

Weymouth, 10th June 1878

Enclosed are list of present
Officers. & suggested changes &
promotion according to merit &
Desir Bro Deputy Secy of the Society

I have one thin book
paper with a copy of
it. I am much obliged
if you will return to me
I will send them to
you -

Yours faithfully
L. J. J. J. J.

was prevented by her suggestion

Ed S. suggests the last of

July, but viz. that in

the time will hardly

be over, & I sh. like

to have some friends

here - wh. I cd not.

do until my business

returned - I have

suggested the early part
of August, or shd that
be inconvenient, September.

Another reason for not
having it in July, was
to that we could not
have it in College Hall

shall be in Worcester
on Saturday shd. you
or the P. of Sec^r wish

Wm me - Will you give
me your advice as regards
promotion or otherwise
in reference to my situation
in England with a view
to my merit from your

liberty me

Your very faithful friend

Wm Jackson

Great South Street -

2
REXHO COURT,
VICTOR OF SEVERN.

Good Friday

1882. (Apr.)

Dear Bro. Mansfield,

I cannot, ever in such
a day, express in words

what I say how

pleased I am to

find that my

efforts, aided by

Col Shadwell (under
kind cooperation, have
resulted in your
Appointment to
Grand Office in
the Grand Lodge
of England - a
Compliment also:

sure
will I feel give the greatest
satisfaction to all
Masons in the Middle
Provinces — may you
live long to enjoy
your well earned
happiness.!

Your very truly,
David H. Colman

ROYAL COURT,
WESTMINSTER

16 Oct 1883

Dear Bro Mansfield,

In reference to the
contents of your letter, I leave
the matter entirely in your
hands. I think it would be
best for you to continue to
act as you have done hitherto.

Yours faithfully & fraternally

Wm W. Beckwith

Wm Mansfield Esq

ROYAL COURT,
 CITY OF SEVERN

April 10th 1882.

Dear B22 Masfield,

I regret that I cannot attend the
 Dudley Chapter on the 18th inst., as I must
 then be in London for a select Committee of
 the House. I enclose a cheque, Value £10/10/0,
 for my dues -

Believe me,

Yours truly & Fraternally,

Edmund Whelton.

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 W. Masfield Esq -

Dudley -

Sept 12th 1881.

Dear Bro Mansfield.

I have been considering the best mode of arranging to have where you & to provide for the future - I have decided that it will be best that I sh^d. hold a P. G. Lodge in Jan^y or early in Feb^y next year - when I sh^d. appoint & wish you success, & I hope also wish Bro Taylor as P. G. Sec^y -

Quoted. at the P. G. Lodge
on Wed. 7. I'm not sure if
you desire to receive
office then. I know
that the P. G. Lodge
desire to take the
departments of P. G.
You the Honour
wh: you so well
deserve of them
how deeply they

value you had served -
Will Law? Bro Taylor
cd. only he acting as
in fact the office was
he meant - as he cd
not of course hold the
office of J. S. W. & G. Sec
at the same time -
I think on the whole this
will be the best solution
of the difficulty - 2

then may be some business
wh: the P.G. L. is in London
wd. we are an opportunity
of business -

Go down to Newbridge

Tuesday (tomorrow eve)

if all be well & sleep at

the Hotel, so as to be

on the spot & ready for

business early on weddy

Your very truly
W. Williams

P.S.

Thurs. your letter

I shall be at the Hall
tomorrow night & ready
to see Mr Taylor
whenever he is early
enough to see —

I hope to see you
both tomorrow

Edw

CARLTON CLUB,

PALL MALL, S.W.

13, Bolton Row

Mayfair W.

