

THE MASONIC CENTENARY FESTIVAL.

YESTERDAY'S CELEBRATIONS.

The continued celebration of the Centenary of the Worcester Lodge, 280, began yesterday with luncheon in the Guildhall at 11.30. This was a semi-public gathering, but there was no speech making, as a Craft Lodge was due to open at the Chapter House at 12.30. The chair at the luncheon was taken by the Worshipful Master, who was supported by most of the brethren named in the list which follows. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Chapter House at one o'clock, by permission of the Dean and Chapter, the brethren appearing in masonic mourning for the late Lord Carnarvon.

The following gentlemen signed the roll of attendance: Sir Edmund Lechmere, P.G.M. of Worcestershire; Brother A. F. Godson, D.P.G.M. of Worcestershire; Very Worthy Brother the Marquis of Hertford, Past S.G. Warden of England, Prov. G. Master Antrim; the Right Hon. Sir M. Hicks Beach, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Gloucestershire; Very Worthy Brother J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treasurer of England; Very Rev. the Dean of Gloucester; Very Worthy Bro. Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain of England. The following officers and past officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge: Bro. O. M. Green, P.C.S.G.W.; Bro. Thomas Hobbs, P.M., 529 and 280; Bro. H. Wilson, P.J.G.W.; Past P.G. Wardens W. L. Williamson, C. E. Bloomer, W. H. Westwood, G. W. Grosvenor, R. P. Hill, J. Fitzgerald, G. H. Westbury, W. Waldron; P.G. Chaplain the Rev. J. W. Willshaw; P.P.G. Chaplains Revs. W. J. Down, J. Knight Law; P.G. Treasurer J. Joseland; P.G. Registrar W. S. Davis; Past P.G. Registrars J. Aston and Arthur Comber; P.G. Sec. G. Taylor; P.S. G. Deacon W. Thomas; P.G. Superintendent of Works T. F. Hart; Past P.G. Supts. of Works Henry Rowe, Thomas E. Lucy, R. C. S. Carington, and F. M. Underhill; P.G. Director of Ceremonies J. Mossop; Past P.G. Directors of Ceremonies Warner Ottley, W. Stevenson; P.G. Swordbearer Geo. Hodgkiss; Past P.G. Swordbearers Thomas Vale, Edward Lay, J. Siale, and F. G. Underwood; P.G. Organist Henry Jackson; Past P.G. Organist W. Haynes; Past P.G. Esquivaunt W. Wood; P.G. Stewards W. Dore, H. J. Ward, A. Johnson, E. Collen, and P. Gilmore; P.G.S. Works G. H. Williamson.

The following visitors also signed the roll: Bros. J. H. Garms, 529; A. L. Baylis, 529; C. E. Pipe, 529; J. V. Stallard, 280; Ernest Day, 280; A. Thompson, 662; C. Meiklejohn, 335; G. Old, 662; E. Wood, 662; J. H. H. Muley, 662; J. Round, A. Shot, 74; J. Falconer, 498; W. H. Simpkins, 498; W. T. Lowe, P.G.O., Bucks; T. Paleshall, 252; E. Holmes, W.M., 529; R. J. Surman, S.W., 529; W. F. Veel, S.D., 529; Alfred E. Davis, J.W., 529; R. Underwood, 573; T. H. Lloyd, J.D., 573; T. F. Bland, 1874; G. W. Morris, 529; W. T. Page, J.P.M., 529; F. H. Pinkett, sec., 529; J. Fisher, P.M., 498; W. C. Botterill, 960; J. Mason, P.P.G.S.D., Middlesex; E. J. Chambers, J.W., Prov. C.S., 252; J. M. McLeod, P.P.G.S.B., Derby; A. Sharpe, 425; W. E. Walker, P.M., 252; T. Chambers, J.W., 252; R. Woodward, W.M., 377; W. Atkins, J.W., 377; T. Hodgetts, J.G., 573; W. Stansfield, organist, 252; J. Jones, J.D., 252; R. Broomhall, P.P.S.G.W., 564; C. Mytton, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., 560; S. Owens, P.M., 2034; W. Spraggon, P.P.G.D.C., 2034; E. Morrison, W.M., 2034; N. C. Green, P.P.G.D., 374, P.M., 1874; J. E. Stone, P.P.G.D., 377; E. S. Morgan, 564; W. Somers, P.P.H.D.C., 573; R. G. Venables, P.H.G.D.C., D.P.G.M. Salop; W. A. Hill, P.P.G.O. Gloucestershire; R. V. Vassar Smith, D.P.G.M., Gloucestershire; J. Bryan, P.S.G.W., Gloucestershire; the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G.S.W., Warwickshire; W. P. Palethorpe (organist), 498; J. W. Roberts, W.M., 498; S. Spittle, Tyler 252; J. Dugard, Tyler 377; J. Russell, 252; W. Bennett, Tyler 2034; J. M. Duan, 578; W. Forth, Prov. G. J.W. Gloucestershire; G. Norman, P.Prov.G.R., Gloucestershire; J. J. Wade, Tyler 560; John Smith, Prov.G. Tyler; J. Millington, 529; E. George Jones, 529; W. Edward Williams, 529; J. Stretton, 529; W. George Page, 529; W. Dorsett, 560; W. L. Southwell, P.P.G.M., Salop; J. H. L. Thompson, 1,204; C. P. Green, 1,204; J. H. Cooksey, P.M.P.P.G.R., Salop; T. Eden, 377; P. Davis, 1,097; J. Humphries, 573; A. Cotton, 377; S. G. N. Spofforth, 529; J. S. Hargreaves, 1,204; J. W. Beckley, 498; George H. Allsopp, 280; A. J. King, 498; J. A. Baggs, J.W., 1,097; A. Hill Lowe, 1,097; J. H. Hughes, 280; H. Horton, P.G.W., 189; A. S. Townsend, P.P.G.S.W., Salop; W. K. R. Bedford, P.G.C.; W. F. Newton, 1,204; Mark Rollinson, J.G., 498; T. D. Iusull, 593; A. Orme Fraser, W.M., 1,204; A. C. Baker, 1304; T. Green, jun., and J. Blenkarne, 573; T. Robinson, J.W., 564; H. Wilcox, 564; R. Rhodes, J.S., 564; N. F. H. Tolladoy, P.G.G. D.D.C., 1180; W. Jones, 573; P. Morrison, P.P.S.B., 377; F. Barlow, 1792; W. Waring, P.M., P.P.S.B., 252; D. Bryce, 573; T. S. Morris, 498; J. E. Bottomley, J.P.M., 564; B. Robinson, W.M., 564; W. Hanson, J.D., 252; J. Stallard, jun., W.M., 280; H. R. Turney, 573; J.

