thomas Watson, these being the first initiated.

On June 9, 1875, the Lodge was duly constituted and instituted by virtue of a warrant issued same date by Most Wor. Elwood E. Thorne, Grand Master, and the officers installed by the Grand Lodge, represented by Most Wor. Elwood E. Thorne, G. M.; Wor. Zachariah Dedrich, Grand Senior Warden; Rt. Wor. Geo. Raymond, Grand Junior Warden; Most Wor. John W. Simons, Grand Treasurer; Rt. Wor. J. M. Austin, Grand Secretary; Wor. W. M. Post, Grand S. D.; Wor. H. A. Richey, Grand J. D. The Warrant was read by the Grand Secretary,

when the following officers were duly installed: Wor. Lester W. Beasley, Master; G. B. Elmore, Senior Warden; M. B. Washburn, Junior Warden; Frank G. Miller, Treasurer; Fred. Walker, Secretary; John W. Reid, S. D.; Chas. W. Bedell, J. D.; John P. Wall, S. M. C.; W. H. Stringer, J. M. C.

The first and second years were fairly prosperous. At the close of 1877 the membership had increased to 115; the total receipts that year were \$890.25. In 1878 there were four added by initiation. In addition to the amount given for their own worthy distressed, the Lodge gave \$117 to the yellow fever sufferers in the South during the great epidemic of that year, the largest amount given by any Lodge in this District. In 1879 there were 8 additions to the membership, and the total receipts were \$878.53.

On Dec. 3, 1884, Most Wor. Robert Morris, Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky, visited the Lodge, and read a poem, which he inscribed to the Lodge. The original paper was placed on file, and forms a part of the minutes.

On June 17, 1885, the Lodge celebrated its tenth anniversary. There were present on this occasion Most Wor. Bro. J. J. Couch, P. G. M., and a number of other distinguished Brother Masons. The usual exercises were closed with a supper at Dieter's.

While the Lodge has never been financially strong, it has always met its obligations promptly, and provided liberally for its worthy distressed brethren. Of its per capita tax for the payment of the Hall and Asylum Fund debt, \$250 was raised by private subscription, and the balance paid out of the Lodge Treasury.

In April, 1888, Bro. Joseph L. Cooper, of this Lodge, died at St. Augustine, Fla., while sojourning there with his family. Great kindness and attention was shown by his masonic brethren of that place to him and his family, and among those to whom he was specially indebted for acts of kindness was Bro. William Milford Ingraham, Mayor of St. Augustine. Suitable Resolutions were adopted by Covenant Lodge expressive of the deep appreciation of the kindness shown by the members of the order at St. Augustine to the deceased brother and his family; these were spread in full on the minutes of this Lodge, and a copy forwarded to Bro. Ingraham.

With the exception of a brief period of meeting at 40 Court street, the Lodge has continued to meet at its present location in Commonwealth Lodge Rooms, No. 317 Washington street. Its present membership in good standing is 110.

Wor. Bro. Lester W. Beasley, who is justly styled the father of this Lodge, is still a regular attendant, and takes the same active interest in the work as when he first started it on its mission of benevolence, love and charity.

LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF COVENANT LODGE NO. 758, FROM
1874 TO 1888, INCLUSIVE.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.—Wor. Lester W. Beasley, 1874-5-6; Monroe B. Washburn, 1877-8; John W. Reid, 1879-80; Frederick Walker, 1881-2; George B. Elmore, 1883-4; Lester W. Beasley, 1885; W. H. Hinckley, 1886; Chas. N. Elliott, 1887; Edward W. Cooper, 1888.

SENIOR WARDEN.—George B. Elmore, 1874-5-6; John P. Wall, 1877; John W. Reid, 1878; Fred. Walker, 1879-80; John P. Wall, 1881; W. H. Hinckley, 1882; C. H. K. Smith, 1883-4; Chas. N. Elliott, 1885-6; Edward W. Cooper, 1887; Fred. Walker, 1888.

