

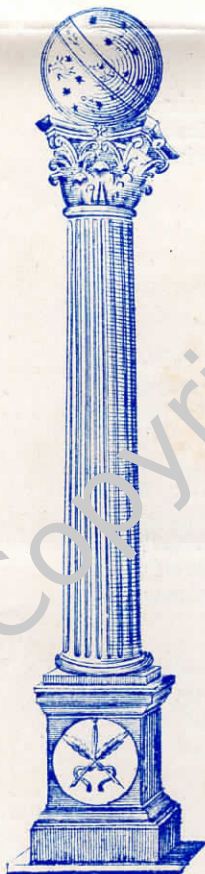


YORKSHIRE MASONIC HALL

{ IN AID OF THE LEEDS MASONIC CHARITIES. }

★ TOWN HALL, LEEDS. ★

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30TH 1885



PATRONS:

(MANY OF WHOM HAVE SIGNIFIED THEIR INTENTION TO BE PRESENT)

- THE MAYOR AND MAYORESS OF LEEDS;
 THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF CARNARVON, PRO. G.M. ENG.;
 THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF LATHOM, DEP. G.M., ENG., AND THE COUNTESS OF LATHOM;
 THE EARL OF ZETLAND, PRO. G.M. N. AND E. YORKS.;
 THE EARL OF MEXBOROUGH;
 VISCOUNT LASCELLES AND LADY LASCELLES;
 COLONEL SIR HENRY EDWARDS, BART. C.B., P. PROV. G.M. W. YORKS., AND LADY EDWARDS;
 T. W. TEW, ESQ. J.P., G.D. ENG., D. PROV. G.M. W. YORKS., AND MRS. TEW,;
 JOHN P. BELL, ESQ., M.D., P.G.D. ENG., U. PROV. G.M. N. AND E. YORKS.;
 THE RIGHT HON. H. E. C. CHILDERS, M.P., CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, AND MRS. CHILDERS;
 SIR FREDK. MILNER, BART. M.P., W.M., 1611, AND LADY MILNER;
 SIR J. W. RAMSDEN, BART. M.P., AND LADY RAMSDEN;
 SIR ANDREW FAIRBAIRN, KT., M.P., AND LADY FAIRBAIRN;
 THE MAYOR AND MAYORESS OF SHEFFIELD;
 THE MAYOR AND MAYORESS OF BRADFORD;
 THE MAYOR AND MAYORESS OF Huddersfield;
 THE MAYOR AND MAYORESS OF LEWISBURY;
 JOHN BARRAN, ESQ., M.P., AND MRS. BARRAN;
 W. L. JACKSON, ESQ., M.P., W.M. 89, AND MRS. JACKSON;
 HERBERT GLADSTONE, ESQ., M.P.;
 COL. GUNTER, M.P., AND MRS. GUNTER;
 WM. BECKETT DENISON, ESQ., AND HON. MRS. DENISON;
 THE MAYOR OF STALEYBRIDGE;
 THE MAYOR OF THIRSK;
 THE MAYOR AND MAYORESS OF PONTEFRACHT;
 THE MAYOR AND MAYORESS OF RICHMOND;
 J. E. BINGHAM, ESQ., W.M. 296, (Master Cutler), Sheffield;
 JACK SUTCLIFFE, ESQ., P.G.M.M. Lincolns;
 JAS. KITSON, ESQ., AND MRS. KITSON;
 AYSOUGH FAWKES, ESQ., AND MRS. FAWKES;
 JOHN W. WOODALL, ESQ., P. PROV. G.S.W. &c.;
- AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CRAFT.

Dispensations have been granted for Masons of every degree to wear full Masonic Clothing and Regalia. The hall will be specially decorated and furnished by Messrs. Womersley & Co., Leeds. Plants and Floral Decorations by Mr. Featherstone, Kirkstall.

There will be Masonic Quadrilles for the different Degrees, when it will be optional for Ladies to wear corresponding Coloured Sashes, viz:—CRAFT, *Blue*; MARK AND ARCH, *Purple*; ROSE CROIX, *Crimson*; and KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND MALTA, *Black*.

