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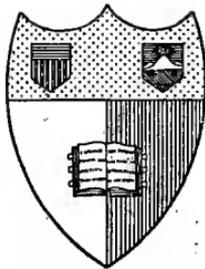
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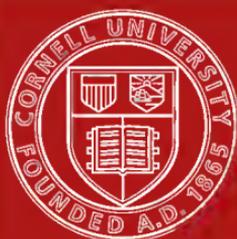
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PREFACE.

The Story of the Paradise Chapter has been told chiefly by means of verbatim extracts from the Minutes, to which have been added explanatory notes and comments when it has been thought that such would elucidate the Text. There are several points on which further information would be desirable, were it possible to be obtained, such as what became of the French officer and prisoner, Jean François Marriott Fouqué—we hope at any rate that he returned to La Belle France and spread there the principles and truths of Royal Arch Masonry—and in connection with the earlier records it would be interesting to learn if the Royal Arch Masons had any regular meetings in Sheffield before the Chapters of Loyalty (1795) and Paradise (1798) were established, and if so under what name and where?

Many of the details given in this History have been extracted from Books in the possession of the Britannia Lodge, for permission to use which our thanks are due to the W.M., Bro. W. Gunstone, who courteously placed them at our disposal; Ex. Comp. Ensor Drury, P.Z., P.G. Soj of England, has aided us with many valuable hints and suggestions; and Ex. Comp. Simeon Hayes, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., has placed us under the deepest obligations by the way in which he has helped us in this work by giving us freely of that great store of Masonic knowledge which he possesses, thereby materially lightening our labours.

JOHN STOKES.

Following that part of the Minute Book which had been used as a Britannia Lodge Attendance Book [see p. 10] appears the following:—

A PRAYER FOR A R.A. CANDIDATE.

Almighty and everlasting JAH, who openeth Eternity; whose eye pervades the immensity of space, look down with Condescending goodness upon us assembled here before Thee, and graciously grant that in all our works begun, carried on, and ended, they may be for Thy Glory and for the good of our immortal souls, that when this Mortal shall have put on Immortality, and this Corruption shall have seen Incorruption, He with us may sing praises in Thy Heavenly Chapter for ever and ever.

O God, in a particular manner we pray and beseech Thee to bless and prosper our present undertaking that this Citizen of the World we are about to exalt into this supreme degree may, when he shall be called upon to give in his account, do it without fear or trembling.

Do Thou, O Lord, our common Parent, enable him to go through the Rugged Arches which are both straight and low, with courage, and so guide him, O Lord, by Thy holy precepts, that when the Curtain falls and the invisible World appears he may have the portals of eternal glory open'd to him.

So mote it be to us all.

Amen.

HISTORY OF THE CHAPTER OF PARADISE.

The first Warrant of the Chapter of Paradise was granted March 22nd, 1798, by Rancliffe, Z.; Henry Hobart, H.; and John Gordon, J.; and signed by Jas. Heseltine, Jos. Const, Inspectors-General; Benjⁿ. Cooper, G^d. Registrar. The principal Founders were Sam^l. Robinson, Z.; Sam^l. Tompkin, H.; William Rowley, J.

The second Warrant [under which the Chapter is now worked] is dated May 10th, 1820, and signed Augustus Frederick, G.Z. The Three Principals were William Rowley, Z.; Thomas Howard, H.; Edw^d. L. Bishop, J. [It is worthy of note that one of the Principals (W. Rowley) in the first Warrant is also one of the principals in the second Warrant.] This second Warrant was granted under the New Regulations after the Union attaching the Chapter to the Britannia Lodge, confirming the old, and not forming a new Chapter. A copy of each of the above Warrants will be found on pp. 42—47.

Portraits of the first Three Principals [a copy of which was given to each companion present on March 21st, 1898] hang in the Lodge Room. The following few particulars regarding them may be of interest:—

SAMUEL ROBINSON was W.M. of Britannia Lodge in 1780—1782, 1786, 1795—1800, and was for some time Treasurer. He was the first First Principal of the Chapter of Paradise.

