

PROVINCIAL

WORCESTERSHIRE



GRAND LODGE OF

Antient Free and Accepted Masons.

The Right Wor. Bro. **GENERAL SIR FRANCIS J. DAVIES**, K.C.B., K.M.G., F.C.Y.O., F.L., P.G.D.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

The Wor. Bro. **W. T. PAGE**, P.G.D.

DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

Masonic Hall, Worcester.

30th September, 1927.

Dear Sir and Brother,

By Command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master I hereby give you notice that the next General Meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at the Institute, King's Heath, under the Banner of the "Masefield" Lodge, No. 2034, on Saturday, the 15th day of October next, at 2.45 p.m., and hereby summon you and such Brethren of your Lodge as are Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge to be then and there present, that your Lodge may be duly represented.

The attendance of Brethren of the said other Provinces, being Master Masons, is cordially invited. In order to obtain entrance, the Admission Slip must be properly signed.

Yours faithfully,

William Somers, P.P.S.W.,

Provincial Grand Secretary.

BUSINESS to be transacted at the Meeting is stated on the Agenda subjoined.

DRESS: Black Morning Coats, Dark Trousers, and White Gloves; or Uniform. Full Masonic Craft Clothing.

LUNCHEON will be served at the Masonic Hall, King's Heath, at 1.15 p.m., at which the Provincial Grand Master will preside. The Tickets, price 9/- each, including Wine, may be applied for on the enclosed Form not later than Monday, October 4th. There will be no Banquet after the Meeting.

TEA AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS will be provided after P.G. Lodge Meeting by the Brethren of the "Masefield" Lodge, No. 2034, at the Masonic Hall.

**** Provincial Grand Officers unable to attend are requested to forward their JEWELS, and Provincial Grand Stewards their CLOTHING and JEWELS, to the Provincial Grand Secretary.**

N.B.—Arrangements for Parking of Cars have been made in Goldsmith Road, Institute Road under Police supervision.

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A Craft Lodge will be opened in three degrees by the Master and Officers of the "Masefield" Lodge,
No. 2034, at 2.20 p.m.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Officers will enter the Lodge,
and having been received with the customary honours, the Provincial Grand Lodge will
be opened in due form at 2.45 p.m.

Business:

1. To read the Summons convening Provincial Grand Lodge.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting held at Stourbridge on the 27th of October, 1926.
3. To receive apologies for absence.
4. To receive the Provincial Grand Secretary's report on the state of Masonry in the Province.
5. To receive a brief statement from the Master of each Lodge in the Province concerning the work of his Lodge during the past year, and announce the number of Brethren of his Lodge present supporting him.
6. To receive the audited Accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer and, if approved, to adopt the same.
7. To elect a Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
8. To receive the report of the General Committee upon the War Relief Fund.
9. To receive and, if approved, adopt the report on the Masonic Million Memorial Fund.
10. To receive the report of the Charity Committee, enclosed herewith.
11. To elect the Hon. Secretary of the Charity Organization.
12. To receive the report of the Library and Museum Committee, enclosed herewith.
13. To receive and, if approved, adopt the recommendation of the General Committee that One Hundred Guineas be paid to the Library and Museum Committee for the "Shackles" Collection.
14. To make a collection for a charitable purpose.
15. To elect a representative to the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
16. To elect representative to fill casual vacancy should one arise on the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Institutions.
17. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master to appoint one member of the General Committee under By-Law No. 6.
18. To elect two Brethren to serve on the General Committee under By-Law No. 6.
19. To receive Fees of Honour from Provincial Grand Officers.
20. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master to appoint and invest his Officers.
21. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master to appoint place for holding the next Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge.
22. To Transact any other business that may arise for the good of the Order in general or of this Provincial Grand Lodge in particular.
23. To close Provincial Grand Lodge.

It is particularly requested that you fill up the enclosed Form and forward it, with remittance, not later than Monday, October 10th. Seats will be numbered and reserved for those only who make this application, as the accommodation is limited.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1926-7.