JUNIOR WARDEN.—M. B. Washburn, 1874-5-6; Wm. H. Stringer, 1877; Fred. Walker, 1878; T. H. Morrison, 1879; W. H. Hinckley, 1880; Chas. H. L. Zellinsky, 1881; Geo. C. Ridley, 1882; Jas. W. Dean, 1883; Chas. N. Elliott, 1884; James Shultis, 1885; W. C. Woolsack, 1886; William K. Voorhees, 1887-8.

TREASURER.—Frank G. Miller, 1874 to 1888, inclusive.

SECRETARY.—Frederick Walker, 1874-5-6-7; John P. Wall, 1878; Ed. W. Cooper, 1879-80-81-82; Edgar D. Davis, 1883 to 1888, inclusive.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

Several personal sketches of Past Masters and other officers were written and sent to the several parties for approval, but never returned, hence their omission. Among these was Wor. Bro. Beasley; this brief sketch which appears of the latter was taken from the minutes.

WOR. LESTER W. BEASLEY,

PAST MASTER OF COMMONWEALTH LODGE NO. 409; PAST
MASTER OF COVENANT LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Beasley is known as the Father of Covenant Lodge; he has also received distinguished honors from Commonwealth Lodge, as well as from the Fraternity of the Third Masonic District. He was raised in Commonwealth Lodge No. 409, in 1858; he served as Junior Warden in 1863; Senior

Warden in 1864, and Master in 1865-6-7-8, and again in 1872. He was presented by the brethren of that Lodge, at different times, with a Past Master's Jewel, a gold watch and a large easy chair. He withdrew from Commonwealth in 1874 and assisted in organizing Covenant Lodge, of which he was Master in 1874-5-6, and again in 1885. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Orient Chapter No. 138. He is also President of the Past Master's Association of Brooklyn.

Bro. Beasley was born at Riverhead, L. I., Nov. 15, 1834, and has been a resident of Brooklyn since 1850. He has been for several years past engaged in the harbor transportation business.

WOR. CHARLES N. ELLIOTT,

PAST MASTER OF COVENANT LODGE.

The brethren of Covenant Lodge have on several occasions expressed their confidence in Wor. Bro. Elliott as a Mason and in his skill as a Craftsman by placing him in the most honorable and responsible positions in the Lodge. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1880, and has been continuously in office since the first year of his entrance into the Lodge. He was first appointed Junior Deacon; served as Senior Deacon for two successive terms, in which he displayed great ability in, and close study of, the work connected with the Middle Chamber. He was Junior Warden in 1884; Senior Warden in 1885; acting Master in 1886, and Master in 1887. During the two years of his administration he gave his hearty co-operation to the work of raising the requisite amount of the Lodge to meet its per capita tax for the Hall and Asylum Fund debt.

Though a native of the South, Bro. Elliott is a descendant of the Rev. Mr. Eliot, the great apostle to the indians during the early part of the seventeenth century. Bro. Elliott was born in Eutaw, Ala., on January 15, 1849, and in early life removed to Connecticut, where he was placed under the care of his grandfather. He was educated at Hudson River Institute in the town of Claverick, N. Y. After completing his education he came to New York and obtained a position in the flour brokerage business. He was afterwards connected with a wholesale oil and paint house, but for several years past has followed the occupation of *City Weigher*. He became a resident of Brooklyn in 1868, and was married in 1874 to Miss Margaretta F. Gordon, of New York. They have one child living.

WOR. THOMAS H. MORRISON,

PAST MASTER OF LAWRENCE LODGE No. 6, OF LAWRENCE,
KANSAS; AFFILIATE OF COVENANT LODGE.

While Wor. Bro. Morrison is only an affiliate of Covenant Lodge, his interest in its success and prosperity is fully equal to that of any other member. He came to this Lodge more than ten years ago, with a ripe experience and a thorough familiarity with the work; he was accorded a hearty welcome, and at once entered with zeal and enthusiasm upon his new field of labor. He has been a regular attendant at the stated communications of the Lodge, frequently assisting in the work. He was made a Master Mason in Lawrence Lodge No. 6, City of Lawrence, Kansas, Aug. 12, 1871; he passed through the several chairs and served as Master in 1872-73-74; he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Lawrence Chapter No. 4, in which he served as Scribe. In Cryptic Masonry he explored the vaults in Lawrence Council No. 3, R. & S. M.; he was created and dubbed a Sir Knight in De Molay Commandery No. 4, of Lawrence, Kansas, in which he served as Prelate, and was elected Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Kansas in 1873. On becoming a resident of Brooklyn, in 1877, he affiliated with Covenant Lodge, to which he is strongly attached. He "crossed the burning sands" in Mecca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, N. Y., March 30, 1887.