Attwood, J.G., 564; H. F. Williams, 529; J. H. White, J.D., 529; G. H. T. Foster, J.D., 1204; R. N. Tovey, 1204; J. Gray, 529; R. West, 529; A. Cookson, P.P.G.P., 573; J. A. Dectey, S.D., 564; G. H. Parke, 252; A. Morton, 252; Arthur R. Taylor, 252; H. H. Hughes, 573; D. Dawes, S.W., 1874; G. Lees, J.P., G.S.W., 560; W. H. Moore, 377; T. F. Higgs, 252, G. T. Owen, 252.

The Service.

The Lodge closed about half-past two, and the brethren then formed in procession and entered the Cathedral by the western door to take part in the special service fixed for three o'clock. They were received by Canon Melville, Canon Claughton, Canon Cattley, and Minor Canons Waugh and Melville; and as the procession filed up the nave the Provincial Grand Organist, Brother W. Haynes, played on the nave organ Mendelssohn's "Priest's March." The service was intoned by the Minor Canons, Tallis Preces and Responses being used. The 121st and 122nd Psalms were sung, and the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* were chanted to Hopkin's setting in F. The anthem was Stainer's appropriate composition "Beloved let us love one another," and the hymn before the sermon was "Father of all."

The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, M.A., Rector of Coldfield, and Past Grand Chaplain of England. He chose for his text the 14th verse of the 25th Psalm, "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him." In the course of his address he dwelt with the secret and symbolic aspects of Freemasonry, and, speaking of the first, he said that men were much enamoured of secrets. Yet there was one secret which they were prone to miss, the secret which was pointed out in the verse of the Psalm from which he had taken his text. That secret might be published abroad and yet not appreciated at its real value. He went on to say that the secret heart of man has never been revealed, and sustained the assertion of the Scotch professor that the real amount of biography never has been nor even will be written. No man, he maintained, who sat down to tell the world what he did and thought and desired and hoped and feared ever wrote more than a very small portion of it, and that the portion which was nearest to the surface. The veil had never truly been rent from top to bottom, but all men were more or less conscious of the existence of the two lives going on side by side—the life wherein there was acutest recognition of the necessity for the provision of daily bread, and the desire for the gratification of ambition, and the life of high thinking, of disinterested emotion, of genuine enthusiasm and sincere desire for the benefit of mankind. The very object of Freemasonry, hand in hand with religion, was precisely the same as that of the Christian Church. Both had the desire to develop the nobler emotions of the secret life by propagating certain convictions and sentiments. This Freemasonry proposed to do by certain symbolic tokens of fraternity; and on this point the rev. gentleman laid emphasis by defending the use of symbols. Symbolism of this kind, he argued, had existed from the very earliest ages. Every shrine of old had its symbolical signs, and before condemning the symbolism of Freemasonry the student should remember that the oldest sculptured monuments of the past, discovered by explorers in Assyria and elsewhere bore symbolical signs. Even in the language of the orators of the present day a much varied combination of words for symbolical expression could be found as in Freemasonry. But having thus upheld the secrecy and symbolism of the Craft, he contended that all words and symbols would be alike futile and barren, unless they awake the secret life and stirred the conscience. When Freemasonry had tried to dispense with religion it had become a crime against humanity and a dead superstition. No system however philosophical, no fraternal bond however cosmopolitan and far reaching, could supply the emotions of the higher life without God. This was the secret which made Lord Carnarvon, for whom they were mourning that day, a representative man as well as a pattern Freemason. He was truly the master of the great secret, because his religion was not that of mere sentiment, but the result of reflection and deliberate judgment. No uncertain flame, he urged, in concluding his sermon, even the "Lux Mundi" itself, would guide men into the haven of safety. They must have a safer guide,—the twin pole stars of creed and conscience. The philosophy of religion presented difficulties and depths from which there was no escaping, and the scientific creeds must expand towards the unknown and infinite before they can become religious in any true sense; for man, as one of the Bishops had said, must cast his anchor in depths where he had never descended if he were to ride through the storms and waves of life.

The offertory hymn was "Lord of Glory," and as the distinguished procession filed out of the Cathedral Brother Haynes played Handel's "Occasional Overture."

The Banquet

was to commence at half-past four in order to enable brethren who had travelled a considerable distance to attend the Centenary to return by the night trains, but the ceremonies already described occupied a little more time than was expected, and it was a quarter-past five