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT.

Revenue.	£ s. d.	Expenditure.	£ s. d.
To Fees of Honour	42 0 0	By Calendars	50 17 6
„ Dispensations	4 16 0	„ Tying Fees	3 4 0
„ Calendars	57 11 0	„ Rent	5 0 0
„ Lodge Dues	200 7 6	„ Associated Provinces (Subscription) ..	1 1 0
„ Sundries	3 3 0	„ Library and Museum Fund	20 0 0
		„ Insurance	3 0 0
		„ Printing and Stationery	40 5 0
		„ Postages and Sundries	34 5 1
		„ Benevolent Account Transfer	105 7 11
		„ Reserve Fund Transfer	0 0 0
	£307 17 6		£307 17 6

BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Collection at P.G.L.	24 6 0	By Balance from last year	61 13 2
„ Bank Interest	3 16 10	„ Donation, Mascie Million Fund	105 0 0
„ Management Account Transfer	105 7 11	„ Stourbridge Institute for Blind	7 17 6
„ Balance carried forward to next year ..	119 12 5	„ Corbett Hospital	15 15 0
		„ Stourbridge Dispensary	7 17 6
		„ Grand	55 0 0
	£253 3 0		£253 3 2

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE RESERVE FUND.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance from last year	127 2 0	By Balance carried forward to next year ..	145 1 11
„ Management Account Transfer	10 0 0		
„ War Loan Interest	5 0 0		
„ Bank Interest	9 7 0		
	£145 1 11		£145 1 11

Examined and found correct. Sept. 22nd, 1927.
 (Signed) ALFRED ALLEN,
 Asst. G. Std. B., P.P.G.W.
 ARTHUR W. WATSON, Prov. G. Treas. £145 1 11

WAR RELIEF FUND ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Cash in Bank	71 3 5	By Grant	60 0 0
„ Interest:		„ Grant	75 0 0
War Loan 5%, Dec., 1926	32 10 0	„ Loan to Library and Museum Committee	900 0 0
Do. June 1927	5 7 8	„ Cheque Book	0 2 0
	37 17 8	„ Cash in hand	176 18 6
„ Bank Interest: Dec. 1926	0 19 0		
June 1927	2 0 5		
	2 19 5		
„ Sold by order of the Committee: 5%			
War Stock, £1,084 11s. 4d.	1,100 0 0		
	£1,212 0 6		£1,212 0 6

Audited and found correct. Sept. 22nd, 1927.
 ALFRED ALLEN, Asst. G. Std. B., P.P.G.W.

Securities: £215 8s. 8d. 5% War Loan, cost £155 2s. 0d.
 ARTHUR W. WATSON, Treasurer, War Relief Fund.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire

Antient Free and Accepted Masons.

ANNUAL MEETING

HOLDEN AT THE TOWN HALL, STOURBRIDGE, ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 1926.

Present :

The Right Worshipful Brother General Sir Francis J. Davies, K.C.B., K.C.M.C., T.C.V.O., D.L., P.C.D.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER IN THE CHAIR; and

The Worshipful Brother C. D. Eaton, P.A.G.L.C.

ACTING DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER

Officers of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge (Present and Past), Visitors, and a large number of Brethren.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting, held at King's Heath on the 17th of October, 1925, were confirmed.

Apologies were announced from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Masters of Warwickshire, Gloucestershire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Herefordshire, and Hampshire and Isle of Wight; from the Deputy Provincial Grand Masters of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Shropshire, Gloucestershire, Warwickshire, Herefordshire, Staffordshire; the Grand Secretary (Sir PHILIP COLVILLE SMITH, M.A., C.V.O.); the Assistant Grand Secretary (W. Bro. SIDNEY WHITE); the Provincial Grand Secretaries of Staffordshire, Sussex, Essex, Shropshire, and Hampshire and Isle of Wight; and a number of distinguished Brethren.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read his report, as follows:

"I have the honour to report that the state of Masonry in this Province continues to be progressive.

