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Balloting Paper for the Election of Seven Annuitants.—18th May, 1888.

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The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which is also the Laws the Annual General Meeting of this Branch of the Institution, will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, GREAT QUEEN STREET, LONDON, on Friday, the 18th day of May, 1888, at Twelve o'clock, precisely, for General Business (at which Meeting all Subscribers to this Fund are required to be present), for the ELECTION of SEVEN ANNUITANTS (Four immediate and three deferred); to Elect a Treasurer; and to consider the following Notice of Motion:—

By W. Bro. JAMES A. BIRCH, P.P.G.W., E. Lancs:—  
That the following alterations be made in the rules and regulations:—  
RULE 2.—To leave out the words "for the time being."  
RULE 7.—In place of the words "third Friday in May" to substitute "Monday following last Friday in April."  
RULE 13.—The word "February" to be "January," and the words "May ensuing" to be omitted.  
RULE 35.—The word "June" to be "May."  
RULE 47.—To omit the words "in May."  
RULE 49.—The word "February" to be "January."

The BALLOT will commence immediately the General Business is over, and close at THREE o'clock precisely. JAMES TERRY (V. Patron), P.G.S.B., Secretary.

## MAY 18th, 1888.—A LIST OF THE CANDIDATES—SEVEN—TO BE ELECTED.

Candidate's Name, Residence, and former Occupation of Husband.	When first Married.	Circumstances and Date of Admission of the Candidate.	Number of Years paid for by G. Lodge Editors.
<b>EIGHTH APPLICATION.</b>			
1. COPLAND, Charlotte, of Cranberry Yard, New Alford, Wiltshire, Widow of Joseph Copland, late Solicitor's Clerk.	18th March, 1858.	Married 9th March, 1858. Husband died 29th May, 1876. He was initiated in No. 588, Sleaford, 4th March, 1858, and paid 18 years. By the death of her husband she was left without means of support. She is in delicate health; has one daughter dependent on her.	19
2. HIGGINS, Sarah, of No. 1, Police Quarter, Old London, late Widow of R. H. Higgins, late Freeman in Public Service.	15th Aug. 1815.	Married 27th April, 1815. Husband died 2nd May, 1880. He was initiated in No. 780, New Bridge, 27th May, 1814, and paid 12 1/2 years. Through the death of her husband, who was invalid for 10 years, is left quite unprovided for.	12 1/2
<b>SIXTH APPLICATION.</b>			
3. TIMMS, Susan, of 24, Brookside Road, London, N. 11, late Widow of John Frederick Timms, late Photographer.	1st Dec. 1848.	Married 1st July, 1848. Husband died 2nd July, 1882. He was initiated in No. 73, London, 15th September, 1858, and paid 10 1/2 years. He was a Life Governor of the three London Lodges; upon the death of her husband she was left without means of support. Entirely dependent upon her children.	10 1/2
4. LOVLOCK, Louisa, of 121, New Woolwich Road, E. London, Widow of James Lovlock, late Master of Beer.	27th June, 1821.	Married 27th April, 1821. Husband died 14th November, 1876. He was initiated in No. 553, Southampton, 19th March, 1856, and paid 20 years. Has not adequate means of support, having lost a small beer trade, the takings of which are insufficient to defray current expenses.	20
5. HEPPEL, Mary, of 22, Aytoun Road, New Alford, Wiltshire, Widow of Thomas Leonard Hoppel, late Tavern Keeper.	7th July, 1815.	Married 7th November, 1815. Husband died 15th June, 1874. He was initiated in No. 87, London, 8th October, 1851, and paid 14 1/2 years. Was left without means. Since the death of her husband she has been in service, but, through failing health, is unable to continue her occupation.	14 1/2