After the Lodge, the Brothers entered the Cathedral, where a special service was conducted. The clergy present were Canons Melville, Claughton, and Cattley, Minor Canons Melville and Waugh, and the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, Rector of Sutton Coldfield and Past Grand Chaplain of England, who preached. Brother W. Haynes played the opening voluntary on the great organ, the "March of the Priests," from "Athalie." Tallis' preces and responses were used, and the psalms were the cxxi and cxxii. The *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* were sung to Hopkins in F. Stainer's "Beloved, let us love one another" was sung as an anthem, and the hymn "Father of all" was sung before the sermon. The Rev. W. K. R. Bedford took for his text the words "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him," Psalms xxi, 14. He pointed out in the course of his address the beauty and the uses of symbols such as those, both visible and verbal, of Freemasonry. All words and symbols, however, would be alike evil and barren unless they raised the standard of life and awakened the conscience. When Freemasonry had tried to dispense with religion it had become a dead superstition, for no system, however philosophical, however cosmopolitan and far reaching, could supply the place of the higher light of God. The preacher, alluding to the late Lord Carnarvon, said it was that feeling which made him for whom they were mourning on that occasion a representative man. Lord Carnarvon was a man whose religion was not that of mere sympathy, but it was the result of reflection and judgment, and hence he was a true son of an intelligent and discriminating Church. After the sermon a collection was made for the benefit of the Infirmary and Holy Trinity Schools, which realised £18, and which was augmented by vote of the Grand Lodge to £25. During the collection "Lord of Glory" was sung, and Brother W. Haynes played Handel's Occasional Overture on the great organ as a concluding voluntary. Mr. Hugh Blair played the organ parts of the service.

THE BANQUET.

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All the wines used at the Masonic banquet and luncheon (8th inst.) were supplied from the cellar of Josiah Stallard and Sons, Limited, Wine Merchants to the Queen, Worcester.

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days now long gone. In the Old Council Chamber, however, the objects of interest were chi fly shown.

AN INTERESTING AND CHARACTERISTIC DISPLAY.

Another of Worcester's notable industries was well represented by a most interesting case of the products of the glove factories of Messrs. Fownes and Co. The stand contained several kinds of gloves which have been patented by the firm. One of the most prominent of these was the sleighing glove. In this the thumb is brought to the bottom of the glove instead of terminating higher up. Although there is no opening at the wrist, ample room is left for the insertion of the hand, and the glove is fitted perfectly tight to the wrist by an elastic band. The patent has been in existence for a considerable number of years, but the glove still, it seems, finds favour, particularly in America. This glove is fitted with a gauntlet for ladies. A coaching glove, shown in the case, is a glove specially designed for driving. It gives the greatest freedom to the movements of the muscles, and therefore is very suitable for many other purposes. Messrs. Fownes and Co. also showed their anatomical glove. In this the seams follow the lines of the hand as nearly as possible. The thumb is also brought down as far as the first button, the result of the whole arrangement being that the glove fits very nicely. Very handsome and rich-looking was a pair of seal gloves lined with some other fur, and able to defy the bitterest weather. The Franklin glove is another patent of the firm, which was exhibited. Its distinction is that it has a band round the wrist with a little metal clasp to enable it to be easily pulled tight even when the other hand wears a glove. The case contained a number of skins in various stages of preparation. This being a centenary festival, Messrs. Fownes and Co. sent specimens of the way gloves were cut out 100 years ago and at the present time. A century back they were cut out entirely by hand. The ends of the fingers were at that time left square, the rounding being left for the sewers to carry out. They were made up very baggy round the wrist, and must have had a very uncomfortable amount of roominess. Great additional interest was given to the case by a number of miscellaneous exhibits, all connected with the glove industry. There was a stand of dolls' gloves, many of which were of the tiniest size. The peculiarity of these gloves was that they were lined completely throughout even to the tips of the fingers in the same way as the ordinary sized glove. These were made by an old lady upwards of 80 years of age, who has been in the employ of Messrs. Fownes and Co. for the last 60 years. The little gloves exhibit splendid workmanship. A curious object was a glove which had been rescued from the late fire at Whiteley's. It was an ordinary eight button glove, and would under usual circumstances have been about two feet long, but having been literally boiled in the water which had become heated by the flames it shrank to a doll's size. A conspicuous position was given to a glove which was supposed to have been worn by Queen Elizabeth. It is apparently of a silken texture and embossed, but is so large that a lady of to-day would feel quite insulted if she were presented with a pair of gauntlets of this size. Messrs. Fownes and Co. obtained the glove from an old Scottish lady, who stated that it had been in the possession of her family a great many years, and there was a piece of paper attached to it, evidently very old, stating that the glove was worn by Queen Elizabeth at her coronation. The glove has been submitted to the inspection of experts, who are agreed that it is of the Elizabethan period, whether it belonged to the Queen or not. Another glove, with interesting Royal traditions attaching to it, occupied a noticeable position in the case. This is the fellow to a glove worn by George IV. in 1825. It was manufactured at that time by Messrs. Fownes for His Majesty. This is the story: A gentleman named Mitchell, manager of Her Majesty's Opera House, was related to the Fownes family, and he happened to see the two gloves in the course of a private visit. He asked that he should be allowed to take one of them to show Her Majesty, who would be occupying a seat in the Opera House in the course of an evening or so. When the time came, Mr. Mitchell showed the glove he took away to the Queen, who placed it upon the hand of the Prince of Wales, then a little boy, and laughed at its ludicrous size, when compared with the Prince's hand. It is believed that the one shown to the Queen is still in possession of Her Majesty. Beyond having been worn by a King of England, it is interesting as a specimen of the glove of the period. It gives more than enough freedom to the hand, and it must have been a great trouble to keep it on as it is exceedingly loose at the wrist. The case was surmounted by the handsome new showcard of the firm, which represents "Autolycus" in *The Winter's Tale* with a pedlar's basket holding up a pair of gloves of Messrs. Fownes' and Co.'s make. Two quotations from the play referring to gloves, are reproduced on the card. The original was painted by that able artist, Mr. Walter Urwick, and one of the managers of the firm, and the picture has been excellently reproduced by Hildesheimer & Co.