"The number of subscribing Brethren in the Province of Worcestershire at December 31st, 1924, was 1,754. In 1925 we lost through deaths and resignations 91, and gained by Initiations and Joining Members 123, making the total at December 21st, 1925, 1,786; an increase in membership of 32. This total, however, includes a number of Brethren who are members of more than one Lodge in the Province.

"During the year there were 91 Initiations, 91 Passings, 85 Raisings, and 31 Installations; whilst the Lectures and Tracing Boards were given 35 times. The number of Lodges in the Province was 31. Since this date the St. Nicolas Lodge, No. 4846, has been consecrated with 19 founders, at Northfield, by the Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master.

"The Province records with gratification the fact that since we last met the Most W. the Grand Master has been pleased to bestow a further distinction on W. Bro. C. D. EATON, who last May was promoted to P.A.G.D.C. in recognition of his zeal and devotion to his Masonic duties.

"A large fireproof safe has been purchased by the Provincial Grand Lodge and placed in the Masonic Hall, Worcester and in which it is hoped that old Minute Books and Records of the Lodges will be deposited so that they may be carefully preserved for all time."

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master referred to the absence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. W. T. PAGE, P.G.D., and he asked the Provincial Grand Secretary to send him a telegram regretting his absence and wishing him a speedy recovery from his illness; this was the first occasion on which the Deputy had been absent since his appointment in 1909. He also expressed satisfaction on the progress of Masonry in the Province and thanked the Brethren for their zeal and generosity. Unfortunately, we had lost a number of distinguished Brethren, who belonged to this Province, during the past year; it would be impossible to refer to them all, but there were three whom he felt he ought to mention: W. Bro. Sir D. W. EVANS, P.M., 4004, who, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master for S. Wales (E.D.), did so much to make the Boys' Festival in 1925 a success; W. Bro. C. F. GETTINGS, P.M., 280 and 4004, would ever remain in their memories, and the roads of Worcestershire will be his monument; we had also lost a sincere Mason by the death of W. Bro. I. W. MAUND, P.M., 2034 and 3873; and the absence of these two Brethren at the Charity meetings at Worcester would be severely felt.

The Grand Lodge of Montana had honoured him and the Province by appointing him the representative of Montana in the Grand Lodge of England.

The W. Masters made brief statements concerning the work of their Lodges; the number of Brethren in attendance being declared as follows:

252	Harmonic	24	3308	Abbot Lichfield	12
280	Worcester		3378	Page	11
377	Hope and Charity	20	3569	Avon	11
498	Royal Standard	20	3638	Wyche	5
529	Stape Fidelis	3	3643	Campbell	10
560	Venon	13	3863	King's Heath	7
564	Stability	37	3873	Mystic Quest	11
573	Persuivance	19	3879	S. Mary's	4
1027	S. Michael	11	4001	King's Norton	5
204	Royds	5	4004	S. Werstan's	4
1374	Lichmere Volunteer	7	4144	Pro Patria	5
2034	Masefield	15	4437	Dudley Castle	16
2385	Godson	16	4495	Bordesley	7
2654	Arter	19	4565	Fort Royal	4
2724	S. Laurence	15	4621	S. Edburgha	7
3185	Stechford	10	4846	S. Nicolas	8

Members of Lodges in Province 367

Visitors 3

TOTAL 370

The audited accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer (W. Bro. A. W. WATSON) were received and adopted; and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Provincial Grand Treasurer for his services.

The Provincial Grand Secretary announced that he had received no nomination for the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer; W. Bro. A. W. WATSON was thereupon duly re-elected.

The report of the General Committee upon the War Relief Fund was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The report of the Masonic Million Memorial Fund was taken as read, and was received and adopted.

The report of the Charity Committee was taken as read, and was received and ordered to be entered upon the minutes.