Bro. Morrison was born at Portland, Me., of Scotch-Puritan ancestry, February 5, 1848. On February 12, 1865, being then but seventeen years of age, he enlisted in I Company, 12th Regiment Maine Vols., and served during the remainder of the war in Georgia and South Carolina. He was connected with a mercantile house in Boston until 1870, when he went to Kansas and was employed by the General Government in the survey of the Public Lands. He spent six years of his life in the far West. Soon after his return East he settled in Brooklyn, and engaged in the book and stationery business. In 1880 he was appointed Assistant Weigher in the New York Custom House, and is now in charge of the Weighers' & Gaugers' Bureau of the Surveyor's office. Desiring to renew his old army associations and contribute to the aid and support of his comrades in arms, he joined U. S. Grant Post No. 327, G. A. R., of Brooklyn.

WOR. EDWARD W. COOPER, MASTER OF COVENANT LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Cooper well deserves the honors that he has received from Covenant Lodge, for no brother ever labored more faithfully and industriously to build up and maintain the char-

acter of this Lodge than he has done. Not only has he devoted his time and contributed of his means to support his own Lodge, but has continually kept up that fraternal intercourse with sister Lodges by interchange of visits, and in this way he has made many warm friends in other Lodges. He never pushed himself forward or sounded his own praises, and he had been twenty-one years a Mason before he was called to "come up higher." He was initiated, passed and raised in Commonwealth Lodge No. 409, in 1866, and withdrew from there with a number of others to assist in erecting Covenant Lodge. He served as Secretary in 1879-80-81-82; as Senior Deacon, 1885 and 1886; as Senior Warden in 1887; as Master in 1888, and at the Annual Election in December of this year was *unanimously* re-elected Master. The brethren have great confidence in his ability and integrity, and have given him their hearty support.

Bro. Cooper was born in Sands street, Brooklyn, Oct. 2, 1836; he was educated at public school, and on leaving engaged in the jewelry business with the firm of G. R. Downing & Co., No. 4 Cortlandt street, N. Y. In 1860 he engaged in the grain and produce commission business, and was for many years a member of the N. Y. Produce Exchange. Early in the spring of 1882 Bro. Cooper started for the West Coast of Africa to take charge of a business house located at Lagos, on that coast, and was gone about three years, visiting during that time all points of interest from Monrovia to Gaboon; after his return he made an engagement with his brother, J. W. Cooper, and is now associated with him at 36 Dover street, N. Y.

W. K. VOORHEES, JUNIOR WARDEN.

Bro. Voorhees is a full fledged veteran, entitled to all the honors incident to his position; having served the Craft faithfully for nearly twenty-three years. Though never conspicuous, he has labored both in and out of the Lodge for the advancement of the cause, and has exemplified the teachings of Freemasonry in his daily walk and conversation. He was received into Commonwealth Lodge No. 409 in 1866, in due and ancient form. He was a giver rather than a worker in that Lodge, and labored to the best of his ability in his own quiet way. He withdrew with others in 1872, and assisted in organizing Covenant Lodge. For some years he held no office and was contented to labor as an humble Craftsman. His first appointment was as Senior Master of Ceremonies; he was elected Junior Warden for 1886-7, two terms, and at the Annual Election in December was unanimously elected Senior Warden.