To all associated with the craft, however, there were stands in the Old Council Chamber which had a nearer interest. Two large cases contained part of the unique collection of masonic medals, jewels, and emblems, collected by the Grand Provincial Secretary, Worshipful Brother Geo. Taylor, Grand Standard Bearer of England, and purchased recently by the Province at a cost of £500. This most curious collection bears the name of Brother Taylor, and now belongs to the Museum of the Province located at the Worcester Lodge, 280. The jewels represented Freemasonry in Moldavia, France, Germany, America,

The Right Hon. the Dowager Lady Hindlip, Mr. G. W. Hastings, M.P., and Mrs. Hastings, Alderman T. R. and Mrs. Hill, Mr. W. R. Higgs (the City Sheriff) and Mrs. Higgs, Mr. J. S. Hill, Miss Nellie Hill, and Miss Hill (Blackheath, London), Mr. R. C. and Mrs. Hill, Mr. R. P. and Mrs. Hill, the Rev. W. A. and Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Holland, Mr. W. and Mrs. Holland, Miss Holloway, Mr. J. H. and Mrs. Hooper, the Rev. G. F. and Miss Hough, Mr. J. H. and Mrs. Hughes (Ombersley), Mr. W. P. and Mrs. Hughes, Mr. W. B. and Mrs. Hulme, the Rev. C. Jerram and Mrs. Hunt, Mr. G. E. and Mrs. Hyde, Mr. T. G. and Mrs. Hyde.

Mrs. and Miss Isaac (Boughton Park), the Rev. G. M. Isaac,

The City Chamberlain (Mr. W. Joseland) and Mrs. Joseland,

Mr. G. and Mrs. Kennedy (South Kensington), Mrs. Kennedy (South Kensington), Mr. and Mrs. Kershaw, Colonel and Mrs. Meade King, Alderman A. W. and Mrs. Knott, the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Knox Little,

Sir E. A. H., Lady Lechmere, and Mr. A. H. Lechmere; Mr. W. and Mrs. Lambert, Mr. F. R. and Mrs. Laurie, Mr. C. W. and Mrs. Lea, Captain and Mrs. Leggett, Mr. J. Parrott Lett, Mr. T. H. and Miss Lewis, the Rev. W. H. R. and Mrs. Longhurst.

Dr. and Mrs. Marsh, Mr. G. E. and Mrs. Martin, Mr. E. A. Mason, Mr. W. H. and Mrs. Maxey, Miss Morgan, Miss Amy Morris.

Miss Alice Nash, Mr. R. S. and Mrs. Nash (Martley), Mr. W. B. and Mrs. Needham, Colonel Norbury, C.B. and the Hon. Mrs. Norbury.

Mr. H. and Mrs. Oram.

Mr. A. and Mrs. Pemberton, Mr. C. W. D. and Mrs. Perrins, Mr. H. R. and Mrs. Perrins, Mr. W. G. and Mrs. Pike, Mr. S. G. and Mrs. Purchas.

Miss Quarterman.

Mr. T. Tempest and Miss Radford, Mr. R. T. and Mrs. Rea, Mr. C. H. and Mrs. Redgrave, Mr. A. and Mrs. Rowe, Mr. H. and Mrs. Rowe, Mr. A. B. and Mrs. Rowe.

Mr. G. A. and Mrs. Sheppard, Mr. E. Walpole Simmons, Mr. T. J. F. Smith, Mr. T. L. Smith, Mr. A. E. and Mrs. Sommers, the Town Clerk (Mr. S. Southall) and Mrs. Southall, Mr. T. Southall, the Very Rev. Dr. Spence (Dean of Gloucester), Mr. P. Sprengford, Alderman J. and Miss Stallard, Mr. J. Stallard, junr., and Mrs. Stallard, Mr. J. V. and Mrs. Stallard, Mr. F. and Mrs. Stallard (London), Mr. R. Stallard, Mr. W. and Mrs. Stallard, Mr. J. A. and Mrs. Steward, Mr. C. P. and Mrs. Stokes, Mr. J. W. and Mrs. Stope, Miss Sutton.

Sir Richard Temple, Bart., M.P., and Lady Temple, the Rev. R. and Mrs. Thursfield, Alderman and Mrs. Townshend, Mr. C. W. Turner.

Mr. H. and Mrs. Urwick, Mr. S. J. and Mrs. Urwick, Mr. F. G. and Mrs. Underwood.

Sir H. F. Vernon and Lady Vernon, Mr. C. and Mrs. Virgo.

The Right Hon. Lord Windsor and Lady Windsor, Mr. T. W. and Mrs. Walsh, Major A. and Mrs. Webb, Mr. E. and Mrs. Webb, Miss West, the Rev. T. L. and Mrs. Wheeler, Mr. L. J. and Mrs. Wilding, Mr. G. Williams, Mr. G. H. and Mrs. Williamson, Alderman W. B. and Mrs. Williamson, the Rev. J. B. and Mrs. Wilson, Miss Wish (Devonshire), Dr. and Mrs. Woodward, Mr. J. S. and Mrs. Wood, Mr. J. Livingstone Wood.

Mr. F. and Mrs. Yeates.

WEDNESDAY.

LODGE MEETINGS AND SERVICE AT THE CATHEDRAL.

The continued celebration of the Centenary of the Worcester Lodge, began on Wednesday with luncheon in the Guildhall at 11.30. This was a semi-public gathering, but there was no speech making, as a Craft Lodge was due to open at the Chapter House at 12.30. The chair at the luncheon was taken by the Worshipful Master, who was supported by most of the brethren named in the list which follows. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Chapter House at one o'clock, by permission of the Dean and Chapter, the brethren appearing in masonic mourning for the late Lord Carnarvon.

