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The Province of Worcestershire is fortunate in the possession of one of the most valuable collections, apart from that of the Grand Lodge, in the United Kingdom. The nucleus of this library and museum was formed by the late Wor. Bro. Geo. Taylor, P.M. 1874, P.G.Std.B., P.P.G.W., to whose zealous enthusiasm and discrimination it will remain an abiding testimony. Acquired from him at cost price, together with the free gift of numerous presentation numbers, the collection was further enriched by the generosity of the late Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., Prov. Grand Master 1878-1894. The library and museum is situated in the Masonic Hall, Worcester, and is vested in Provincial Grand Lodge.

Comprising upwards of 1,500 manuscripts, books and publications and many jewels, medals, tokens etc., numerous pictures and engravings, examples of china, glass, wood, aprons and clothing, the exhibits represent many countries and languages, and embrace a wide range from "operative" periods to contemporaneity. Among many other unique items, there are no less than three of the "Ancient Charges" to wit "Lechmere M.S.", "The Inigo Jones, M.S.", and "The Wood M.S.". Added to these the "Richard Woof" collection and the "Shackles" collection of Masonic Medals still further enriches the exhibits.

Brethren of contemplative, studious or merely curious turn of mind will find an inexhaustible fund of interest in this treasury of Masonic lore and relics. With a view to bringing this most interesting collection more prominently

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before the province, a new committee was formed in September 1912, and representatives on this are elected annually by each subscribing Masonic body.

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The General Committee comprises the above members together with a representative from each subscribing Masonic body in the Province.

The Committee has pleasure in presenting its twentieth report to the Provincial Grand Lodge.

It has first the melancholy duty to record with sympathy and regret the loss sustained by the death of Wor. Bro. C. H. Cook, P.P.G.W., who always took an active interest in the work of the Library and Museum. At a meeting of the General Committee held on August 29th. 1931, Wor. Bro. J. E. Cartwright <sup>P.P.G.D.</sup> was elected to succeed him on the Committee.

It is with great pleasure that your Committee can again record that the Masonic collection has been further enriched by many interesting and valuable presentations during the past year, and it again appeals to Brethren throughout the Province to give it their fullest support by emulation of the example set by its many kind donors.

It is still gratifying to note the continuing and growing interest shown by visitors to the Museum and the thanks of the Committee are again due to the Hon. Librarian, Wor. Bro. F. J. Underwood, P.P.G.W., for personally conducting them and for lecturing to various Lodges on the collections generally.

Your Committee desires to thank all the Lodges and Masonic bodies who have subscribed and are subscribers towards the maintenance of the Museum and who have so generously helped the Shackles Collection Fund, and in this connection it wishes to place on record its deep appreciation of the admirable achievement obtained in paying off a sum approximating £3000 including the purchase cost of the collection of ~~£1500~~ <sup>£1500</sup>, in a space of 5 years. It feels that the credit is in no small measure due to the zeal and earnest devotion of the Chairman and Hon. Treasurer, Wor. Bro. W. T. Page, D.P.G.M., assisted by various members of the Committee and to the excellent

*Handwritten note:* £1500 in a space of 5 years

assistance and support given by Lodges and Masonic bodies generally in the Province. In expressing to the Province its sincere thanks it still earnestly appeals for continued aid towards the upkeep of the Library and Museum.

It again reminds each subscribing body that it is entitled to appoint one Representative on the Committee and lays special emphasis on this point as it regrets to note that several Lodges appear to have overlooked their privilege.

Your Committee feels that with reference to the cataloguing of the Library and Museum the brethren in the Province will hear with pleasure that at an Executive Committee meeting held on May 28th. 1932, it was resolved to approach Wor. Bro. The Rev. H. Poole, of Sedbergh College, with a view to his undertaking the work.

It is understood that Wor. Bro. Poole has kindly consented to do so, and is visiting the Library in August when it is hoped that he will be able to commence a work, which it is felt is somewhat overdue.

The Committee wishes again gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of the following gifts tendering its sincere apology should any omission have inadvertently occurred.

A.Q.C., Various Parts, Foyles Guide to Masonic Literature, Calendar of Priory of Lancashire, List of Donors and Subscribers Grand Lodge of M.M.M, Books Calendars etc.

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Proceedings Grand Lodge of Manitoba, - American charm.

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Harmonic Lodge No. 313 Signature Book, Photograph of Banner  
Mosaic Lodge No. 5028.

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Mark Lodge No. 59. Signature Book.

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Calendars of Great Priory.

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Lodge of Research Transactions 1930-31 and Masonic reprints

Lodge of Research No. 2129.

Goulds History of Freemasonry - 6 Vols.

Bro. W. J. Price.

Books, - Jewels (of the late Wor. Bro. C. H. Cook, P.P.G.W.)

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Proceedings Grand Lodge of England.

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