10/9/87

Dear Mr Mansfield,

Had you send me one
 line to say what moun-
 ting the P.G. L will ap-
 -rove - I conclude black
 vulture on a pin - &
 scrolls covered by Crap -

Supper on R. G. M. Lodge
• near 3. Cape Howell
on my apron I my
Level covered by Cape
I think the R. G. Lodge
Banner is the one
in proportion tho' has
a stemmer of Cape

The Grand Sec^y thinks the
Wardens in proportion

And bear their Columns,
hence that we can arrange
in ~~quests~~ Wednesday

Believe me

Your very truly & fraternally

Wm. M. DeLamere

Sept. 1. 1851

Dear Mrs. Mansfield
I am much obliged for your
letter - & the Circulars -
Which do you think will
be best for the Province?
That we should induce you
to hold on your office
another year, as you
have so kindly offered
to do - or, that,

Esq: relieve you at once, &
appoint Godson whom
I think you agree is the
best man I ed. select of
those qualified to act -
I rather ~~it~~ incline my
-self to going on as we
are. & relying upon
your finding yourself
able to carry on for
another year, &c.

if you think it wd: be better
in yourself & the Province
that you shd. be relieved
I wd. act as for the best,
& appoint God send this
time -

Believe me
Yours respectfully &
paternally
Jm. M. Hutchinson
pl.

I hope Lady Hutchinsons Confine
ment may take place

soon, it wd be very awkward
if I were prevented attending
P. G. H.

As I cannot offer them
any hospitalities at the
Museum in consequence of
numerous engagements,
I have not wished any
No. of the members this year
but I shd. be glad if we
could secure the attendance
of any B. f. adjoining
Provinces - Can you suggest
any to whom I wd send a
special invitation -

Y^{rs}

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Aug^t 25th 1881

Dear Bro. Mansfield,
I find that in consequence
of my Gardener being
away - & also on account
of the sickly hour of the
General, I shall neither
be able to send a wreath
fr. the Alms, or a poem
London - I shd. have so
much liked to have sent
a last tribute of my

regard for that good man
& Wm. Brothie
It is indeed a pleasure
to me all at the Province
at large. As you
are now I had
formed Taylor, who
think is the person most
fitted to be P. G. Secy,
with his willingness to

serve on the Great of Brothers
Promotion - or resignation -
& I gathered that he was
willing to serve the Province.

You may therefore contact
him with any desire which

may be required pending
the P. G. Lodge - I am
sure he will do anything

to relieve you from any
trouble or responsibility -

I fear that the notice will
be hardly long enough to
enable many
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from a distance to attend the
funeral, but I feel sure that
many will be there to honour
his memory & do my wish
th. be amongst them -

Believe me
Yours truly
W. Hulme

I have sent an announcement
of poor Brother's death to
Bro. W. C. Vernon - Leeds
& Godson

And scantly yet must
the disease must
have been lurking
in his system
I presume
page " 9

Aug. 25th 1881
Wm Hallam

showing with me - & now he is gone -
I am indeed much
The news wh. you letter
brought - but poor fellow
It was for the best - My
disease was an incur-
able one, & he might
have had a lingering
time of pain & weak-
ness - I have sent a

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few words of sympathy
by telegram to his daughter
- to - I have asked the day
of the funeral - under
the circumstances of the
daily speculation of Lady
Devenish's confinement
it will be impossible for
me to be present, wh.
I much regret, or I should cer-
tainly at whatever mean

remembrance, have some done to
Dudley for it - I sh^d however
wish to send a breath of good
on his Coffin wh^o: I sh^d be
~~loze~~ if possible to get one ready,
but unfortunately my Gardener
is away & cannot return till
tomorrow - I think rather
tho' he goes to the N^o of N^o.
that this sh^d appear in
Mason's morning on the
14th & I will put the N^o.
Chaplain a hint about an
allusion to our dear Brother

death in his Sermon - I believe that
he might in pulling the R. G. L.

in mourning on such an occa-
- sion, but I should be glad of your opinion

- in - Taylor is at home by
this time, & wd. at once undertake
any duties - I'm indeed sad

that he shd. not have been

thru'd to receive the Spentan

- tions & a pension of £1000 a

year & the well earned recog-
- nition of his services - he has

indeed lost a valuable & valued
man in the Craft & I do not know

where to find such another - This
time last year he was walking
over the stubble enjoying a days

Aug. 19th 1887

Dear Bro Massey
Many thanks for
your rec^d of the man
-ing - I rec^d at the
same time a letter
from Underhill per
British Acct^y who
corroborates your sad
account of him -