The following gentlemen signed the roll of attendance: Sir Edmund Lechmere, P.G.M. of Worcestershire; Brother A. F. Godson, D.P.G.M. of Worcestershire; Very Worthy Brother the Marquis of Hertford, Past S.G. Warden of England, Prov. G. Master Antrim; the Right Hon. Sir M. Hicks Beach, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Gloucestershire; Very Worthy Brother J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treasurer of England; Very Rev. the Dean of Gloucester; Very Worthy Bro. Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain of England. The following officers and past officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge: Bro. C. M. Green, P.C.S.G.W.; Bro. Thomas Hobbs, P.M., 529 and 280; Bro. H. Wilson, P.J.G.W.; W. B. Williamson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. and P.P.S.G.W., Past P.G. Wardens C. E. Bloomer, W. H. Westwood, G. W. Grosvenor, R. P. Hill, J. Fitzgerald, G. H. Westbury, W. Waldron; P.G. Chaplain the Rev. J. W. Willshaw; P.P.G. Chaplains Revs. W. J. Down, J. Knight Law; P.G. Treasurer J. Joseland; P.G. Registrar W. S. Davis; Past P.G. Registrars J. Aston and Arthur Comber; P.G. Sec. G. Taylor; P.S. G. Deacon W. Thomas; P.G. Superintendent of Works T. F. Hart;

BRO. R. S. NASH

Mr. H. W. Pidcock.

W. BRO. H. R. PERRINS

Mrs. H. R. Perrins.

W. BRO. HENRY ROWE

Mr. C. H. and Mrs. Clarke, Miss Hill, and Miss Nellie Hill (London).

W. BRO. A. B. ROWE

W. Bro. J. and Mrs. Bowen (Moseley), Mrs. J. R. Buck (Malvern Link), Miss Gillam (Chepstow), Miss Morgan (Kidderminster), Bro. R. and Mrs. Surman, Miss Underwood (Malvern Link).

W. BRO. T. L. SMITH

Bro. Edward and Mrs. Kennedy (S. Kensington), Mrs. Kennedy (S. Kensington), Mr. T. J. F. Smith,

BRO. S. SOUTHALL

Mr. G. S. and Mrs. Blakeway, Mr. Edward Corbett, Miss May Corbett, Mr. John Dingle, Mr. W. B. and Mrs. Needham.

W. BRO. JOHN STALLARD

Mrs. John Stallard, Mr. A. S. and Mrs. Allen, Miss Buck, Mr. J. P. Lett, Miss Amy Morris, Mr. Henry Stallard, Mr. A. Stone, Mr. H. and Mrs. Wight.

BRO. J. V. STALLARD

Mrs. J. V. Stallard, Miss E. Bentley, Mr. C. F. Chorley, Miss Phyllis Clarke, Mr. B. Kirkman (Oxford), Miss Sutton.

BRO. J. A. STEWARD

Mrs. J. A. Steward.

BRO. C. W. TURNER

Mr. T. Hankins, Miss Hobbs, Mr. A. Hobbs, Mr. F. Hobbs.

W. BRO. F. G. UNDERWOOD

Mrs. F. G. Underwood, Mr. J. H. and Miss Cooksey, Miss Oridlan, W. Bro. G. W. and Mrs. Grosvenor (Kidderminster), Mr. and Mrs. Parry, Mr. H. T. and Mrs. Underwood, Mr. Henry Webb, and Miss Webb.

W. BRO. UNDERWOOD

Bro. Albert and Mrs. Baker (Malvern), W. Bro. John and Mrs. Mossopp (Kidderminster).

BRO. C. VIRGO

Bro. W. and Mrs. Maxey, Bro. H. and Mrs. Gram Mrs. Virgo, Mr. J. H. and Mrs. Williams.

W. BRO. W. B. WILLIAMSON

Mrs. W. B. Williamson, W. Bro. Colonel Jarvis (Leamington) and Mrs. Jarvis, Mr. Percy Springford, and Miss Quarterman.

BRO. J. S. WOOD

Miss Wood, Mr. W. R. Higgs (the City Sheriff) and Mrs. Higgs, Mr. Walter Pemberton, Miss Pemberton, Mr. J. L. and Mrs. Wood.

DISTINGUISHED MASONS

The Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire and Lady Lechnere, the Provincial Grand Treasurer (Mr. John Joseland) and Mrs. Joseland, the Provincial Grand Secretary and Mrs. Taylor.

INVITED BY THE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE

G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, D.G.M. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Bro. Admiral Lord Alcester, G.C.B., Bro. Charles Barry (Bayswater), Bro. Lord Alfred Spencer Churchill, Colonel S. H. Clerke (Freemason's Hall), the Very Rev. Dr. G. Reid Currie (Dean of Battle, Sussex), Bro. R. Joynes Emerson, Bro. Thomas Fen, Bro. Robert Gray (Russell Square, W.C.), Bro. Augustus Glossop Harris, Bro. Sir G. D. Harris (Hyde Park), Bro. Sir Richard Loveland Loveland, Bro. R. Ceary (Ludlow), Bro. Meyer Lutz, Bro. R. Dixon Mercer, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Bro. Rev. Dr. Wm. Randall (Birmingham), Bro. W. F. Smithson (Leeds), Bro. Sir John Richard Somers Vine (Adelphi.), W. Bro. Whitehead (York), Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods, K.C.M.G.

W.M.'s OF LODGES

The Worshipful Master of Lodge 252 and Lady M. Smith (Dudley), the W.M. of Lodge 377 and Lady R. Woodward (Kidderminster), the W.M. of Lodge 498 and Lady J. W. Roberts (Dudley), the W.M. of Lodge 529 and Lady E. Holmes (Worcester), the W.M. of Lodge 564 and Lady R. Robinson (Stourbridge), the W.M. of Lodge 573 and Lady Thomas Taylor (Stourbridge), the W.M. of Lodge 1,097 and Lady Hill-Lowe (Tenbury), the W.M. of Lodge 1,204 and Lady A. O. Fraser (Madresfield), the W.M. of Lodge 1,874 and Lady G. L. Webster (Bewdley), the W.M. of Lodge 2,034 and Lady Edmund Worrall (Moseley).

