

# CONSECRATION

OF THE



AT THE MASONIC HALL, BELL HOTEL,  
GLOUCESTER

On Wednesday the 12th day of December, 1883,  
AT TWO O'CLOCK,

BY THE GRAND SCRIBE E. OF ENGLAND,  
The M.E. Comp. Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE, as M.E.Z.,  
ASSISTED BY

M.E. Comp. Capt. S. G. HOMFRAY, P.G. Std. Br., Prov. G.H. Mon., as H.  
M.E. Comp. The Rev. C. J. MARTYN, P.G. Prin. Soj., G. Supt. Suffolk, as J.  
M.E. Comp. R. C. ELSE, P.G. Std. Br., Prov. G.H. Somerset, as D. of C.

Comp. THE RT. HON. SIR M. E. HICKS-BEACH, BART, M.P., M.E.Z. DESIGNATE.  
*P.G.S.W., Prov. G.M. Gloucestershire.*

Comp. JOHN WALKER, P.Z. 82 - - - - - H. DESIGNATE.

Comp. R. V. VASSAR-SMITH, J. 82 - - - - - J. DESIGNATE.

BANQUET AT FIVE O'CLOCK.

TICKETS, 5-.

## PROGRAMME.

1. The Companions assemble in the Ante-room at 1.30 p.m.
2. The Principals, *pro tem.*, and other Principals, past and present, enter the Chapter Room, open the Chapter, and take their seats at 2.
3. The Consecrating Officer addresses the Companions on the nature of the meeting, and calls on the S.E. to state the wishes of the Companions and the proceedings they have taken with respect to the Chapter.
4. The Companions of the new Chapter are arranged in order.
5. The Acting S.E. addresses the Principals.
6. The C.O. replies and gives directions.
7. The Acting S.E. reads the Petition and Charter.
8. The C.O. inquires of the Companions of the new Chapter if they approve of the Officers who are nominated in the Charter to preside over them.
9. The Companions signify their approval in Masonic form.
10. Oration
11. Anthem (33rd Psalm).

Behold how pleasant, and how good, For brethren such as we, Of the "Accepted" Brotherhood, To dwell in unity.	Like Hermon's dew so richly shed On Zion's sacred hills.
'Tis like the oil of Aaron's head, Which to himself distils;	For there the Lord of light and love, A blessing sent with power; Oh! may we all this blessing prove, E'en life for evermore.
12. The Dedication Prayer (first portion).
13. Omnes Chant—"So mote it be."
14. Chant—"Glory be to Thee, O God."
15. All the Companions turn towards the East whilst the C.O. pronounces the invocation.
16. Omnes Chant—"So mote it be."
17. Portions of Scripture—Ezra, ch. iii., v. 8 to v. 13.

18. Anthem—"Incline thine ear, O Lord." (During which the Pedestal is uncovered).

19. Three Principals carry the Cornucopia, Wine, and Oil three times round the Chapter, during which ceremony the Companions sing—

When once of old in Israel,  
Our early brethren wrought with toil,

Jehovah's blessing on them fell,  
In showers of Corn, and Wine, and Oil.

Sanctus—"Glory be to God on high."

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.

Sanctus—"Glory be to God on high."

And we have come, fraternal bands,  
With joy, and pride, and prosperous spoil,

To honour Him by votive bands,  
With streams of Corn, and Wine, and Oil.

Sanctus—"Glory be to God on high."

20. The C.O. Dedicates the Chapter.

21. The C.O. carries the Censer three times round the Chapter (solemn music being performed during his progress).

22. The Dedication Prayer (second part).

23. Omnes Chant—"So mote it be."

24. Anthem— "Glory to God on high:  
Let heaven and earth reply,  
Praise ye His name.  
Magnify His love adore,  
Arch'd in their mystic lore,  
And cry yet evermore,  
Glory to God."

25. The C.O. constitutes the Chapter in ancient form.

26. Omnes Chant—"So mote it be."

27. Anthem—

Eternal Father now we pray  
For blessings on our work this day,

And may this Chapter ever prove  
A home of unity and love.

28. Patriarchal Benediction.

Omnes—"So mote it be."

### ➤ Installation ♦ of ♦ Principals ◀

INVESTMENT OF OFFICERS.

PROPOSITION OF CANDIDATES FOR EXALTATION.