Underhill seems to enter
tain no hope of his
recovery, & the great
- in case only supply
temporary relief -

I quite think with you

it will be best to

leave matters as they

are - and to comb

complete the appointment
of Mr Godson, who next
to poor Newton we
believe be the most
eligible of those qualified
to act —

would send me a
few of the circulars
concerning P. G. L.
could be sufficient
I think — Owing to

Lady Rectmore being away
I sh^d. not be able to ask
any distinguished persons
to the Mydd, unless for
a couple of nights - but
I will try what I can
do - It is unfortunate
that Taylor being away
will now or here have
helped you so efficiently
Believe me
I am, Sir, your
Obedt Servant,
W^m Rectmore

I may say that what I have suggested
is in accordance with the views of 1881
13, BOLTON ROW,
MAYFAIR,
LONDON, W.

Bro Reynolds whom I have
consulted. —

Dear Bro Masfield,

I have heard fr. Bro Bishop
of yr. wish to return to the
office of W. P. G. M.

Should he not lead to relieve
you as far as possible from
the duties if they are
irksome to you, at your
advanced age, but I
feel that your services as
W. P. G. M. have been so
valuable to the Province,

by your reprieve to myself,
that I shd. be glad if possible
to make some arrangements
by wh: you shd. rotate the
Office, without having the
fatigue or responsibility of
writing Lodges &c &c -

I suggest that Bro Bir
row, shd be aided in the
Secretary's work by some
other Brother (say Bro
Taylor, -) that Bro Birrow

shd. undertake such portion
of the duties of the H. P. & the
as you felt yourself unable
to fulfil - he shd. thus
return you, to the great
satisfaction of the Province,
& where no objection to
some extent - Of course
it depends upon whether
Mr Saylor can see his
way to take upon himself
part of the Secretary's
work - or if not whether

some other Brother wd,
take it -

I think, as regards Bro. Giddens
that besides the deficiency
as to his non-attendance
in the Province, he has
hardly practical working
qualifications for the office,
and then as you know I
am a great stickler for the
principle that those who
do the work shd. have the
first claim in promotion.

Believe me
yours truly
E. H. Williams

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July 28th 1881

Dear Brother Masfield -

I hope you will be able
to make up your mind to
retain the Office of D.P.G.M.
for another year, or at least
until he has time or I can
see my way to appoint a
Successor. I may tell you
in strict confidence that my
thoughts are naturally
fixed upon Brother Bristol
& Brother Godson. I myself

have a preference for the
former, for reasons which
you may well understand;
although the latter, is no doubt
specially entitled to consideration.
Brother Godson's non residence
in the Province appears to
be prohibitory, but I consulted
the W. M. upon the subject
and he does not consider
that this would be a
unfavorable objection to
his appointment: At the

same time I think that
Brother Bristow's claims are
paramount, and his active
service in the Province would
be so valuable to me, that
his health permitting I think
I shall probably decide upon
appointing him, but at the
present moment there may
be grave doubts, whether his
health which I am afraid
is really impaired, would not
prevent his attendance

undertaking any fresh duty,
and I much fear that he
will have to relax a great
deal of his present work as
G. Sec^y. Under these circumstances
I am sure you will see it will
be to the advantage of the Province
as well as to the satisfaction of
myself, that you should be
induced to hold on your office
as I have suggested.

In the last Circular of the
Duchess's Hospital sent to me I find
that my Subscription is mentioned
as being due. I think this must
be an error as I have your Receipt
(No 104) for payment of my Subscription
to Christmas 1081. I am
Dear Sir,
D. Brooker, Mansfield
Wm. Trapp, of Mansfield
Edmund M. Lubbert

D. Mansfield Esq
Duchess's Hospital

Aug. No. 4. 1851



Dear Bro Maxfield
 You are aware that I send
 the W. G. M. to Bro
 Bristow. I have wished
 you to let me know whether
 he is capable of undulating
 in it in the hope of his
 health improving—

or whether he ~~is~~ looking
 to the anxiety attending a
 new office & the trouble of

your secretary & partners by
 W. M.