INVITED BY LODGE 280

The Right Hon., the Lord Lieutenant and the Countess Beauchamp, Lady Mary Lygon, the Right Hon. the Earl and Countess of Coventry, Lady Barbara Coventry, the Right Hon. the Countess of Dudley, and Lady Edith Ward, the Right Hon. the Earl of Dudley, Mr. G. E., and Mrs. Abell and the Misses Abell, Mr., Mrs., and the Misses Barnitt, the Rev. W. E., and Mrs. Bolland, the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Worcester, and Mrs. Carington, the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Claughton, the Very Rev. the Dean of Worcester and Mrs. Gott, Mr. G. W. Hastings, M.P., and Mrs. Hastings, Miss Holloway, Mr. G. E., Mrs. and Miss Martin, the Rev. the Sub-Dean and Mrs. Melville, Mr. and the Misses Purchas, Mr. T. Tempest Radford, and the Misses Radford, Sir R. Temple, Bart., M.P., and Miss Temple, Sir H. F. Vernon and Lady Georgina Vernon, Mr. C. and Mrs. Whittaker (Persnore).

The wines were from the cellars of Messrs. Lewis, Clarke, and Co.

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MASONIC CENTENARY IN WORCESTER

To-day the Worcester Lodge (280) of Freemasons begin the celebrations in connection with its centenary festival. A *conversazione* will be held this evening in the Guildhall, and preparations for making it a social function of considerable brilliance and interest are now completed. The hall is decorated with unwonted elaboration, Masonic banners and emblems making a conspicuous part of the display. Specimens of some of the leading manufactures of the city, such as porcelain and gloves, will be on view, and Mr. Gilmer's *bijon* orchestra will add the attraction of a fine selection of instrumental music.

The invitations sent out included the working officers of every lodge in the province of Worcestershire, all the past and present officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, a small number of distinguished Masons, a few of the leading citizens, and all the members of the Lodge 280. The invitations sent out numbered 750, and about 400 acceptances have been received.

The centenary of a Masonic Lodge is regarded as an occasion of no small importance by those connected with the craft. A warrant for such a celebration is granted only to a lodge which can prove a continuous working for a hundred years. In the province of Worcestershire there is one lodge nominally older than 280, the Dudley Harmonic (252), whose original warrant dates back to 1784; but as the Harmonic has taken no steps to celebrate a centenary it may probably be taken for granted that there has been some lapse in its activity, and that it cannot therefore establish to the satisfaction of the Grand Lodge a hundred years' continuous working. The other lodges in this province have all been founded within the present century, and are—Kidderminster, Hope and Charity (377); Dudley, Royal Standard (498); Worcester, Semper Fidelis (529); Stourport, Vernon (560); Stourbridge, Stability (564); Halesowen, Perseverance (573); Tenbury, St. Michael's (1097); Malvern, Royds (1204); Kidderminster, Lechmere (1874); Moseley, Masefield (2034).

The warrant of 280 is dated 1790, and the preliminary proceedings in relation to the founding of the lodge were advertised in *Ferrow's Journal* in the summer of that year. An earlier lodge existed in Worcester under the Athol constitution, as the late Mr. Woolf pointed out so many years ago, but there is no record of the period at which that became dormant. That lodge had a successor in Lodge 574, and on the 9th October, 1787, a warrant was issued which sanctioned the opening of a lodge at the Reindeer Inn, "under the title or denomination of the Worcester Lodge," with Richard Harris as Master, Moses Leviston, Senior Warden, and Daniel Brookholding Curwen, Junior Warden. In accordance with this warrant the lodge was opened at the Reindeer Inn. Seven years later we find it removed to the Star and Garter Inn, where down to 1842 it continued to meet on the first Wednesday in summer months and the first and third Wednesday in winter. In 1842 its numbers had so much increased that it removed to the Masonic Hall, at the Bell Hotel, which remained its home until its transfer to the Masonic Hall, High-street. During the course of its existence the lodge has borne several numbers, consequent upon the consolidation and revision of registers; and in the revision of 1863 it became No. 280. The roll of those who have been installed masters of the lodge contains many names well-known in the annals of the city in various capacities. Bro. Richard Harris was followed in 1791 by Bros. Moses Leviston and R. M. Mence, who was succeeded by Richard Moseley. Bro. the Rev. T. Hayes was master in 1797, John Collingwood in 1998 and William Thompson for 1798 till 1806, John Allen 1807-8, William Thompson 1809-10, John Collingwood 1811, John Allen 1812, John Bennett 1813, and William Thompson again until 1817. Among the names which occur in the roll of Masters for the next sixty years are John S. Ballard, Adam Dodds, Thomas Burrow, Henry Deighton, Thomas France, John B. Hyde, Thomas Gwinnell, Charles Bedford, Harvey Shelton, Henry Shelton, Harvey Egington, Joseph Bennett, Robert Rising, Alfred C. Hooper (1847 and 1857), C. C. W. Griffiths, B. L. Stable, F. T. Elgie, E. G. Stone, R. P. Hill (1853-4), William Woods, Hilary Hill (1856), W. H. Wood, J. Barber, S. Purchas, M. M. Beale Cooper, Richard Woolf (1861), A. Powell, Richard Smith (1863), William Meredith, John Newtown, Jos. Rutland (1866), George Baldwin, Stanley Baldwin, C. F. Pidoock (1869-70), T. S. Smith, C. C. W. Griffiths, A. A. Sylvester, J. C. Gregg, Wm. Stallard, and C. S. Faram.

Worshipful Brother John Stallard, jun., will receive the guests at the *conversazione* to-night, and the committee for carrying out the arrangements consists of himself and Worshipful Brethren Rev. G. F. Hough, T. L. Smith, F. G. Underwood, W. B. Hulme, W. Barkley, R. C. Smith-Carington, A. B. Rowe, W. B. Williamson, J. D. Allcroft, R. P. Hill, Henry Rowe Brethren J. S. Wood, R. Clarke, and S. Southall.

The programme to-morrow includes luncheon at the Guildhall at half-past eleven o'clock in the morning, a Provincial Grand Lodge at the Chapter House at one o'clock, service in the Cathedral at a quarter to three, and a banquet at the Guildhall at half-past four.