6. GREENWOOD, Ellen, of 10, St. George's Lane, Clithering, Cheshire, late Widow of Thomas Mitchell Greenwood, late Schoolmaster.	1st Dec. 1815.	Married 21st July, 1815. Husband died 27th January, 1850. He was initiated in No. 128, Bursley, 6th August, 1827, and paid 15 1/2 years. Is quite helpless and unable to follow any employment; dependent upon her son-in-law.	15 1/2
7. COOLEY, Elizabeth, of 10, Park Road, W. London, Widow of Alfred Cooley, late Wine Merchant.	21st Dec. 1843.	Married 21st September, 1843. Husband died 25th August, 1882. He was initiated in No. 184, Old Brompton, 13th February, 1855, and paid to December, 1863. Joined No. 20, Chatham, 10th March, 1867, and paid to December, 1867. Joined No. 1,449, Canterbury, 16th November, 1874, and paid to June, 1881, P.P.G.W. Kent. He was a Life Governor of this Institution. As his death she was left quite unprovided for, and her family are not in a position to assist her.	20
<b>FIFTH APPLICATION.</b>			
8. HENNA, Mary, of 8, St. Paul's Road, New Alford, Wiltshire, late Widow of James Henna, late Metal Worker.	24th July, 1814.	Married 9th October, 1813. Husband died 15th November, 1882. He was initiated in No. 154, Old Brompton, 12th June, 1856, and paid 18 1/2 years. Joined No. 1,050, Rochester, 23rd February, 1871, and paid 4 years. P. Prov. G. Sept. Works, Kent. Is entirely destitute. Occupying a house at present rent free, but may have to leave as any time. Husband was Governor of the Dore School.	21
9. SALISBURY, Jane, of 12, South Street, Whitehaven, late Widow of James M. Salisbury, late Flax Dresser.	18th Jan. 1821.	Married 27th September, 1821. Husband died 20th April, 1883. He was initiated in Ireland. Joined No. 872, Whitehaven, 16th February, 1863, and paid 19 1/2 years. Is engaged as an office keeper, but pay not sufficient to maintain her. He was an Annuitant on the Funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Since the death of her husband has been in receipt of half the Annuity allowed him in accordance with the Laws, which has now ceased.	19 1/2
10. BROWN, Elizabeth Bernolde, of Burton Cottage, Skelton, late Widow of George Jackson, late Farmer.	1st Aug. 1825.	Married 25th September, 1825. Husband died 22nd May, 1881. He was initiated in No. 272, Boston, 12th December, 1849, and paid to December, 1870. Joined No. 535, Boston, 18th Oct. 1850, and paid 29 years. In failing health and quite destitute. Now dependent upon friends.	41
11. FORD, Mary Ann, of Vale Cottage, Arbroath, late Widow of Thomas Ford, late Licensed Victualler.	2nd Dec. 1814.	Married 13th September, 1814. Husband died 2nd October, 1859. He was initiated in No. 771, Wincoburgh, 9th February, 1864, and paid 18 years. He was a Life Subscriber to the Masonic Girls' School, and was an Annuitant on the Funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Since the death of her husband she has been in receipt of half the Annuity allowed him, in accordance with the Laws, which has now ceased.	18
12. MANNINGTON, Elizabeth Ackman, of 6, Park Terrace, Ferndown, late Widow of John Mannington, late Commercial Traveller.	5th April, 1821.	Married 15th November, 1819. Husband died 23rd September, 1881. He was initiated in No. 204, Manchester, 19th January, 1865, and paid to March, 1869. Rejoined 9th January, 1878, and paid to September, 1881. He was an Annuitant on the Funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Since the death of her husband she has been in receipt of half the Annuity allowed him, in accordance with the Laws, which has now ceased.	7
<b>FOURTH APPLICATION.</b>			