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getting out of an old one,
It wd be better that the
matter shd. stand over
another year in the
hope of his complete recov-
-ery, & that I shd. on the
meantime rely upon y^r
kind offer to retain
offr another year,
or thirdly, whether taking
all the circumstances

with me & I shall be
happy that he shd. give up
any idea of accepting the
D. N. G. M. & continue
in his present office.

The troubles about the
rent lodges might to a
man in delicate health
be worse than the mere
routine work of the Secretary's
office —

In the case of Godson wd. no
doubt accept the office & the
G. Sec^y assures me that the

question with irregular residence
(Wylkison stays at Tebury some
times) and not affect him.

I should be glad if you wd. discuss
the matter with Mr. Andrew
of your own society, being soon

I hear from what his Doctor
told me that his case is
a desperate one, & that
there is no hope of his ultimate
recovery - But I should:

not have felt satisfied to pass
him over, & at the time I
issued him the post, I was not
at all how comparatively
hopeless his recovery was -

August 17th 1881.

Dear Brother Masfield,

I herewith enclose you
 copy of the Printed Circular
 for the P. S. & M. Meeting. I did
 not return it to Brother Bristol
 because he told me he had
 other copies.

I observe the first correction
 in the pressure of the word
 "Firs" - as I see nothing substituted
 I suppose this must have been
 done in error.

I shall be anxious to
 hear the result of the

operations.

Do you think the
question of the appointment
of your successor had better
stand over, in the hope of
Brother Bristol recovering
and being able to undertake
the duties, or would you
advise looking to the
certain doubt of an impossibility
of Brother Bristol being able
to undertake the duties,
that I should at once

appoint Brother Godson.

Am J. Broth. Masfield

Your truly affectionate

Edmund Summers

Masfield Esq

13, Botten Row London

15th March^{W.}

1881



Dear Mrs Deputy Provost, &c.

It is with the deepest regret
that I must ask you to
convey to the Brethren
present at the Meeting
on Monday the fact
of the absolute impossibility
of my presence - I am
upon an important Case



was a group of Scotch Road
-roads - & our number has
been reduced by the illness
of one of its members to a
bare quorum of 3 - Under
these circumstances I
cannot possibly absent
myself from my duties.

I greatly deplore this
circumstance, as I had

looked forward to giving
my personal aid in initiat-
ing a movement which I
felt sure would receive a hearty
response from the whole
Province, so hearty, so general
that not even the obligatory
absence of the Rev. G. M.
on the occasion of the first
meeting, to promote it
can in any degree affect
it - I have taken steps
to gain information as to

the best course to pursue, in
order to organise the matter
thoroughly, which I will ask
you & Bro Taylor, (who
has most kindly expressed
his willingness to undertake
the duties of Secretary should
the Brethren so desire) to
explain to the Meeting -

I trust that your health
may enable you to attend
the Meeting, but should you
unfortunately be prevented
will you kindly forward



This letter to Bro Taylor
 will you also have the
 kindness to put my
 name down in a
 Subscription of £ 10.10

Dear Bro D. P. G. W.

Your truly & faithfully
 Edward Whedon

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For yr. information of your
Lendin a letter of

Bro Taylor. Wh. please

return as yr. concern

— un —

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Private

I will write a letter
to be read to the
meeting

14/3/87.

Dear Bro. Massfield,

I am in a Committee (Railway) /
of the House - an important
group of Scotch Bills -
heavily 4 - & an number
introduced by Lord Rendle -
-thawes (one of our quartette)
Wharf - There is no getting
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leave except for duties
& the business must occupy
in another week. There
is therefore no hope of
my being able to attend
the meetings at Wedder
burne, & I must ask
you to take my place -

that is, if yr health will
permit - I have ^{at present} ~~at present~~
- ~~am~~ ^{am} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~flourished~~ ^{flourished}
wh. will make Taylor
to have all in shape for
a Commencement -
I do not think my
business will affect
the business - but
You may imagine
how deep & sincere

is my regret that on
such an occasion
for such an object, I
cannot be present to
assist as far as I am
able my Brethren in
the initiation of a
matter in wh. I know
they feel so great an
interest. Yrs truly & afly
Edw. M. Redman

13. Bolton Row
Worcester W.



23/2/82.

