

ENTERPRISE LODGE NO. 310, BEACHBURG.

On the 18th of November last, this lodge was consecrated and dedicated to Masonry, by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, Grand Senior Warden, acting for and on behalf of the Grand Master. We are glad to learn that the brethren have obtained and furnished a very neat lodge room, and start on their Masonic work under the most favorable circumstances. The principal officers are W. Bro. Geo. Forbes, W. M.; Bros. Robert Allan, S. W.; James Wigelsword, J. W.; George Surtees, Treasurer; and Henry Wigelsword, Secretary. During the proceedings, R. W. Bro. White delivered the following admirable

ADDRESS.

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

The occasion which brings us together to-day, though of mere local importance to the Craft, may yet be looked upon as a part of that Masonic growth, which is always going on, not only in our own land but in nearly every civilized country on the face of the globe. The rapid progress that Freemasonry has made during this age of high civilization and refinement, shows it to be a science whose principles and practice can appeal successfully to the educated, enlightened and free people of all classes, creeds and countries. But in speaking of Freemasonry it is easy to deal in generalities, and to forget what are the real teachings of those Masonic principles and practices, which we all profess to so much admire. To discuss these subjects at all fully, would occupy more time than I have at my disposal, and require more ability than I possess. I shall therefore content myself with endeavoring briefly to direct your attention to those Masonic principles and duties which you, as officers and members of the lodge we have to-day met to dedicate to Freemasonry, will require continually to keep in view if you would make Enterprise Lodge the unqualified success I sincerely hope it will be.

Beyond all things brethren, keep prominently before you the three great fundamental principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. Let each and all of these be constantly in your hearts and minds, both *in and out of the lodge*, for Masonry is not to be laid aside when you doff your aprons and leave the lodge room, but should be carried with you into all the relations of life, and in your intercourse with the rest of the world as well as with your brother Masons. Brotherly love should teach us not only to hold friendly and fraternal relations with those who share with us the secrets of Masonry, but to extend those feelings to those whom we meet who are not Masons, in short, to live in peace and good will with all mankind. If we are able so to conquer self, as to practice this virtue in its fullest sense, we shall not only be happy ourselves, but shall confer good upon all we meet in our short passage through life. Alas! too few of us are able to achieve such a victory; yet, none the less is it our bounden duty as Masons to remember the teachings of our Order, and strive earnestly to practice that virtue of brotherly love it so plainly puts before us. Of relief or charity it has been well said, that it is one of the most important tenets of Masonry, for though every man is bound by his sense of morality to exercise this virtue, most especially is a Mason taught that to relieve the distressed, aid the unfortunate and solace the afflicted, is his highest duty and his greatest privilege. Truly relief is the offspring of brotherly love, but many well-meaning members of the Craft improperly believe that their duty as Masons is, simply to relieve brother Masons or those dependent upon them, and having done this they are then at liberty to turn a deaf ear to the pleadings of (if I may use the expression) non-masonic poverty and distress; believe me brethren, nothing can be more directly opposed to the true teachings of the Order. Masonry teaches us from the very moment that we cross its threshold and begin to understand its mystic teachings, in a thousand beautiful ways, that, as Masons, we are to exercise *universal* beneficence and charity, that all the world are our brethren, and none more so than those who need our assistance. Let us remember, that though we as Masons owe to each other certain obligations which we do not owe to others, yet Masonic charity is so broad and cosmopolitan, that it embraces the whole world, and reaches poverty or suffering finds a resting place. Concerning truth, an eminent Masonic writer wherever has said "Masons should not only be true to the brotherhood and the Order, but to all mankind," and that "every Mason should so act as to render it impossible to doubt his truth." And here we find the whole teachings of the Craft. Our first lessons in Freemasonry are to be good, true and charitable, and love one another, and go as we may in its mysteries each mile stone and finger post on the journey is marked with one or other of these lessons. Be true then to one another, and to all mankind. Let hypocrisy and deceit be unknown among you in your intercourse with each other or with the world—above all things be sincere. Brotherly love, relief and truth, may therefore be considered as the whole lesson of Freemasonry, and the intelligent and reasoning Mason cannot attend the communications of the lodge, and watch its work-