Bro. Voorhees is descended from an old Holland family who were among the early settlers of this locality. He was born at

Flatlands, L. I., May 10, 1838. He received a good common school education, and afterwards obtained a position as clerk with the firm of Bergen & Jewel, in the flour and feed business. He continued from 1856 to 1864, when he started in the same business for himself, and has continued for nearly twenty-five years in the same locality. In his younger days he took quite an interest in military affairs, and joined the 70th Regiment of Cavalry and rose from the ranks through the several grades to that of First Lieutenant, commanding a company. In 1860, during the visit of the Prince of Wales to this country, he turned out with his company (E) as a part of the escort to welcome this illustrious scion of nobility. His whole term of military service covers a period of nine years; he was offered a captaincy, but declined. He was married in 1864 to Miss Jane Van Sicklen, who is also descended from one of the old Holland families; two boys and a girl are the issue of this marriage. He is a member of the Holland Society, composed of the descendants of the early Holland settlers of this country. In the old homestead where he was born, his great grandfather was born in 1725. He is a member of the New York Produce Exchange, also a member of the Fulton Grain & Milling Co., of which he has been Treasurer since its organization, over five years ago.

FRANK G. MILLER, TREASURER.

"It is expected of a man that he be found faithful," but no more faithful servant ever guarded the treasury of a Lodge than Bro. Miller. Had he aspired to a higher position his brethren would gladly have conferred on him the honor. He was brought to Masonic light in Commonwealth Lodge No. 409, in 1863. He was one of the seventy-seven brethren who withdrew in 1872 to organize Covenant Lodge. He was its first Treasurer U. D., and has been annually elected to the same position ever since by the unanimous vote of the Lodge. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Orient Chapter No. 138, but has never given any attention to Capitular Masonry.

He was born in Brooklyn, March 19, 1840, at the old homestead on Strong Place, where his father resided for fifty years, and where he lived for twenty-five years. He has been for thirty years engaged in the watch and jewelry business on Maiden Lane, New York. He was for seven-and-a-half years manager of the New York office of the Waterbury Watch Company. As an evidence of the high esteem and confidence reposed in him by his employers, they kindly offered to send him to Europe on a three months' vacation at a time when his health had become seriously impaired through nervous pros-

tration, due to close confinement and over-work. He did not, however, avail himself of the offer. He remained with the Company until the present year. On October 1, 1888, he was appointed general selling agent of the New York Standard Watch Company. He had a brief military experience during the War of the Rebellion. He enlisted in May, 1862, in Company G, 13th Brooklyn Regiment, for three months; he was on guard duty most of the time at Suffolk, Va. He served eight years in the old volunteer fire department as Treasurer of Engine Company No. 22; he is now a member of the Veteran Firemen's Association.

EDGAR D. DAVIS, SECRETARY.

Bro. Davis has been an active laborer in the cause of benevolence and charity for the past ten years, and during that period has exerted his influence and devoted his time to promote the objects of the Fraternity. He was brought to Masonic light in Vermont Lodge No. 18, of Windsor, Vt., in March, 1878; he affiliated with Covenant Lodge in December, 1881; in May, 1882, he was appointed to fill an unexpired term as Secretary, and at the Annual Communication in December following, he was regularly elected to that position, which he has since continued to fill with honor and credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction to his brethren. He ascended to the 32d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite (Cerneau) and is a member of Brooklyn Consistory No. 24. He was Grand Engineer and Architect of the Consistory, and was recently elected Minister of State and Grand Orator; he is Most Excellent and Perfect Knight Senior Warden of Rose Croix Chapter; Most Enlightened Senior Grand Warden in the Council Princes of Jerusalem, and Grand Master of Ceremonies Lodge of Perfection.

Bro. Davis was born in North Springfield, Vt., Sept. 5, 1856; he attended public school and received an academic education at Northfield, Vt. He subsequently removed with his parents to Brooklyn, where he completed his education. He has been for some years past connected with the printing department of the *Brooklyn Eagle*. Married, 1882, Miss Nettie E., daughter of Geo. W. Davis, a member of Covenant Lodge.

THEODORE M. LE BEAU, JUNIOR WARDEN ELECT.

Bro. Le Beau has been more highly honored than any of his brethren of this Lodge. He received his Master Mason's degree in May, 1888, and at the annual election following was

taken from the floor and elected Junior Warden to serve for 1889; the intervening time, however, had been judiciously used to acquire a thorough knowledge of the symbolic teachings of Masonry, and to perfect himself in the ritual, so that he had little difficulty in qualifying for his present position. With a laudable ambition and an earnest desire for further light in Masonry, he recently entered the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and was made Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32d degree. He is also a member of Progressive Lodge No. 21, Knights of Pythias. Is also a member of the Order of Iron Hall.

