

On Tuesday afternoon, the annual installation of the Worshipful Master of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, St. John's-place. There was a large attendance of brethren, including visitors from neighbouring lodges and from other towns. The lodge was opened by W. Bro. A. Robertshaw, and there were present Bro. C. T. Rhodes, P.M., P.P.G.D., Bro. E. Worsick, P.M., Bro. J. T. Simpson, P. M., W. Bro. George Holdsworth (Kidderminster), Bro. J. Jessop, I.P.M., Bro. J. Haigh, P.M., W. Bro. J. Matthewman, P.M., Prov. Assistant Grand Secretary. The representatives from other lodges were Bro. W. Wright, S.W. and W.M. elect of the Lodge of Probity, 61, and Bro. E. Buckley, J.W. 61, and a numerous attendance of representatives from lodges in the parish, and also from Liverpool, Huddersfield, Kidderminster, &c. The installing officers were Bro. Alfred Robertshaw, I.P.M., and W. Bro. C. T. Rhodes, P.M., P.P.G.D., the new W.M. being Bro. Walter Hanson. The ceremony was impressively performed. Bro. Sykes Broadbent sung with marked effect "Be thou faithful." The following officers for the ensuing year were then invested:—W. Bro. Alfred Robertshaw, I.P.M.; Bro. Thomas Woods, S.W.; Bro. Richard Hodgson, J.W.; Bro. Rev. Hy. Williams, chaplain; W. Bro. Richard Jessop, P.M., treasurer; W. Bro. Jonathan Jessop, P.M., secretary; Bro. J. W. Norman-ton, assistant secretary; Bro. Thomas Robertshaw, S.D.; Bro. W. S. Milligan, J.D.; Bro. J. H. Oates, D.C.; Bro. Allen Haigh, organist; Bro. T. H. Thompson, I.G.; W. Bro. Sutcliffe Greenwood, P.M., tyler; Bro. Hy. Wilson, almoner; Bro. J. Smith, S.L.S.; Bro. J. W. Sykes, J.L.S.; stewards, Bros. J. S. Vost, A. S. Topham, W. J. Morris, and A. F. Spencer. W. Bro. J. Matthewman, Prov. Assistant Grand Secretary, presented a beautiful and costly P.M. jewel to Bro. A. Robertshaw, I.P.M., as a mark of appreciation and respect for the very efficient manner in which he had filled the office of W.M. during the year. Bro. A. Robertshaw suitably acknowledged the gift, assuring the brethren he should ever look upon and wear it with the greatest possible pleasure, reminding him of one of the happiest years of his life. At the close of the ceremony, the brethren dined together in the hall, the caterer being Bro. W. J. Webb, of the Old Cock Hotel. The customary loyal and masonic toasts were honoured, and the proceedings were varied with songs, and a capital selection of glees, &c., by the Halifax Vocal Harmonic Quartet. Among the brethren who assisted were Bro. Ehd Hanson, Sykes Broadbent, and W. J. Morris. Bro. Walter Hanson, W.M., presided, being supported by a numerous gathering of the members of the lodge and visiting friends. The toast of the evening was proposed by Bro. A. Robertshaw, I.P.M., and the Worshipful Master responded. The toast of the installing officers was given by the W.M., and acknowledged by Bro. A. Robertshaw, I.P.M., and Bro. C. T. Rhodes.

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