W. Bro. C. P. PERRY, P.Ast.G.Std.Br., P.P.G.W., was re-elected Hon. Secretary of the Charity Organization. The thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge were accorded to him for his excellent work. W. Bro. PERRY, in thanking the Brethren for his re-election, appealed to them to continue the support they had given in recent years.

The report of the Library and Museum Committee was taken as read, received, and adopted.

A collection was then taken for charitable purposes—amounting to £24 4s. 6d., and the Provincial Grand Treasurer was requested to make this sum up to Thirty Guineas—and given, half the amount collected to the Corbett Hospital, one quarter to Stourbridge Dispensary, and one quarter to Stourbridge Institute for the Blind.

W. Bro. A. ALLEN, P.P.G.W., was re-elected as representative to the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

W. Bro. GLOVER, P.M., 4001, P.P.G.P., was elected as representative to fill any casual vacancy should one arise on the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Institutions.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master appointed W. Bro. T. MASON, P.P.G.W., as his representative on the General Committee under By-Law No. 6.

W. Bro. R. A. E. PAYNE, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.G.W., and W. Bro. W. J. HILL, P.P.G.W., were elected to serve on the General Committee under By-Law No. 6.

The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that all Fees of Honour had been paid.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master then invested his officers for the year 1926-7, as follows:

Prov. Senior Grand Warden	W. Bro. C. A. HOLMES ..	2654 & 3873
Junior Grand Warden	" " B. RICHARDSON	564
Grand Chaplain	Bro. Rev. H. D. NOEL-PATERSON ..	560
" Grand Treasurer	W. Bro. A. W. WATSON ..	2034 & 3879
" Grand Registrar	" " F. A. W. HOW ..	3638 & 4565
" Grand Secretary	" " W. SOMERS ..	496, 573 & 4437
" Grand Director of Ceremonies	V. W. Bro. S. S. SOMERS	573
" Senior Grand Deacon	W. Bro. P. J. ROBERTS	3378
" Senior Grand Deacon	" " H. L. DEAKIN	3863
" Junior Grand Deacon	" " R. P. ARMSTRONG	2654
" Junior Grand Deacon	" " H. F. FENTON	280
" Grand Superintendent of Works	" " A. HILL	573
" Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies	" " J. F. PARKER	560
" Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies ..	" " G. L. BOURNE	3185

Prov. Grand Sword Bearer	W. Bro. TURNER MEGGISON	1874
" Grand Standard Bearer	" " H. HILLYARD	1204
" Grand Standard Bearer	" " P. CHOULES	3308
" Grand Organist	Bro. W. J. HOWELL	2385
" Assistant Grand Secretary	W. Bro. R. E. GROVE	377
" Grand Pursuivant	" " A. KENT	498
" Assistant Grand Pursuivant	" " S. H. MATTOCK	109,
" Grand Stewards	Bros. P. D. FOLKES, E. W. WAL-	
	RON, HUMPHREY G. TAYLOR,	
	ARNOLD G. BEARD, I' N.	
	EAMES, H. J. FOLKE	564
" Grand Tyler	Bro. OTHO SCOTT	
" Assistant Grand Tyler	" J. C. JOHNS	

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master conferred Past Rank as follows:

Past Prov. Senior Grand Warden	W. Bro. E. L. EVANS	204 & 4004
" " Senior Grand Deacon	" " T. A. MOBBERLEY	564
" " Senior Grand Deacon	" " A. B. MACKIN	252
" " Grand Standard Bearer	" " E. J. MAUND	2034

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master then handed to the Master of the "Vernon" Lodge, No. 560, a trust deed relating to the valuable library which W. Bro. C. D. EATON had presented to them; the Provincial Grand Master said this was another instance of the generosity of Bro. EATON. A vote of thanks to W. Bro. SOUTHALL for preparing the trust deed was carried.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the W. Master and Brethren of the "Stability" Lodge for the excellent arrangements made for this meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The W. Master of the "Stability" Lodge suitably replied.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master accepted the invitation of the "Masefield" Lodge, No. 2034, to hold the next Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge at King's Heath, under their banner.

