

PROVINCE OF WORCESTER.

Grand Secretary's Office,

GEORGE TAYLOR, P.P.S.G.W.,
Grand Secretary.

Summerdyne Villa,

Kidderminster,

9th September, 1885.

Dear Sir and Brother,

At the last meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge held at Worcester, August 28th, 1884, the following resolution was passed :—

“ That the formation of a Masonic Library and Museum for the Province of Worcestershire be considered and reported upon by the Soiree and Exhibition Committee.”

Various circumstances have prevented the Committee being called together for decisive action in the matter, but the R. W. Prov. Grand Master is desirous that this resolution should receive further attention, and requests that you will endeavour to reach Kidderminster on the 16th instant, in time to attend a Committee Meeting at the Masonic Hall, at 11 o'clock prompt.

Will you kindly consider the subject in the meantime, and if your attendance is not possible, I shall be glad of your views by letter.

In order to assist you I will, as plainly as possible, put you in possession of what has already been done.

Since the Worcester Exhibition I have been engaged, assisted by the untiring and self-sacrificing efforts of BRO. W. J. HUGHAN, in forming a collection on my own account. It is in two divisions,—the Library portion consisting of between 300 and 400 volumes of Masonic works, a large number of which are old and rare. The other or Museum part consists of about 200 old Masonic Medals of this and other countries, all valuable, and many very rare, together with old Prints, Engravings, Aprons, Pottery, &c.

It is only my desire to see our Province take the lead in so important and, I may say, unique a movement that I made the offer a short time ago to dispose of all I have for the same price I paid. The location thereof may be in any town preferred, and I trust it would eventually prove to be the nucleus only of something greater hereafter. Looked at from a commercial point of view, I should expect to get double its cost elsewhere, did I feel disposed to part with the collection.

Failing time at present to verify, my rough estimate of cost is—Library, £150, Museum, £150, and separately or together they are at the service of the Province.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

GEORGE TAYLOR.