Dear Bro Maschfield

As you kindly sent me
(after directing it) to Bro
Stokes - I don't know
his exact address or
his name -

I hope you are well -



I suppose I shall know
when you have decided
about disposal of the
Prudhoe Fund —

I think it shd be invested
for the benefit of Miss
Mistow & her sisters
leaving it in the power

of Miss Bristow to deal
with the Capital if she
requires it — I wd. think
be a bad egg in case
of her ~~not-marrying~~ ^{not-marrying} ~~craving~~
Controversy such as
Ulster

Yours truly & gratefully
W. W. Lawrence

Do not I owe you my subscription

the Chapter for this year -

Isid. $\frac{1}{2}$ 1. 1.

It then would have been the Chapter
this year - & the early
half of May is expected.

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70 The Mann House
Whitwell, York
28/11/81

Dear Bro Maxfield,

What is being done with
matter of the Trustees'
fund - I presume the

Album has been provided
to the Faculty & acknowledged

- Sd -

Bro Brown our Friends
thought if we could avoid the
expense of the P.G. & (Special)

instant (arranged),
it wd. be a relief to the
heavily burdened funds.
I shd. be glad to know
what you think. The
question of the expense
shd. have been urged when
the proposition was made.

we have special work to do
and wd. not be well to
postpone it - besides

the 18th are no doubt fully
expecting the summons
wh. shd be issued in the
 ensuing month -

If the Board shd
lend their own, there
need be no expense -
other than the small
payments for printing
Circulars, the Fyers
charges &c - I do not think
it at all necessary to provide
refreshments - There

You sh^d. obtain at their own
expense - There is no need
for a dinner afterwards
either unless there appeared
to be a great wish for one -
but I think it wd. be better
not especially at an inconvenient
time of year -

You are aware of the intention
of the P. G. to present you
with a Part Officers' Band - It
has been represented that
you rec^d. one of the late P. G.
It has been suggested that
you might prefer that the V. G.
sh^d. adopt some other mode of

Jan 9th 1882

Dear Bro Mansfield
 I have sent the album to
 Bro Taylor, as I find that
 with all my engagements,
 there is no chance of
 my being able to present
 it myself - I must
 therefore ask you to do
 so in conjunction with
 Bro Westwood & Bro
 Taylor - & Bro Taylor
 will make arrangements

MS. A. 1. 1. 1.

MS. A. 1. 1. 1.

let you know - I will write
 a letter to Mrs. Weston
 to explain the circumstances
 under wh. I am obliged
 to you for the trouble of
 presenting myself -

Yours respectfully,
 J. M. Peckham

J. M. Peckham

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conveying the intended
 compliments & recognition
 of your services -
 wd. I should be glad
 had your views on the
 points - have been here
 with Lady Katherine for
 change of air for her,
 & business amongst our
 tenants here - I am
 sure to say the York

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farmers have suffered
more than those in Wrotham

Assure that you are
keeping well.

Believe me,

Yours truly & faithfully

W. W. Lockman

he returns to the Allyd
on Wednesday

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15, Bolton Row,

May Fair,

London, W.

August 1 1881

Dear Brother Maschillo

Enclose for your
Kind Criticism, a rough
Sketch of an Inscription
for the Column to be presented
to Brother Bristolow.

May Criticise freely & let
me have your opinion as
to what additions or omissions
you would suggest.

I have suggested that
a record of the Offices he
has filled & the Services

he has rendered should
be inscribed on the
following page & there
would follow a list of
the names of the subscribers

I hope that Brother Taylor
will be able to undertake
(with your assistance) all
the details of the Programme
for Grand Lodge, so as to
relieve Brother Bristol as
far as possible from any
anxiety or trouble on that
score. Should the Presentation

be included in the Agenda?
I conclude that Brother
Bristow will not be present
that consequently the
Testimonial will be sent
to him, but I should suppose
that the Brethren would
expect some ratification
of the subject on the Agenda.