The Rt. W. Provincial Grand Master extended a cordial welcome to the Assistant Grand Master of Warwickshire (W. Bro. J. C. PRITCHETT, B.C.L.), and also to Rt. W. Bro. KERR, of the Royal Scots Rifles, Lodge No. 1255, Edinburgh, S.C. and these visiting Brethren replied.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

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MASONIC MILLION MEMORIAL FUND.
PROVINCE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

Report of the Representative for 1926 -27.

Most satisfactory progress has been made in the Province during the past year, not only in amounts promised, but also in the cash actually remitted to Grand Lodge by the respective Collectors.

At the meeting of W.M's. and Collectors held on the 5th. December 1925 it was decided that an effort should be made to raise the average required (two hundred and fifty guineas per Lodge) to secure the privilege of having the name of the Province recorded in the New Temple.

I am happy to say, even with an increase of two Lodges since that date the necessary amount has been promised, for Grand Lodge certified on the 11th. June last that our total had reached the sum of £6670.10.0 of which &6670.15.11. had already been received by them. Since that date I have received further promises of £126.10.0 and further sums have been remitted.

The most gratifying feature in connection with this effort is that both the St. Nicolas Lodge No. 4846 and the Lodge of Ben Accord No. 4935, determined at their Consecration Meetings to become Hall Stone Lodges bringing our total up to twelve either completed or promised.

At the June Meeting of Grand Lodge, the representatives of the Perseverance Lodge No. 573, The Beacon Lodge No. 2385 and the Bordesley Lodge No. 4495, received the Hall Stone Collarlet and Jewel at the hands of the M.W.Pro. Grand Master, and Amphill, making six Lodges in the Province in possession of that coveted distinction.

I would particularly call the attention of the Worshipful Masters and Collectors of those Lodges which have pledged themselves to qualify for the Hall Stone Collarlet and Jewel but have not yet remitted the qualifying amount. At the announcement made at the last Quarterly Communication, that the Meeting of Grand Lodge in September 1928 will be held in the neighbouring Province of Warwickshire, an unprecedented event in the history of the Midland Provinces and I suggest that an additional effort should be made during the course of the present session to complete their obligation by that date and so enable the Representatives of the remaining six Lodges to receive the Hall Stone Collarlet and Jewel at that meeting.

A full detailed account of the progress of the fund will be found in the Provincial Calendar just published.

I would like to express my most sincere thanks for and appreciation of the splendid support given to me by the Lodge Collectors and to offer my congratulations on the success of their efforts.

CHARLIE D. EATON, P.A.G.D.C.

Representative.

October 15th. 1927.

Province of Worcestershire.

Masonic Million Memorial Fund.

LIST OF AMOUNTS PROMISED AND RECEIVED BY GRAND LODGE.