In the Sheffield Directory published in 1787, he is described as agent to the Sun Fire Office, Brinsworth's Orchard [Brelsforth's Orchard]; in that published 1797, as Fine Scissor and Razor Maker and Agent to the Sun Fire Office, 25, Eyre Street; and in that published in 1821, as Accountant, Orchard Street.

The portrait is included in the Britannia Inventories of March, 1809, and May, 1835, but there is no record of its presentation or purchase.

Bro. Robinson's name appears very regularly in the Britannia Name Book beginning with Feb. 11, 1774.

SAMUEL TOMPKIN became a joining member of Britannia Lodge on April 11, 1796. He was W.M. of Britannia Lodge, 1801—1802, and of the Royal Brunswick Lodge, 1814—1816. He was the first Second Principal of the Chapter of Paradise.

In the Sheffield Directory of 1821, he is described as a General Engraver and Copperplate Printer, No. 18, High Street. For some years he printed the Lodge Summonses.

In Leader's "Records of the Burgery of Sheffield," p. 435, is the following entry:—" [Inscription on the Great Guns] 12th Nov., 1821. Ordered that Samuel Tompkin's Bill for engraving the Inscriptions on the two brass pieces of ordnance (7li. 0. 6d.) be paid."

WILLIAM ROWLEY was the most able and active Freemason of his time; he was initiated May 10th, 1797, and was seventeen times elected W.M. of the Britannia Lodge, viz., in 1802—1805, 1815—1821, 1827—1832. He was the first Third Principal of the Chapter of Paradise, and subsequently held the provincial rank of Grand Registrar.

In the Sheffield Directory for 1821 he is described as Maltster, Orchard Street.

The portrait was presented by the Britannia Lodge in 1832, "To be deposited in the Lodge as a lasting remembrance of the high esteem entertained by the Brethren." It was painted by Mr. Johnson, Artist, of Sheffield, [Valentine Johnson, Portrait Painter, 49, Norfolk Street,] who was paid ten guineas for it.

An interesting circumstance in connection with Bro. Rowley is that from 1805 to 1834 (almost all the time of its existence) he was Secretary and President of the "Sheffield Masonic Benefit Society," and when, in 1834, the Society was wound up, the Deed Box, his Portrait, and a set of Ivory Cutlery were presented to him by the members. The Deed Box was for many years in the possession of Messrs. B. Wake and Co., Solicitors, Castle Street, and afterwards of their successors, Messrs. H.

and A. Maxfield, who have recently presented it to the Britannia Lodge. The Portrait is in the possession of Mr. William Askew, of Watson Road, Worksop, and is similar to the one in the Lodge Room.

Before the Chapters of Paradise or Loyalty were established there were Royal Arch Masons in Sheffield, as is proved by the lists of names given in an old Book, [bound in parchment, formerly belonging to Lodge No. 85, which is in the possession of the Britannia Lodge,] to several of which names at different times there is affixed a Royal Arch Emblem, the first name so distinguished being C. A. Heurtley, Jan. 23, 1767. On the next page to this, in a statement of Lodge Accounts, there is entered amongst receipts:—

Octo ^r 18.	To Bro ^r King being made Royal Arch ..	£0 10 6
	To Bro ^r Denson ditto ditto ..	0 10 6

Some pages further on in the same Book there is a list [not dated, but with an entry recording a brother's death, Jan. 8th, 5765] in which a Royal Arch Emblem (as above) is affixed to twelve names and prefixed to four, making in all sixteen Royal Arch Masons out of a total of twenty-eight recorded as being members of the Craft Lodge, and two of the brethren are described as "A [sst.] Sojourner."