13. WHITE, Mary, of 115, Toronto Road, Barking, late Widow of George White, late Metal Keeper.	26th March, 1823.	Married 5th March, 1816. Husband died 26th January, 1867. P.P.G.D. Havt and Isle of Wight. He was initiated in No. 175, Ryde, Isle of Wight, 10th December, 1843, and paid to December, 1864. Joined No. 551, Ventnor, 6th February, 1851, and paid 2 years. Through the death of her husband (by accident) she was left totally unprovided for, and unable to earn enough for her maintenance.	23
14. COLES, Emma, of 64, Bath Street, Gravesend, late Widow of William Coles, late Confectioner.	23rd Dec. 1818.	Married 29th April, 1814. Husband died 22nd March, 1863. He was initiated in No. 77, Gravesend, 21st May, 1839, and paid to September, 1842. Rejoined in 1844, and paid to June, 1861. Joined No. 485, Gravesham, March, 1842, and paid to June, 1862. P.P.G.D. Kent. Partly dependent on one son, who is only able to render small assistance.	40 1/2
15. VILE, Maria, of 12, Upper Fulbourn, Upper Richmond Road, late Widow of William Henry Vile, late Tailor.	By proof 67 yrs. of age.	Married 17th August, 1818. Husband died 13th June, 1882. He was initiated in No. 872, Canterbury, 2nd October, 1871, and paid to June, 1881. Through the death of her husband she was left unprovided for. Is in delicate health, and unable to obtain the means of livelihood.	10
16. HASKINS, Emily E., of 85, Colchester Road, North Kensington, late Widow of William B. Haskins, late Tailor.	26th Sept. 1822.	Married 8th June, 1820. Husband died 20th February, 1873. He was initiated in No. 144, London, 5th April, 1858, and paid to September, 1870. Joined No. 820, London, 19th April, 1860, and paid 4 years. Through inability to work has no means of support. One child, through defective vision, dependent upon her. Is assisted by eldest daughter.	14
17. HARTLEY, Isabella, of West Field, near Workington, Cumberland, late Widow of John Hartley, late Foreman in Shipbuilding.	6th May, 1821.	Married 15th April, 1816. Husband died 18th October, 1884. He was initiated in No. 373, Westport, 12th January, 1847, and paid 2 years. Joined No. 502, Workington, 12th November, 1872, and paid to September, 1883. Has no means of support. Dependent upon a son.	21
18. BAKER, Ann E., of 83, Park Street, Camden Town, late Widow of Joseph Baker, late Musician.	By proof 67 yrs. of age.	Married 19th July, 1842. Husband died 10th March, 1883. He was initiated in No. 28, London, 16th January, 1862, and paid 26 years. Left totally unprovided for at the death of her husband.	26
19. WESTON, Julia, of 17, St. Peter's Square, Manchester, late Widow of Thomas Richard Weston, late Hotel Proprietor.	9th January, 1820.	Married 27th February, 1822. Husband died 26th October, 1888. He was initiated in No. 487, Portsmouth, 16th March, 1853, and paid to December, 1868. Without means of support. Assisted by friends.	16
<b>THIRD APPLICATION.</b>			
20. WATSON, Mary Bryne, of 155, Salisbury Road, Everton, late Widow of Robert Y. Watson, late Marine.	1st April, 1820.	Married 22nd August, 1821. Husband lost at sea, December, 1824. He was initiated in No. 211, Liverpool, 29th March, 1853, and paid to June, 1854. Through a business failure some years ago she had nothing but her husband's wages to live upon; and, in consequence of his death, is now entirely destitute. Through inability is incapable of earning her livelihood.	24 1/2
21. FOOT, Mary Ann, of 2, New Street, Plymouth, late Widow of James Foot, late Carpenter and Builder.	29th April, 1827.	Married 4th November, 1818. Husband died 24th May, 1874. He was initiated in No. 159, Plymouth, 29th December, 1859, and paid to December, 1873. Left without means. She has three children, and gets her living by charring.	14 1/2