	Promised.			Received by Grand Lodge.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Provincial Grand Master (<i>see</i> 3569)	—	—
Page, W. T. (<i>see</i> 280, 529, 3378)	—	—
Provincial Grand Lodge	105 0 0	..	..	—
Provincial Grand Lodge—Interest	2 4 3	..	..	2 4 3
252 Harmonic	243 12	..	..	150 3 0
280 Worcester	124 19	..	..	124 19 0
377 Hope and Charity	275 4	..	..	148 7 0
498 Royal Standard	277 4 10	..	..	152 8 0
529 Semper Fidelis	182 4 0	..	..	182 4 0
560 Vernon	19 10 0	..	..	59 17 0
564 Stability	70 8 0	H.S.	..	470 8 0
573 Perseverance	745 10 0	H.S.	..	745 10 0
1097 St. Michael's	16 16 0	..	..	15 15 0
1204 Royds	209 11 0	..	..	166 3 0
1874 Lechmere Volunteer	750 0 0	P.H.S.	..	469 7 0
2034 Masefield	180 0 0	..	..	115 10 0
2385 Godson	562 16 0	H.S.	..	508 4 0
2654 Arter	609 0 0	P.H.S.	..	288 13 0
2724 St. Laurence	909 10 0	H.S.	..	795 1 0
3185 Stechford	104 9 6	..	..	82 8 0
3308 Abbot Lichfield	114 2 0	..	..	113 1 0
3378 Page	255 17 5	..	..	237 14 0
3569 Avon	80 7 0	..	..	80 7 0
3638 Wyche	66 12 8	..	..	66 12 8
3643 Campbell	86 2 0	..	..	68 5 0
3863 Kings Heath	178 2 0	..	..	134 3 6
3873 Mystic Quest	529 4 0	P.H.S.	..	358 0 0
3879 St. Mary's	15 15 0	..	..	15 15 0
4001 Kings Norton	221 11 0	..	..	191 2 0
4004 St. Werstan	10 10 0	..	..	10 10 0
4144 Pro Patria	342 6 0	H.S.	..	307 13 0
4437 Dudley Castle	174 16 6	..	..	91 9 0
4495 Bordesley	300 5 0	H.S.	..	284 11 0
4565 Fox Royal	68 15 6	..	..	68 15 6
4621 St. Edburgha	456 15 0	P.H.S.	..	179 11 0
4846 St. Nicolas	157 10 0	P.H.S.	..	—
521 R.A.C. (<i>see</i> 529 Lodge)	—	5 5 0
			<u>£9,035 10 8</u>			<u>£6,670 15 11</u>

H.S. Have qualified as Hall Stone Lodges.

P.H.S. Has promised to qualify as a Hall Stone Lodge.

CHARLIE D. EATON, P.A.G.D.C.,

Representative.

Province of Worcestershire Masonic Charity Organization.

REPORT OF THE CHARITY AND BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE.

To be presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge at Kings Heath, under the Banner of the "Masefield"
Lodge, No. 2034, on Saturday, October 15th, 1927.

Your Committee herewith present their Forty-seventh Annual Report.

THEY have to announce that the Subscriptions and Donations this year have been £2,601 os. 6d., as against £1,393 18s. 0d. last year; being an increase of £1,207 2s. 6d. A special effort was made in support of the Chairmanship of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Provincial Grand Master, Surrey, for the Girls' Institution. The Province responded with 169 Stewards, 56 Lady Stewards, and 9 Lewises, with a combined total of £2,180 2s. 0d. This amount is a record from this Province to the Girls' Institution at one Festival.

£64 1s. 0d. has been paid to the Benevolent Institution, and £75 10s. 0d. to the Boys' Institution.

There are, to-day, 805 contributors to the Organisation, as against 770 last year; an increase of 35.

The Province has now 2 male Annuitants and 10 female Annuitants receiving benefits from the R.M. Benevolent Institution. A Brother late of the "Avon" Lodge, No. 3569, has been admitted to benefit at the last election in May. The number of female Annuitants remains the same as at last year. These thirteen annuitants received £756 from the Institution last year.

Of the Worcestershire boys in the Boys' Institution, mention must be made of an exceptional case:

The boy, G. S. N. HUGHES, whose father was a member of Lodge No. 2385, was admitted to the benefits of the Institution at the age of 8½ years, he passed through the School at Bushey, and attained the leaving age of 16 years in October, 1923.

Owing to merit and ability, he was retained at the School for higher education. At 18 he won a University of London scholarship of £100 at St. Mary's Hospital for a course of 5½ years' training.

Up to December, 1925, the cost of this boy to the Institution was £825. In 1926 he was awarded, under Rule 61 of the Institution, a sum of £97, and grants under that Rule are still continuing. The boy Hughes will be twenty years of age in October.

One boy has left the School owing to age limit since the last Report. Three boys are in the School at Bushey, 3 awaiting admission are receiving out-education, and 1 is receiving permanent out-education. No boys have been elected this year from this Province.