On Thursday there will be a special centenary meeting at the Lodge room at three o'clock in the afternoon, when Worshipful Brother Underwood, director of the ceremonies, will read a history of the lodge. In the evening the festival will wind up with a ball.

THE NEW AMERICAN TARIFF.

A *Times* Philadelphia telegram, dated Oct. 6, says:—
The enforcement of the new tariff to-day was marked

Smith, Mr. William Smith, Mr. Walter Somers, Mr. J. E. Stone, Mr. Robert Stevenson, Mr. James Stevens, Mr. Edwin Stringer.

Mr. W. H. Talbot, Mr. H. Taylor, Mr. Thos. Taylor, Mr. Geo. Taylor, the Rev. A. B. Timbrell, Mr. W. J. Threlfall, Mr. W. Thomas, Mr. G. F. Thompson, Mr. Thos. Trowman, Dr. Edwin Turner, Mr. Jas. Turner, Mr. W. J. Turney.

Mr. Thos. Vale.

Dr. W. F. Underhill.

Mr. R. G. Walker, Mr. E. M. Warmington, Mr. Wm. Waring, Mr. E. Walker, Mr. Jas. Warham, Mr. W. H. Westwood, Mr. Hy. Wilson, Mr. Walter Wood, Mr. Edward Worrell, Mr. Edward Thos. Wright, the Rev. J. W. Willshaw.

While the reception of guests was in progress the programme of the evening was begun. Mr. Gilmer's bijou orchestra occupied the recess at the northern end of the Assembly Room, from which they discoursed the following selection of music:—

War march—priests	“Athalie”	...	(Mendelssohn)
Overture	“Maritana”	...	(Wallace)
Valse	“Grand Lodge of England”		(Godfrey)
Selection	“The Gondoliers”	...	(Sullivan)
Gavotte	“L'Ingenue”	...	(Arditi)
Ballet music	Op. Gioconda	...	(Ponchielli)
Intermezzo	“Songe d'Amour apres le Bal”		(Czilbulka)
Cornet solo	“Love's old sweet song”	...	(Molloy)
Grand selection	“Romeo and Juliet”	...	(Gounod)
Spanish song	“La Paloma”	...	(Yradier)
Valse	“Tout Paris”	...	(Waldteufel)
Cossack dance	(Ivan Tchakoff)
Fantasia	Op. Faust	...	(Gounod)

Besides the music there were manifold attractions. Chief among these, as was fitting on such an occasion, was a collection of Masonic curios set out in the old Council Chamber. The Province has acquired, at a cost of £500, a collection formed by Worshipful Brother Taylor, and part of that collection is located in Lodge 280. The cases on view last night contained craft jewels representing France, Germany, Moldavia and America, and some royal arch jewels of peculiar interest. In another case were aprons belonging to the museum of the Province, some of them a century old, and in a third was an array of Masonic plate belonging to Lodge 280, among which were a pair of antique decanters derived from the Taylor collection. Lodge 280 exhibited a remarkable picture of the Duke of Sussex, which is in reality a biographical sketch so painted as to form a portrait. Sir Edmund Leehmere lent two photographs of groups of girls at the Freemasons' school, London, going through their musical drill. Mr. A. F. Godson, M.P. contributed an engraving by Benjamin Hill of a portrait of his late uncle, Mr. R. Godson, M.P., who was a member of the Dudley Lodge. The engraving came into Mr. Godson's possession in peculiar circumstances. A gentleman who admired his late uncle had long treasured it, and was anxious that it should pass into the hands of some one who would take an equal pride in it. Meeting Mr. A. F. Godson one day by chance, he offered him the engraving, which was of course gladly accepted. The manufactures of Worcester were also represented, the gloving industry by a case exhibited by Messrs. Fownes, in which skins of various kinds and in various stages of manufacture were shown side by side with the finished article, and Worcester china by two cases from the Royal Porcelain Works. The one case contained specimens of works of the highest beauty in the style of the most recent manufacture. The other case was devoted to old Worcester, some of the specimens having been engraved by Robert Hancock, who was himself a Mason and one of the first engravers employed at the Porcelain works. A portrait of this Robert Hancock, to which an interesting story is attached, was shown by Mr. R. W. Binns. Hancock engraved the portrait himself, and not approving of it destroyed the plate, reserving only the impression from which the engraving exhibited was taken.

The excellent music and the objects exhibited occupied the guests fully during the evening, and in the intervals they descended to the lower hall for the refreshments which were there provided.

The stewards by whom the arrangements for the conversazione were carried out were—Messrs. R. Clarke, J.W., R. C. Smith-Carington, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. Wks., Walter Holland, A. B. Rowe, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. Wks., R. P. Hill, P.M., P.P.G.W., F. G. Underwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., S. M. Beale, J.G., W. B. Hulme, P.M.

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The celebration was continued on Wednesday, when a luncheon was given in the Guildhall, at which Worshipful Master J. Stallard, jun., presided, and about 240 attended.

After the luncheon a Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Chapter House. The following were present at the Lodge:—

