

Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.

William Bristow, Jun., P. Prov. I. G. W.,

Provincial Grand Secretary,

Horseley Heath, Dudley, December 3rd, 1867.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

Masonic Memorial Window.

I beg leave to inform you that the Committee appointed at the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Kidderminster, on Tuesday, the 18th June last, for the purpose of carrying out the proposed Stained Glass Window in Worcester Cathedral, met at the Bell Hotel, Worcester, yesterday; the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master in the Chair.

The Committee after inspecting and discussing the two designs submitted by Messrs. LAYNE & BARRAND, of London, to Provincial Grand Lodge, for the Window at the West End of the North Aisle, (the estimated cost of which is £227,) resolved on the motion of Brother WALTER COBLEY, W.M., of Lodge 529, seconded by the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, that if sufficient funds could be raised for filling in the Window in the North Transept, (opposite the Adelaide Window,) it would be an undertaking more worthy of the position the Province of Worcester occupies in the Craft.

The estimated cost of this Window is £550.

The amount already subscribed is £275 8s. 6d., of which £50. was subscribed by the Provincial Grand Lodge, £50. by the R. W. Provincial Grand Master, and £50. by the Past Provincial Grand Master, and the balance, with a few exceptions, including £26. 8s. 6d. the proceeds of the Collection at the Cathedral on the occasion of the Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting in June, 1866, by the Lodges, Chapters, and Encampments in the Province.

No appeal has yet been made to individual Members of the fraternity.

The Committee have therefore resolved to make a personal appeal to every Brother in the Province, and urge upon him the consideration that as a work of this kind has been determined upon, it should be such an one as will reflect credit on the Masonic body, and be a monument to future generations of the good taste of the Freemasons of the nineteenth century.

The promptness and liberality with which parties of all denominations are assisting in restoring this and other Cathedrals throughout the Country to their pristine beauty, is evidence of the prevailing good taste of the period. Let not then the Freemasons of Worcestershire,—the descendants of those worthy Masons whose operative skill raised those noble monuments of art and labour, which adorn our land,—be backward in assisting in so good a work, but let them respond liberally as they ever do when called upon for a proper object.

In making this appeal to you the Committee have confidence it will not be made in vain.

As the Committee are desirous that the work should be entered upon without further delay, I shall be glad to receive from you at your early convenience the amount you will be willing to subscribe towards the accomplishment of the object in view, or if more convenient to you, the Worshipful Master of your Lodge will be happy to receive the same.

I remain,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours very fraternally,

W. BRISTOW, P. P. S. G. W.,

PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY.