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HON. JOHN VROOMAN, TREASURER.

THE election of Hon. John W. Vrooman, of Herkimer, as Treasurer of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association and Chairman of its Executive Committee, and his acceptance of the same, are announcements the *Herald* makes with gladness and regret. It rejoices with Mr. Vrooman's host of friends in the flattering preferment and good fortune that have come to him. Its regret is founded in selfishness, in which a great many people in Utica will unite with all Herkimer; the change takes Mr. Vrooman from central New York, to become a resident of the metropolis.

The magnitude of the trust to which Mr. Vrooman has been called is plainly indicated in the letter from President Harper, apprising the Treasurer-elect of the action of the Directors of the Association. The preferment was unsought, and the action of the Directors doubly underscored the honor. It was a tribute to worth of character, to honest living, honorable action, fidelity in every walk of life, earnestness, sincerity, truth.

John W. Vrooman is about forty-six years of age. His life has been passed in the neighbor-

ing village of Herkimer, where he is everybody's friend and where everybody loves him. He was ten years clerk of the Surrogate Court of Herkimer County, two years Deputy Clerk of the Assembly at Albany, and ten years Clerk of the Senate. For a number of years he was a member of the Republican State Committee, and for eight years Secretary of that Committee. Since leaving the Clerk's desk in the Senate he has been engaged in banking at Herkimer.

Mr. Vrooman's removal to New York and assumption of his enlarged duties will not, as we are assured, interfere with his administration of the office of Grand Master of the Masonic Order of the State of New York. The visitations inaugurated by him will be continued. The routine work of the office will be more conveniently transacted than heretofore, and no congratulations the Treasurer of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association receives will be more cordial and earnest than those which members of the great fraternity which he has served long and faithfully will extend. Those who know him best, masons or non masons, will also extend their felicitations to the Association, on the wisdom it has displayed in selecting a custodian of its funds.—*Utica Herald, Nov. 14, 1890.*

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