Bro. Le Beau is a descendant of one of the old Huguenot families who fled from the South of France to Germany after the edict of Nantes. His family still adhere to the faith of his fathers, and have been noted for their firm adherence to the cause of truth, liberty, and justice. His father came to this country about 1842, and settled in Brooklyn, where the subject of this sketch was born, July 11, 1858. Young Le Beau was duly prepared and entered St. Lawrence College at Fon du Lac Co., Wis.; he completed his studies at St. John's College, Brooklyn. After three or four years experience in the marble and slate business, he went to New Mexico, where he was employed in a large banking house; he subsequently spent two or three years in traveling for the New Mexico Printing Co., of Santa Fe. After the death of his father he returned to Brooklyn and engaged in the real estate business. Full of enterprise and energy his efforts were successful. With a natural taste for music, he has had abundant opportunity to gratify it. He has been for a long time a member of the Germania Schutzen Bund, 4th Battalion; also of the Concordia Singing Society.

HISTORY OF MINERVA LODGE NO. 792.

Free Masons use the statue of Minerva, or open temples with her statue therein, as symbols of wisdom. Mythology teaches us that Jupiter opened his skull to bear Minerva, for this reason she is the symbol of all thoughts that are formed in the head, and the protectress of the arts and sciences. She is generally represented as a young female in Grecian costume, and has an owl or cock by her side, as a symbol of useful study and watchfulness.

Minerva Lodge is fitly named ; the founders of it were wise in their day and generation ; they were skillful and experienced Craftsmen, three of whom were Past Masters. Wor. Bro. Thomas Marchant, who may be justly styled the Master Builder, was a Past Master of Greenwood Lodge, and one of its most efficient and accomplished workmen. The following is a list of the charter members, twenty-six of whom were from Greenwood Lodge : Wor. Thomas Marchant, Bros. James Thomson, Chas. W. Tandy, Edward N. Narwood, Henry Hayward, Wor. R. F. Mackellar, C. L. R. Fritschler, John F. Tanner, Christian Neilson, George Green, H. J. Hughes, W. J. G. Hudson, Sam'l Martin, Sam'l Moffett, Isaac Galloway, C. K. Buckley, F. F. Gregory, David Gibbons, Louis Reck, J. Goodenough, James Weir, Jr., Thomas Fox, A. Elliot Bacon, J. W. Morrison, Henry Dodson, W. F. Millington, W. Sherman, Joseph N. Smith, J. C. G. Luerssen, George Ketchum, C. A. Willard, J. C. Smith, Joseph H. Truman, J. B. Dowson, W. E. Collins, M. S. Seelman, Joseph Porter, C. E. Dowson, Geo. W. Mitchell, Wor. J. F. Tandy.

The first meeting was held Nov. 16, 1880, at the Assembly Rooms, corner of 19th street and Fifth Avenue. At this communication the sum of \$312 was raised by voluntary contributions. The second communication was held at Templar Hall, No. 476 Fifth Avenue, the present place of meeting. The Petition was indorsed by twenty-one out of the thirty Lodges in the Third Masonic District. The Dispensation was granted January 1, 1887, by Most Wor. Grand Master Frank R. Lawrence, and the first Regular Communication was held at Templar Hall, January 5, 1887. The following were the first elected and appointed officers, viz.: Wor. Thomas Marchant, Master ; Chas. K. Buckley, Senior Warden ; John F. Tanner, Junior Warden ; Chas. W. Tandy, Treasurer ; Henry J. Hughes, Secretary ; Joseph H. Truman, S. D. ; W. J. G. Hudson, J. D. ; Isaac Galloway, S. M. C. ; Edward H. Narwood, J. M. C. ; C. L. Fritschler, Chaplain ; E. R. von Nardoff, Organist ; Henry Hayward, Tiler. At this Communication the Lodge gave a vote of thanks to Wor. Bro. Marchant for his untiring efforts to procure the Dispensation. The adjoining fee was fixed at \$30, affiliation \$5, and annual dues \$5. The first proposition for initiation and membership was Mr. Seth W. Fox.

