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CONSECRATION

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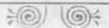
Moseley and Balsall Heath

Institute,

No. 2654,

ON

FRIDAY, 19TH MARCH, 1897,



At 2-0 o'clock p.m.

# THE CEREMONY OF CONSECRATION

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WILL BE PERFORMED BY

**R.W. BRO. AUGUSTUS FREDERICK GODSON,**

M.A., M.P., P.G.D. ENG., PROV. GRAND MASTER

AND

**W. BRO. COLONEL WARNER OTTLEY,**

DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER;

ASSISTED BY

W. Bro. T. R. ARTER, P.S.G.W., Wor., &c. ... As S.W.  
" GEO. HY. WILLIAMSON, P.J.G.W. ... As J.W.  
" Rev. GEO. FRED. HUGH, P.P.S.G.W. ... As Chap.  
" WILLIAM WALDRON, P.P.S.G.W. ... As D.C.  
" JOHN MULLINGTON, P.G. Pursuivant ... As I.G.



Bro. CHARLES PERCY PERRY ... ... W.M. Designate.  
" RICHARD WHEELER HAINES ... ... S.W. Designate.  
" CHARLES BENJAMIN BISHOP ... ... J.W. Designate.

## PROGRAMME.

1. The Brethren assemble in the Lodge Room.
2. The Consecrating Officer, accompanied by the Grand Officers, having entered in possession, takes the Chair and appoints his Officers *pro tem*.
3. The Lodge is opened in the Three Degrees.

### 4.—Opening Hymn.

HAIL Eternal, by whose aid All created things were made, Heaven and Earth Thy vast design, Hear us, Architect divine.	May our work begun in Thee Ever blest with order be ; And may we when labours cease Part in harmony and peace.
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By Thy glorious Majesty,  
By the trust we place in Thee,  
By the Lodge and mystic sign,  
Hear us, Architect divine.  
"So mote it be."

5. The Consecrating Officer addresses the Brethren on the motive of the Meeting, and calls upon the Chaplain to give the

### Opening Prayer.

6. Chant (*Omnes*): "So mote it be."
7. The Director of Ceremonies addresses the Consecrating Officer.
8. The Consecrating Officer replies, and gives directions.
9. The Brethren of the New Lodge are then arranged in order.
10. The Director of Ceremonies reads the Petition and Warrant.

PROGRAMME.—Continued.

11. The Consecrating Officer inquires of the Brethren if they approve of the Officers named in the Warrant.
12. The Brethren signify their approval in Masonic form.

13.—An Oration

On the Nature and Principles of the Institution, by the Chaplain.

14.—Antben.

BEHOLD how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren to dwell together in unity,  
It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard,  
even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.  
It is like the dew of Hermon which fell upon the Hill of Zion.  
For there the Lord promised His blessing, and life for evermore.

SO MOTE IT BE.

15.—Dedication Prayer (First Portion.)

16. Chant (*Omnes*): "So mote it be."
17. *Sanctus*:—GLORY BE TO THEE, O GOD.
18. The Brethren turn towards the East, and the Consecrating Officer gives:

The Invocation.

19. Chant (*Omnes*): "So mote it be."
20. The Chaplain reads II. Chron., chap. ii., verses 1 to 16.
21. The Consecrating Officer directs Lodge Board to be uncovered, and the Consecrating Officer and Wardens carry the Elements of Consecration three times round the Lodge, halting in the East at each perambulation. (Solemn music during the procession.)