18th MAY, 1888.—LIST OF CANDIDATES—SEVEN—TO BE ELECTED.

Table with columns: Candidate's Name, Residence and former Occupation of Husband, When Born or Baptized, Circumstances and date of Admission of the Candidate, and Number of Years paid as by Lodge Returns. The table is divided into sections: THIRD APPLICATION, SECOND APPLICATION, and FIRST APPLICATION. Each entry includes a candidate number, name, address, and a detailed account of their marital history and financial situation.

The following are the Names of the Widows who were Elected Annuitants, at the Annual General Meeting on the 30th May, 1887, from a List of 77 Candidates:—

Table listing the names and votes of widows elected as annuitants. It is organized into four columns, each headed with a name (e.g., Mrs. Mary A. Bennett, Mrs. Mary Ann Bird, Mrs. Margaret Perrett, Mrs. Matilda C. Jones) and listing their respective vote counts.

The Candidates marked thus (\*) were elected to fill vacancies caused by death after the Voting Papers were issued.

All applications to be admitted Candidates on this Institution must be forwarded to the Secretary on or before the 1st day of January in each year; but no applications will be attended to unless on the Printed Form, which can be obtained of the Secretary.

Copies of the Laws and List of Subscribers will be forwarded to any Brother upon remitting the amount of Postage.



This Half-Sheet only need be presented at the Poll.

# TWO VOTES

FOR THE

## ELECTION OF SEVEN ANNUITANTS

(Of whom Four will be immediate Annuitants, and Three as vacancies occur after the Election),

### AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELDEN AT

FREEMASONS' HALL, GREAT QUEEN STREET, LONDON,

On FRIDAY, 18th May, 1888.

The Election will commence at 1 o'clock, or after the usual business is concluded and close at 3 o'clock precisely. No Votes will be recorded after that hour.

\*.\* Subscribers having one Vote can only give the same to any one Candidate; but having more than one Vote can give the whole to any one Candidate, or divide them at pleasure, taking care not to exceed the number of Votes prescribed.

Eight Application.	Votes.	Third Application—continued.	Votes.	Fifth Application—continued.	Votes.
1. Copeland, Charlotte		22. Ison, Elizabeth		45. Truslow, Fanny Sarah	
2. Riggsford, Sarah		23. Russell, Olivia		46. Wilson, Fanny Elizabeth	
Sixth Application.		24. Thomas, Minna Amelia		47. Wilson, Mary Anne	
3. Timms, Susan		25. Thomas, Elizabeth		48. Vane, Alice	
4. Lovelock, Louisa		Second Application.		49. Wilson, Fanny	
5. Heppel, Mary		26. Newton, Mary Ann		50. Harding, Selma	
6. Greenwood, Helen		27. Read, Emma		51. Rust, Jane Mary Ann	
7. Cooley, Elizabeth L.		28. Olive, Elizabeth		52. Burfield, Anne	
Seventh Application.		29. Worley, Georgiana Sarah		53. Jones, Fanny Sarah	
8. Rodman, Mary		30. Munro, Eliza		54. Jones, Elizabeth	
9. Salisbury, Jane		31. Cowell, Nancy		55. Jones, Esther	
10. Jackson, Elizabeth Reynolds		32. Mahomed, Anna Matron		56. West, Elizabeth	
11. Ford, Mary Ann		33. Taylor, Maria Harriett		57. Cooks, Ann	
12. Mannington, Eliza Atkinson		First Application.		58. Green, Mary Ann	
Fourth Application.		34. Thomson, Rebecca		59. Harrison, Mary Ann	
13. White, Mary		35. Ramsby, Alice		60. Moss, Susan	
14. Coles, Emma		36. Griffiths, Anna Maria		61. Faulkner, Catherine Ann	
15. Vile, Maria		37. Lemon, Charles		62. Sheppards, Caroline Jane	
16. Hawkins, Emily E.		38. Wright, Mary E.		63. Godtschalk, Clara	
17. Hartley, Isabella		39. Franklyn, Mary Every		64. Parsons, Margaret	
18. Baker, Ann E.		40. Milnes, Elizabeth			
19. Weston, Julia		41. Bell, Ann			
Third Application.		42. Henshall, Sarah			
20. Young, Mary B.		43. Page, Hesse			
21. Fox, Mary A.		44. Cooks, Mary			

All Votes polled for unsuccessful Candidates are carried forward to ensuing Elections.

Unless the following directions be strictly complied with, the Votes cannot be received.

#### DIRECTIONS FOR VOTING.

The Voter must fill in against the names of those he votes for, upon the right-hand side, the number of Votes intended to be given.

I desire to Vote for the Candidates against whose names I have inserted the figures above.

W. H. Tallor Name.

N.B.—If the permanent address be altered (and only in that case) it is requested it may be written on the other side.

This Polling Paper must be preserved and delivered at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, before THREE o'clock on the Day of ELECTION, 18th MAY, 1888. None but the one officially issued can be accepted.

Should any Polling Paper pass which afterwards is found to be improperly filled up or not signed, the same will be rejected by the Scrutineers on casting up the Votes.

Donations and Subscriptions will be thankfully received by the Secretary, Mr. James Terry, 4, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.; the Collector, at the Office of the Institution, and the London and Westminster Bank, Limited (Bloomsbury Branch), High Holborn, London.

J. Terry Sec.