As the number is strictly limited, early application for Tickets must be made to the Honorary Secretaries, on the annexed form, accompanied by remittance.

NON-MASONS must apply for Tickets of admission to the Honorary Secretaries, or a member of a Masonic Lodge, giving full name and address for whom they are intended, Tickets not being transferable.

Entrance, Great George Street. Opening Masonic Quadrille 8-30 p.m. prompt.

THRUSH'S ORCHESTRAL BAND.

TICKETS, including refreshments and supper, by Bro. ARTHUR WOOD, Commercial Street, Leeds,

Double Ticket, to admit a Lady and Gentleman, 30/-

Single Ticket, Lady, 15/-; Gentleman, 21/-

5, COOKRIDGE STREET, LEEDS.

ARTHUR W. CHAPMAN, } *Honorary Secretaries.*
ALFRED SCARTH, }

THE

Leeds Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution

In again bringing this Institution under your notice, it may be well to explain briefly the efforts which have been and still are being made in order that the children of deceased Masons may be enabled to receive such an education as will fit them to fight the battle of life on fairly even terms with their contemporaries.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was commenced in the year 1788, for the purpose of educating, clothing, and maintaining a limited number of girls, whether orphans or otherwise, the children of Brethren who were prevented from affording their children a suitable education. Since its establishment, more than 1,350 girls have been educated, clothed, and maintained within its walls. There are at the present time about 240 girls in the Institution.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was commenced in 1798, for the purpose of clothing and educating the sons of distressed Masons.

Since its establishment nearly 1,600 boys have received the benefits of the Institution, and there are at the present time on its funds about 215 boys.

Excellent as these Institutions undoubtedly are, and nobly as they have fulfilled their mission, yet, owing to their comparatively small numerical accommodation, it has been felt that they were totally inadequate to meet the requirements of the craft, seeing that their total capacity is very limited indeed when compared with the number of orphans of deceased Brethren who have a claim on our Association.

In the year 1876, it was decided by the seven Leeds Lodges, assisted by our Excellent Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. TEW, to raise a local institution (on somewhat similar lines as has been adopted in East Lancashire) for the education, partial maintenance, and advancement in life of the orphans of deceased Brethren and the children of Brethren who have become incapacitated by sickness or accident from properly providing for their families.

Such of the children of deceased Brethren as can be elected in the larger institutions are assisted in their candidature, and the remainder receive the benefits of this, thus obviating, as far as practicable, the great disparity which otherwise would exist between the well-educated children of the London Schools and their less fortunate brothers and sisters at home.

The children are sent to such schools or schools as the surviving Parent or Guardian may elect, subject to the approval of the Committee; and the school fees are paid by the Committee through the Parent or Guardian, and not direct, so that all feeling of humiliation or any external appearance of charity may be avoided.

It is a matter of regret that the revenue of the Society has now become insufficient for its requirements, although (except in a very few instances) education alone has been afforded to our children, and little or nothing has been done towards effecting the other objects of the institution, viz., partial maintenance and advancement in life.

It has therefore become necessary that further Funds should be raised in order that the work of the institution should not only be maintained, but increased in its utility. To effect this most desirable object, it will be necessary first that the revenue from the subscriptions of the Brethren should be largely increased, and that the Entertainments given on behalf of this institution should be well supported; it is, therefore, hoped that the Brethren and those interested in benevolent work will use every endeavour to make the Ball, to be held on the 30th January next, a great success.

It may be interesting to state what has been done in the past, in order to stimulate and encourage further efforts. The Committee of the five Amateur Musical Entertainments have handed over to the funds of the Society the noble sum of £313 12s. 6d. The Ball of January 11th, 1884, produced the sum of £53 7s. 6d.; and the Private Entertainment given by the Misses Crowe and friends yielded no less than £31 10s. These praiseworthy results may well act as a stimulus to further efforts in aid of the funds of an Institution so commendable.