Very Worthy Brother the Marquis of Hertford, Pers. S.G. Warden of England, Prov. Grand Master Outrim the Right Hon. Sir M. Hicks Beach, M.P., Right Worthy Prov. Grand Master of Gloucestershire, Very Worthy Brother J. D. Allcroft, P.G.; Treasurer of England, Very Rev. the Dean of Gloucester, Bros. J. H. Gaunt, 529; A. L. Baylis, 529; C. E. Pipe, 529; J. V. Stallard, 280; Ernest Day, 280; A. Thompson, 662; C. Meiklejohn, 739; G. Old, 662; E. Wood, 662; J. H. H. Manby, 662; J. Round Athol, 74; J. Falconer, 498; W. H. Simpkins, 498; W. T. Lowe, P.G.O., Bucks; T. Pateshall, 252; E. Holmes, W.M. 529; R. J. Surman, S.W., 529; Sir Edmund Lechmere, P.G.M.; Bro. A. F. Godson, D.P.G.M.; Bro. C. M. Green, P.S.G.W.; Bro. Thomas Hobbs, P.M. 529 and 280, P.J.G.W.; Bro. H. Wilson, P.J.G.W.; Past P.G. Wardens W. B. Williamson, C. E. Bloomer, H. H. Westwood, G. W. Grosvenor, R. P. Hill, J. Fitzgerald, G. H. Westbury, W. Waldron; P.G. Chaplain, the Rev. J. W. Wilshaw; P.P.G. Chaplains Revs. W. J. Down, J. Knight-Law; P.G. Treasurer, J. Joseland; P.G. Registrar, William S. Davis; Past P.G. Registrars, J. Aston and Arthur Comber; P.G. Sec., G. Taylor; P.S. G. Deacon, W. Thomas; P.G. Supt. of Works, T. F. Hart; Past P.G. Supt. of Works, Henry Rowe; Thos. E. Lucy, R. C. S. Carington, F. M. Underhill, P.C. Director of Ceremonies, J. Mossop; Past P.G. Director of Ceremonies, Warner Ottley; R. Stevenson, U.C. Sword Bearer, Geo. Hodgkiss; Past P.G. Sword Bearers Thos. Vale, Edward Lay, J. Blade, and F. G. Underwood; P.G. Organist, A. Jackson; Past P.G. Organist, W. Haynes; Past and P.G. Pursuivant, W. Wood; P.G. Stewards W. Dorset, H. J. Ward, A. Johnson, E. Colen, and P. Gallimore; P.G. Supt. of Works, G. H. Williamson; W. F. Veal, S.D., 529; Alfred E. Davis, J.W., 529; R. Underwood, 573; T. H. Lloyd J.D., 573; I. F. Bland, 1874; G. W. Morris, 529; W. Page, J.P.M., 529; F. H. Pinkett, Sec., 529; J. Fisher, P.M., 498; W. C. Botterill, 960; T. Mason, P.P.G.S.D., Middlesex; E. J. Chambers, J.W. Prov. C.S., 252; J. M. McLeod, P.P.G.S.B., Derby; A. Sharpe, 425; W. E. Walker, P.M., 252; T. Chambers, S.W., 252; R. Woodward, W.M., 377; W. Atkins, J.W., 377; T. H. Getts, J.G., 573; W. Stansfield, Organist, 252; J. Jones, J.D., 252; R. Broomhall, P.P.S.G.W., 564; C. Mycon, P.M.P.P.G.S.B., 560; S. Owen, P.M., 2,034; W. Spraffon, P.P.G.D.C., 2,034; M. Morrison, W.M., 2,034; N. C. Green, P.P.G.D., 3,749, P.M., 1874; J. E. Stone, P.P.G.D., 377; E. S. Morgan, 564; W. Somers, P.P.A.D.C., 573; R. G. Venables, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M., Salop; W. A. Hill, P.P.G.C., Gloucestershire; R. V. Vassar Smith, D.P.G.M., Gloucestershire; J. Bryan, P.S.G.W., Gloucestershire; the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G.S.W., Warwickshire; W. P. Palethorpe, Organist, 498; J. W. Roberts, W.M., 498; S. Spittle, Tyler, 252; J. Dugard, Tyler, 377; J. Russell, 252; W. Bennett, Tyler, 2,034; J. M. Dunn, 578; W. Forth, Prov. G. J.W., Gloucestershire; G. Norman, P. Prov. G.R., Gloucestershire; J. Wade, Tyler, 560; John Smith Prov. G. Tyler; J. Millington, 529; E. George Jones, 529; W. Edward Williams, 529; J. Stretton, 529; W. George Page, 529; W. Dorset, 560; W. L. Southwell, P.P.G.W., Salop; J. H. L. Thompson, 1,204; Ch. P. Green, 1,204; J. H. Cooksey, P.M., P.P.G.S., Salop; T. Eden, 377; P. Davis, 1,097; J. Humphries, 573; A. Cotton, 377; S. G. N. Spofforth, 529; J. S. Hargreaves, 1,204; J. W. Beckley, 498; Hon. George Allsopp, 280; A. J. King, 498; J. A. Daggs, J.W., 1,097; A. Hill Lowe, 1,097; J. H. Hughes, 280; H. Horton, P.G.W., 189; A. S. Townsend, P.P.G.S.W., Salop; W. K. R. Bedford, P.G.C.; W. F. Newton, 1,204; Mark Robinson, J.G., 498; Thomas D. Insull, 593; A. Orme, Fraser, W.M., 1,204; Albert C. Baker, 1,204; Thomas Green, Jun., 573; J. Blenkarne, 573; J. Robinson, J.D., 564; H. Wilcox, 564; R. Rhodes, J.S., 564; F. H. Tolladoy, P.G.G., D.D.C., 1,180; W. Jones, 573; P. Morrison, P.P.S.B., 377; F. Barlow, 1,792; W. Waring, P.M.P.P.S.B., 252; D. Bryce, 593; T. S. Morris, 498; J. E. Bottomley, J.P.M., 564; B. Robinson, W.M., 564; W. Hanson, J.D., 252; J. Stallard, jun., W.M., 280; H. R. Turney, 593; J. Attwood, J.G., 564; H. F. Williams, 529; J. H. White, J.D., 529; G. H. T. Foster, J.D., 1,204; R. N. Tovey, 1,204; J. Gray, 529; W. West, 529; A. Cookson, S.P.G.P., 573; J. A. Decty, S.D., 564; G. H. Parke, 252; A. Morton, 252; Arthur R. Taylor, 252; H. H. Hughes, 593; D. Daves, S.W., 1874; G. Lees, P.P.G.S.W., 560; W. H. Moore, 377; T. F. Higgs, 252; G. T. Owen, 252.

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