PROGRAMME.—*Continued.*

22. Before the first circuit the Brethren sing—  
WHEN once of old in Israel,  
Our early Brethren wrought with toil,  
Jehovali's blessings on them fell  
In showers of Corn, and Wine, and Oil.
23. The Consecrating Officer scatters Corn—the symbol of Plenty.
24. *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.
25. The Chaplain reads Psalm lxxii., verse 16.
26. Before the second circuit the Brethren sing—  
WHEN there, a shrine to Him alone  
They built, with worship sin to foil;  
On threshold and on Corner stone  
They poured out Corn and Wine, and Oil.
27. The Consecrating Officer pours Wine—the symbol of Joy and Cheerfulness.
28. *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.
29. The Chaplain reads Nehemiah, chap. x., verse 39.
30. Before the third circuit the Brethren sing—  
AND we have come, fraternal bands,  
With joy and pride, and prosperous spoil,  
To honour Him by votive hands  
With streams of Corn, and Wine, and Oil.
31. The Consecrating Officer pours Oil—the symbol of Peace and Unanimity.
32. *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.
33. The Chaplain reads Exodus, chap. xxx., verses 25 and 26.
34. Before the fourth circuit the Brethren sing—  
Now o'er our work this Salt we shower,  
Emblem of Thy conservant power;  
And may Thy presence, Lord, we pray,  
Keep this our temple from decay.
35. The Consecrating Officer sprinkles Salt—the symbol of Fidelity and Friendship.

PROGRAMME.—*Continued.*

36. *Musical Response*—GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH.

37. The Chaplain reads Leviticus, chap. ii., verse 13.

38.—The Consecrating Officer Dedicates the  
Lodge.

39.—*Anthem.*

O how amiable are Thy dwellings, Thou Lord of Hosts. My soul hath a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house: they shall always be praising Thee. *Hallelujah!*

40. The Chaplain takes the Censer three times round the Lodge, halting in the East. (*Solemn music during his progress.*)

41.—*Dedication Prayer* (*Second Portion.*)

42. Chant (*Omnes*): "So mote it be."

43.—The Consecrating Officer Constitutes the  
Lodge.

44. Chant (*Omnes*): "So mote it be."

45.—*Anthem.*

46.—*Patriarchal Benediction.*

47. Chant (*Omnes*): "So mote it be."

ANTHEM.



THE spacious firmament on high,  
With all the blue ethereal sky  
And spangled heavens, a shining frame,  
Their great Original proclaim.

The unwearied sun from day to day  
Does his Creator's power display,  
And publishes to every land  
The work of an Almighty Hand.

What though in solemn silence all  
Move round this dark terrestrial ball,—  
What though no real voice nor sound  
Amid their radiant orbs be found?

In Reason's ear they all rejoice  
And utter forth a glorious voice—  
For ever singing as they shine:  
The Hand that made us is Divine.



## LODGE BUSINESS.

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To install Bro. Charles P. Perry as Worshipful Master.

To elect the Treasurer and Tyler.

The Wor. Master to appoint and invest his Officers.

To elect a Committee to frame Bye-Laws.

To present Jewels to the Consecrating Officers.

To present a P.M. Jewel to Wor. Bro. T. R. Arter, P.S.G.W.

To present Jewels to the Founders of the Lodge.

To receive propositions for initiations and joining Members.

To close the Lodge.





## FOUNDERS AND FIRST OFFICERS.

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Wor. Bro. CHARLES P. PERRY ... ..	W.M.
"    "    T. R. ARTER, P.M., P.S.G.W. ...	ACTING I.P.M.
BRO. R. W. HAINES ... ..	S.W.
"    C. B. BISHOP ... ..	J.W.
"    J. J. B. ARTER ... ..	TREASURER.
"    A. C. KELLETT ... ..	SECRETARY.
"    S. ALLEN ... ..	S.D.
"    J. HODGKINS ... ..	J.D.
Wor. Bro. W. GLOVER, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.	D.C.
BRO. W. COWEN ... ..	I.G.
"    W. GOUGH ... ..	S.S.
"    W. B. DAVIES ... ..	} ASST. S.
"    GEO. HARRIS ... ..	
"    H. LUDZEN ... ..	
"    J. C. GOLLIBRAND ... ..	
"    V. H. DEE ... ..	
Wor. Bro. F. F. HALLAM, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. ...	
"    "    W. STEVENS, P.M. ... ..	
"    "    W. THOMAS, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. ...	
"    "    P. GALLIMORE, P.M., P.P.G.D. ...	
"    "    W. GILLIVER, P.M., P.P.G.St.B. ...	
BRO. C. ROBBINS ... ..	TYLER.