There are 12 girls receiving benefits from the Girls' Institution : 5 are in the Schools and 7 are receiving out-education as per Rules 85, 85A. No girls have been elected this year from this Province.

Since the last Report the Province has given relief of—

- £10 to a Brother late of Lodge No. 252 ;
- £10 to a Brother late of Lodge No. 3569 ;
- £20 to a Brother late of Lodge No. 573 ; and
- £5 to a Brother late of Lodge No. 573, under Rule 5.

The Province was represented at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution in February last by 3 Stewards and 1 Lewis, with a combined total of £64 1s. 0d.

At the Festival of the R.M. Institution for Girls, held in May last, by 69 Stewards, 56 Lady Stewards and 9 Lewises, with a combined total of £2,480 7s. 0d.

At the Festival of the R.M. Institution for Boys, held in June last, by 5 Stewards, 1 Lady Steward and 2 Lewises, with a combined total of £73 10s. 0d.

The Committee wish to thank those Ladies and Gentlemen for their kind assistance by their donations to the Masonic Institution through the Organisation.

CHARLES P. PERRY, P.Asst.G.Std.B., P.P.G.W.
Hon. Secretary to the Organization.

Province of Worcestershire Masonic Charity Organization.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1926-7.

Presented by Wor. Bro. CHARLES P. PERRY, P.Asst.G.Std.B., P.P.G.W., Hon. Secretary.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in Bank ..	133	13	3	By Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution ..	64	1	0
" Cheque not presented, 1926 ..	1	1	0	" Royal Masonic Institution for Girls ..	2,480	2	0
" Bank Interest ..	16	7	5	" Royal Masonic Institution for Boys ..	73	10	0
Lodge 252 Harmonic ..	58	16	0	" Tyler—February Meeting ..	0	10	0
" 280 Worcester ..	41	8	0	" Outstanding Donations ..	9	9	0
" 377 Hope and Charity ..	10	0	0	" Balance ..	124	10	2
" 498 Royal Standard ..	47	0	0				
" 529 Semper Fidelis ..	8	1	0				
" 560 Vernon ..	59	17	0				
" 564 Stability ..	158	11	0				
" 573 Perseverance ..	64	1	0				
" 1097 St. Michael ..	6	16	6				
" 1204 Royds ..	22	15	0				
" 1874 Lechmere Volunteer ..	110	5	0				
" 2034 Masefield ..	45	3	0				
" 2385 Godson ..	72	9	0				
" 2654 Arter ..	245	14	0				
" 2724 St. Laurence ..	50	8	0				
" 3185 Stechford ..	220	10	0				
" 3308 Abbot Lichfield ..	50	8	0				
" 3378 Page ..	109	4	0				
" 3569 Avon ..	42	0	0				
" 3638 Wyche ..	75	12	0				
" 3643 Campbell ..	29	8	0				
" 3863 Kings Heath ..	113	8	0				
" 3873 Mystic Quest ..	122	17	0				
" 3879 St. Mary's ..	46	4	0				
" 4001 Kings Norton ..	147	0	0				
" 4004 St. Werstan ..	67	4	0				
" 4144 Pro Patria ..	72	9	0				
" 4437 Dudley Castle ..	37	16	0				
" 4495 Bordesley ..	38	17	0				
" 4565 Fort Royal ..	22	1	0				
" 4621 St. Edburgha ..	93	9	0				
" 4816 St. Nicolas ..	46	4	0				
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Examined and found correct.

July 19th, 1927.

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Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire

REPORT

OF THE

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

*Your Committee has pleasure in presenting its Fifteenth Annual Report
to Provincial Grand Lodge.*

DURING the past year, many objects of interest, as enumerated below, have been presented to the Library and Museum.

Your Committee has the pleasure to report that at a meeting of the Masters and Representatives of the several Lodges in the Province, held at Worcester on the 27th January, 1927, presided over by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, it was resolved that your Committee be authorized to secure, if possible, the collection of Jewels, Medals, &c., of the late W. Bro. G. L. SHACKLES, P.M., P.P.G.D., N. and E. Yorks., and a member of the Numismatic Society of London; undoubtedly the most valuable private collection of Masonic Medals, &c., in the world.