A Special Communication was held at the Lodge room on June 30, 1887, by order of the Grand Lodge, at which time the Lodge was instituted and the above named officers duly installed. The Grand Lodge was represented by the following officers : Rt. Wor. Theo. A. Taylor, as Grand Master ; Rt. Wor. Wm. Sherer, as D. G. M. ; Rt. Wor. John W. Richardson, as Grand Senior Warden ; Rt. Wor. Rufus T. Griggs, as Grand Junior Warden ; Rt. Wor. J. M. Fuller, as Grand Treasurer ;

Rt. Wor. Sydney F. Walker, as Grand Secretary; Wor. Warren C. Hubbard and Rt. Wor. Fred. H. Wight, Grand Chaplains; Wor. Frank E. Pearsall, Grand S. D.; Wor. John W. Evans, Grand J. D.; Rt. Wor. Henry J. Smith, Wor. James Higgins, Wor. Geo. C. Gill, Wor. John F. Palmer, Grand Stewards; Rt. Wor. E. W. Richardson, Grand Marshal; Wor. John Hoole, Grand Tiler.

The Annual Report, on Dec. 21, 1887, showed a very encouraging state of affairs. The total receipts were \$943.90; the disbursements were \$531.42, leaving a balance on hand of \$312.48. The total number of propositions was 22; initiated, passed and raised, 13; affiliated, 7; elected and initiated, 1; rejected, 1; making a total membership, in good standing, of 60. The same officers were re-elected for 1888.

The Annual Report for 1888 evinces a healthy growth and a very prosperous condition. The total receipts were \$706.25; disbursements, \$508.50; cash in the hands of Treasurer, \$510.23; outstanding dues, \$136.25; making total available assets \$646.48. Number of propositions, 23; initiated, passed and raised, 1; initiated, 11; affiliated, 3; elected, 1; rejected, 1; total membership at the present time, 73.

There is an earnestness of purpose and enthusiasm among the members of this Lodge that is highly commendable, and augurs well for its future growth and prosperity. The Lodge is centrally located in South Brooklyn, in a populous and growing district. Its affairs are well and ably managed, as is shown by the two annual reports, and no element of discord has yet appeared, but peace and harmony prevail, and the brethren are all united in the one good purpose for which the Lodge was organized.

WOR. THOMAS MARCHANT,

PAST MASTER OF GREENWOOD LODGE NO. 569; PRESENT MASTER
MINERVA LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Marchant is said to be one of the most competent and efficient workmen in Speculative Masonry in the Third Masonic District. The successful career that Minerva Lodge has had during its brief existence is due mainly to his efforts, yet he has at all times received the loyal support of his brethren. He was brought to masonic light in Greenwood Lodge in January, 1872. He served as Junior Warden in 1873, as Senior Warden in 1874, and as Master in 1875-6, and again in 1880. In June, 1877, he was presented by the brethren of Greenwood Lodge with an elegant gold watch in recognition of his distin-

guished services and labor of love. He withdrew with a number of brethren in 1887 and erected Minerva Lodge. He was the unanimous choice of his brethren for Master; was so named in the Petition, and installed under the warrant, and is now serving his third term. It is not only his ability as a Craftsman and presiding officer, but his many noble qualities as a man and a brother that endear him to the brethren of Minerva Lodge. He is well known throughout the District, and invariably receives a cordial greeting in his visits to sister Lodges. Bro. Marchant is Sovereign Grand Inspector-General of the 33d degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, connected with Brooklyn Consistory. He is also a member of the Masonic Relief Association.

Bro. Marchant was born in England, April 3, 1834. After completing his education he was employed for a time in a hosiery manufactory. He came to this country in 1856, and soon afterwards obtained a position in Greenwood Cemetery. He was for twenty-seven years assistant superintendent, and for the past four years has been its superintendent. Bro. Marchant is a man of fine physique and manly bearing; dignified in manner, genial, warm-hearted and sympathetic in his nature; honored, respected and beloved by all who know him.

WOR. J. F. TANDY,

PAST MASTER OF CRYSTAL WAVE LODGE No. 638; CHARTER
MEMBER OF MINERVA LODGE.

