

LODGE OF PERSEVERANCE, No. 573

*Installation*

*Bro. Albert Taylor*

TUESDAY, 14th MAY, 1968

MASONIC HALL, HALESOWEN

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No. 573

Date of Warrant ... 1850

Date of Centenary ... 1950

Patron Lodge of the  
 Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution  
 Royal Masonic Institution (Boys and Girls)  
 and also of the  
 Royal Masonic Hospital

The Lodge of Perseverance No. 573 was founded in Dudley on 24th April, 1850. During the first eleven years its Headquarters were changed three times for the convenience of its members. It subsequently moved to Halesowen in 1861, and was accommodated at the Shenstone Hotel until 1886, when it moved to the Old Drill Hall, here to remain until October, 1935. Its present Headquarters were consecrated by the Rt. W.Bro. General Sir Francis J. Davies, D.G.M., and Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire, on the 8th October, 1935. W.Bro. T. Robinson occupied the chair and W.Bro. W. D. Abbeiss, P.M., P.G.Std.B., P.P.G.W., was the Secretary responsible for the new Temple. A beautiful organ to his memory was dedicated on 8th November, 1949. The newly installed Master, W.Bro. Albert Taylor, is the 113th Master to hold the office, for although 118 installations have been held, six Masters each held the office for two years.

The Lodge of Perseverance was known as No. 878 until July, 1863, when it received its present number, 573.

It is interesting to note that it was the eighth Lodge in the Province of Worcestershire to be granted a Centenary Warrant. Its Banner and Device, "Festina Lente—Hasten Slowly," was first adopted in 1854.