Believe me,

Yours very truly & fraternally
Edw. H. Selmer

W. Masfield Esq:

Dudley

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~~Dear~~ I fear that poor
Bristol's state is desperate.
I heard at Midd^l. B^o
Mayer that he was to be
taken up to London to me
in the Packet - but that
it was only a last chance
His doctors seem to be
very hopeless of anything
being available to save
his life - How sad!

I conclude it is hopeless to think of his
being ever able to be D. P. G. M. &
Godson is therefore the next best, but
I think it is much better that the
matter should stand over if you do not
mind -

Sept 20th 1881

Dear Bro Masfield
I am happy to be able
to report that Lady
Lecturer was safely
convinced with a Boy
early this morning &
both the other Guild
are doing well —
I have this morning rec^d
a copy of the Revolution

for the Brewster family
from Mrs Taylor
will you have the kind
rep to Guay of them
inform them that a
copy of it will be
also inserted in
the Memorial Volume.

Believe me
Yours very truly
W. L. L. L.

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15, Bolton Row,

May Fair, W.,

March 2nd, 1881,

Dear Sir and Brother,

There appears to be a general feeling throughout the Province that the time has arrived when the long and valuable services of the Provincial Grand Secretary should be recognised by the presentation to him of a suitable Testimonial, and I desire to have an opportunity of bringing the object before the notice of the brethren of my Province.

The best means of doing so appears to be to call together the acting Provincial Grand Officers and the Masters and Secretaries of ~~each~~ Lodges.

I have therefore to ask your attendance at a Meeting to be held at the Masonic Club, Kidderminster, on Thursday, the 17th inst., at 3 o'clock.

Should anything prevent your attendance, may I ask you to have the kindness to communicate to me your views upon the subject, in order that they may be submitted to the Meeting.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

E. A. H. LECHMERE,

Provincial Grand Master.

16
13, BOLTON ROW,

MAY FAIR,

LONDON, W.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I have much pleasure in sending for your perusal a Copy of the Resolutions which were unanimously adopted at a Meeting of the acting Provincial Grand Officers, and the Worshipful Masters and Secretaries of the Lodges in the Province, held at Kidderminster, on Thursday last, the 17th inst., at my request.

It was a subject of the deepest regret to me that I was prevented by my duties on an important Committee of the House of Commons from attending this Meeting, and I am anxious to lose no time in reporting to my Brethren what took place, and to invite their hearty co-operation and support to the proposed object. I trust it will be warmly taken up and successfully carried out.

That you may judge of the services which Bro. BRISTOW has rendered to Masonry in the Province of Worcestershire, I append a slight sketch of his Masonic career, and of the offices which he has held; but I would more especially point to his labours on behalf of the Province, and I may add of the Craft in general, in the very faithful and able discharge of his duties as Provincial Grand Secretary for a period of twenty years, and under three successive Provincial Grand Masters.

I need hardly allude to the personal qualifications which so conspicuously fit Bro. BRISTOW for the office he holds in Provincial Grand Lodge, and which have secured for him the position which he occupies in the esteem and regard of every Mason in the Province.

I feel sure that the response to the suggestion which I ventured to make, and which has been already so cordially adopted, will be generally approved, and I trust that the result will be such a recognition of Bro. BRISTOW's merits, as may be equally gratifying to himself and creditable to the Province.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

EDMUND A. H. LECHMERE,

Provincial Grand Master.

March 24th, 1881.

COPY OF RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.—Proposed by Bro. A. BROWN, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. Grand Treasurer, and seconded by Bro. G. H. WILLIAMSON, W.M., 529, and carried unanimously :—

“That this Meeting cordially approves of the suggestion of the R. W. Provincial Grand Master that the long and valuable services of Bro. BRISTOW, the Provincial Grand Secretary, should meet with some fitting recognition at the hands of the Brethren of the Province of Worcestershire.”

- 2.—Proposed by Bro. J. F. ROBERTS, P.J.G.D., seconded by Bro. E. R. HARTLEY, W.M., 252, and carried unanimously :

“That in furtherance of this object a Fund to be called the ‘BRISTOW TESTIMONIAL FUND’ be established, and that all the Lodges and Brethren of the Province be invited to contribute liberally to the same.”