Wor. Bro. Tandy has been a bright and shining light in the Fraternity for many years, and his singleness of purpose and unselfish devotion to the cause merits the honors he has received from his brethren. His Masonic birth took place in Crystal Wave Lodge No. 638, on April 3d, 1873, he receiving his instructions in Symbolic Masonry from Wor. Bro. Read; he was appointed S. M. C. the same year; was its Treasurer in 1874-5-6; was Junior Warden in 1877; and Master in 1878-9. The result of his efforts was shown in the increased membership, the general prosperity of the Lodge, and the peace and harmony that prevailed. As an evidence that he labored not in vain, the records show that at the close of his second administration the brethren of the Lodge presented him with an elegant gold watch, as a testimonial of their esteem and friendship for him and of their appreciation of his efforts on behalf of Crystal Wave Lodge. Bro. Tandy continued his labors with this Lodge for some years longer, and when, in 1887, it was deemed expedient to organize a new Lodge in the immediate

vicinity of his residence, he withdrew from his alma mater and became one of the founders of Minerva Lodge. While he entered heartily into the new enterprise, he has been unable, owing to the feeble condition of his health, to devote his time and attention to the work. While Master in 1887, Wor. Bro. Tandy initiated, passed and raised his oldest son, William H. Tandy, a bright and interesting youth who has followed closely in the footsteps of his honored sire. Edgar J., a younger son, was raised in Crystal Wave Lodge No. 638, in 1886; subsequently affiliated with Minerva Lodge, and is at present a member of the Finance Committee. Bro. Tandy was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Constellation Chapter No. 109, in 1875, but has had very little time to devote to Capitular Masonry.

Bro. Tandy was born in New York, February 17, 1835. After completing his studies he commenced his business career as clerk with C. T. Cromwell, lawyer, where he remained for five years; then to American Exchange National Bank to 1857; Metropolitan National Bank to 1862, and for more than twenty-five years past he has been chief coin expert in the U. S. Sub-Treasury, of New York City.

JOHN F. TANNER,

JUNIOR WARDEN AND SENIOR WARDEN ELECT, 1889.

Bro. Tanner was the first Junior Warden of Minerva Lodge. He was made a Mason in Greenwood Lodge No. 509, in May, 1875. He assisted the erection of Minerva Lodge, and was named in the Petition as its Junior Warden. He was duly installed under the warrant, continuing until December, 1888, when he was elected Senior Warden.

Bro. Tanner is a native of Brooklyn, born August 26, 1852. He was for ten years clerk in a wooden warehouse in New York. On May 1, 1883, he accepted a position as clerk at Greenwood Cemetery, where he has since continued.

GEORGE W. ARMSTRONG,

SENIOR MASTER OF CEREMONIES.

The occupation of Bro. Armstrong as a worker in metals is a constant reminder of his distinguished predecessor of long ago, the first artificer in metals. Bro. Armstrong was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Minerva Lodge, Under Dispensation, and the teachings of Symbolic Masonry made on his mind a deep and lasting impression. It has not only had a

controlling influence on his outward life, but has awakened an earnest desire in his heart for further light and knowledge. At the Annual Communication in December, 1888, he was appointed Senior Master of Ceremonies for the ensuing year. He will doubtless render a good account of himself in the future, and be called to a higher position.

Bro. Armstrong was born in New York city, September 3, 1859. After arriving at a proper age he was sent to boarding school, where he acquired an education sufficient to fit him for the duties of life. He learned the business of copper and metal puncher, which he has followed for the past twelve years. He has been a resident of Brooklyn since 1877.

ERRATA.

WOR. JOHN McELVERY, page 339.
MASTER OF KINGS COUNTY LODGE.

Was Junior Warden of Cambridge Lodge No. 662, in 1872 ; served one term as Senior Deacon and was Master in 1874-5 ; he affiliated with Kings County Lodge Nov. 12, 1884 ; was Secretary in 1885-6, and elected Master in December, 1887.

W. J. ALLEN, page 420.
CRYSTAL WAVE LODGE,

Should be Senior instead of Junior Warden.

FRANK L. DONALDSON, page 321.

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