At the same meeting, the Masters and Representatives undertook to meet the sum required for the purchase of the collection by increasing the annual subscriptions of their respective Lodges to eight or ten guineas, until such time as any loans, with interest, as required for the purchase, be repaid.

Your Committee was eventually successful in obtaining the collection for the sum of £1,500; and the Province is to be congratulated on having secured this most valuable collection.

To enable the purchase to be at once completed, the sum of £1,251 18s. 0d. was obtained by loan at 5 per cent. per annum interest; the difference (£248 2s. 0d.) being met by a donation from Provincial Grand Lodge and subscriptions from Lodges. Since the completion of the purchase, further contributions have been received, which have reduced the amount of the loan by £221 18s., as shown in the balance sheet.

Your Committee gratefully acknowledges the action taken by the various Lodges, &c., and it is confidently anticipated the loans will be paid in a few years.

Your Committee gratefully appreciates the gifts received during the past year, as follows :—

Books, Masonic Papers, &c.	W. Bro. W. T. PAGE, D.P.G.M.
Masonic Book	Bro. GOULD.
P.M. Apron, Collar, and P.M.'s Jewel	W. Bro. RODEN.
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Lodge Jewel, G.L. Iowa, Fort Lodge, No. 1720	W. Bro. J. T. HARRIS.
History of G.L. of Manitoba	W. Bro. H. L. LAKIN.
Firing Glass, 3185, and Gavel, 3185	W.M. and Brethren of Lodge 3185.
Review Howe Beauciant Preceptory, K.T. No. 67, The Yorkshire Lodge (Riley)	Emt. Kt. Major G. H. Smith, P.E.P.
Firing Glasses, 252 and 315	W.M. and Brethren of Lodge 252.
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Mark Benevolent Jewels, 1914, 1919	W. Bro. C. W. HIGGINS.
Signs and Symbols (Dr. George Oliver), 1st edition 1825	Bro. J. W. FLAY.
Firing Glass	W.M. and Brethren of Lodge 529.
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Catalogue High Council Library, by W. Bro. J. Hobbs, Soc. Ros. in Anglia, 1726	Bro. A. ALLEN.
Founder's Jewel, "Arter" Lodge	Bro. J. F. KINCHIN.
Irish and English Freemasons and their Foreign Brethren (published by Gill, Dublin, 1878)	V. W. Bro. S. S. SOMERS.
Member's Jewel, Lodge No. 2563	per Bro. C. D. EATON.
Some Notes on Freemasonry in Australia (W. F. Larnonby)	W. Bro. J. E. WALL.

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LIBRARY & MUSEUM—STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1926-7.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Cash in Bank, 30/6/26	35	14	9	Books, &c.	23	1	5
Contributions, &c.	92	9	0	Glass	1	1	0
Bank Interest	0	9	7	Printing	3	0	6
				Furniture and Repairs	4	7	0
				"Shackles" Collection Removal and Insurance	16	17	0
				Custodian	15	0	0
				Catalogue Reserve Fund	25	0	0
				Sundries	4	7	0
				Balance, 30/6/27	33	8	11
	<u>£128</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>£128</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>4</u>

NEW CATALOGUE RESERVE FUND.

Cash in Bank, 30/6/26	86	1	1	Cash in Bank, 30/6/27	113	10	9
From General Fund	25	0	0				
Bank Interest	1	3	8				
	<u>£113</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>£113</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>

SHACKLES' COLLECTION FUND.

Contributions	503	12	0	Purchase of Collection	1,500	0	0
Loans	1,251	18	0	Repayment of Loans	221	18	0
				Cash in Bank, 30/6/27	33	12	0
	<u>£1,755</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£1,755</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>

W. T. PAGE, D.P.G.M.,

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Audited and found correct. Sept. 3rd, 1927.

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