- 3.—Proposed by Bro. R. BROOMHALL, P.G.R., seconded by Bro. J. R. BUCK, P.S.G.D., and carried unanimously :—

“That a General Committee be formed, with power to add to their number, consisting of the acting Provincial Grand Officers, and the Masters, Treasurers and Secretaries of the several Lodges, and two other Members to be elected by each Lodge, for the purpose of carrying out the foregoing Resolutions.”

- 4.—Proposed by Bro. A. BROWN, P.G.T., seconded by Bro. W. S. TURNEY, W.M., 564, and carried unanimously :—

“That each Lodge be requested to nominate one of its Members, who may be a Member of the Committee to correspond with the Honorary Secretary, and report to him from time to time as to the progress made.”

- 5.—Proposed by Bro. BROWN, P.G.T., seconded by Bro. G. H. WILLIAMSON, W.M., 529, and carried unanimously :—

“That each Member of the Committee be furnished with a Collecting Book to be returnable at the request of the Honorary Secretary, through whom contributions should be forwarded to the Treasurer.”

- 6.—Proposed by Bro. J. F. ROBERTS, P.J.G.D., seconded by Bro. FITZGERALD, P.P.S.G.D., and carried unanimously :—

“That the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. ALBERT BROWN, P.P.S.G.W., be appointed Treasurer to the Fund.”

- 7.—Proposed by Bro. R. BROOMHALL, P.G.Reg., seconded by Bro. J. R. BUCK, P.S.G.D., and carried unanimously :—

“That Bro. GEORGE TAYLOR, P.J.G.W. (who had, at the request of the Prov. Grand Master, acted as Secretary *pro tem.*) be requested to continue as Honorary Secretary to the Committee and the Fund generally.”

(Signed)

WM. MASEFIELD,
Deputy Provincial G. Master,
CHAIRMAN.

All communications to be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Bro. GEO. TAYLOR,
Summerdyne Villa,
Kidderminster.

Bro. BRISTOW was initiated in the Harmonic Lodge, No. 252, Dudley, in April, 1851, and was Exalted to the Royal Arch in the Chapter attached to that Lodge in July, 1852.

He filled the Office of W.M. of 252, in 1855 and again in 1868, and has been Secretary of his Lodge from January, 1857, to the present date.

In 1855, Bro. BRISTOW was appointed Prov. Grand Swd. Bearer, and filled the same office in the following year.

He became a Prov. G. Dir. Cer. in 1857, and Prov. G. Reg. in 1858. In 1859 and 1860 he was Prov. Grand Jun. Warden, and occupied the chair of Prov. Grand Senr. Warden in 1864 and 1865.

He received the appointment of Provincial Grand Secretary in 1861, and has filled that office to the present time, Bro. DENNISON being *nomina*ly invested with the Secretary's Collar during the period Bro. BRISTOW acted as P.S.G. Warden.

Bro. BRISTOW has been installed as M.E.Z. of his R.A. Chapter no less than seven times, viz:—in 1858, 1862-63-65-67-69 and 1872, and has filled the second and third chairs quite as often.

It is difficult—from their number—to ascertain how many times Bro. BRISTOW has conducted the Ceremony of Installation in Lodges and Chapters, but in both the Chapters of Dudley he has done so since 1853, and has also assisted other Provinces in this work; the Eyton Chapter of St. John, Wellington (where for several years Bro. BRISTOW has done the principal work), a few years ago testifying its appreciation of his services by presenting him with a suitable gift, accompanied by Honorary Membership.

This necessarily brief sketch of the services of Bro. BRISTOW in the cause of Craft Masonry—which might be widely extended by alluding to the prominent part he has performed in other Degrees—would not be complete without the record of two recent events which, through his instrumentality, have brought credit and honour to his Province.

In June, 1879, he represented the Province as Steward at the Boys' School Festival, when his exertions resulted in his List of Donations being, with one exception, the largest presented, the amount reaching £423 3. 0. This was followed in May, 1880, by his serving another Stewardship on behalf of the Girls' School and taking up a further sum of £364 7. 0.