In the same book the following entries are to be found amongst the Lodge Accounts, and were evidently looked upon as part and parcel of them:—

1766.	Dec. 12th.	By Royal Arch, D ^r ..	£0 5 6
1767.	Nov. 19th.	To Royal Arch Lodge ..	0 4 0
1768.	May 13th.	To Royal Arch Lodge ..	0 8 0
1768.	Sept. 23rd.	Cash of the Royal Arch ..	0 3 0

At the other end of this Book is a list of "Persons Proposed," beginning Feb. 10th, 5763, ruled, shewing dates "Enter'd," "Pass'd," "Rais'd," "R.A." The first name noted as R.A. is John Allott, July 3rd, 5765, and there are eight names recorded from 1765 to 1770.

In 1810, 11th April, there is in the third Minute Book belonging to the Britannia Lodge [foolscap, rough calf, marked "Book of Records," extending from Oct. 10th, 1788, to March 11th, 1818] an Inventory of Articles belonging to the Britannia Lodge, removed from Paradise

Square to Bro^r Willey's, in the Wicker, which concludes with "Articles belonging to the "Royal Arch" and "Templars." [It is not stated what the articles are.]

At the end of the same Book is an Inventory taken May, 1835, [at this period the Chapter was not meeting,] in which is included the following:—One large Box, containing the Books and Regalia of the Royal Arch. Two Chapter Warrants in gilt frames and glass.

The Chapter, when not joined to any Lodge, was No. 111, but on becoming connected to the Britannia Lodge partook of its changes in number, being No. 232 in 1820, No. 162 on its resuscitation in 1841, and No. 139 in 1863.

MINUTE BOOK. Foolscap, full bound in rough calf.

On the outside, lettered:—

ROYAL ARCH
RECORD,
1812.

[This is an old Attendance Book of the Britannia Lodge, and was provided in accordance with a Minute of this Lodge passed April 11th, 1788. The first entry of signatures is dated Oct. 10th, [Anno Lucis] 5788, and the last July 13th, 1803, when it ceased to be used by the Britannia Lodge, and was appropriated by the Royal Arch Chapter of Paradise.]

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 111, FROM 19TH JAN., 1812,
TO 18TH JAN., 1825.

[The Chapter Meetings, which were called "*Encampments*," at this period were always held on a Sunday.]

Jan. 19th, 1812.	Comp ⁿ .	Tompkin,	Z.
	„	Rowley,	H.
	„	Gallimore,	J.
	„	Willey,	Treasurer.
	„	Fox,	1st Scribe.
	„	Tibbetts,	2nd Scribe.

At a General Encampment of Royal Arch Companions (present as in the margin) 16. The Chapter open'd in due form, "*The balls*

being then put round" for Bro. S. Hallam (*who was proposed on the 15th Dec. last*) and proving all white, he was declared duly elected and he was immediately exalted to the sublime degree of a Royal Arch Companion.

Resolved : That an annual subscription should be entered into in order to defray the expenses of the Chapter.

That each Companion shall subscribe five shillings yearly.

That the subscription shall cease so soon as a majority of the Companions shall think proper or the funds of the Chapter will admit.

That those Companions who will not pay the above subscription and sign these resolutions shall cease to be members of the Chapter, and will not have their names registered at the Clerk of the Peace's Office.

That the subscription shall commence and be paid from the Chapter night to be held on the third Sunday in January in every year beginning with the Chapter night *hold* on the 19th day of January, 1812.

[27 signatures follow.]

Twas then proposed and unanimously agreed that 1/- should be allowed out of the Funds of the Chapter for refreshment in Liquor for every attending member, and every visitor to pay the same till the whole be come in.

[This refreshment, it appears, always took the form of malt liquor until Oct. 19th, 1817, when a resolution was passed that each member should be allowed to have what refreshment he preferred up to the value of 1/-].

Compⁿ Rowley then proposed that no companion being a *resient* of the Town should be allowed to visit more than once in a year. 2nd by Gallimore and carried by show of hands.

An excellent Lecture was given by the most excellent Z.

Bro. Jno. Amory, of Sheffield, age 26, Dye Sinker, proposed, the deposit of 5/- being paid to the Treasurer

SAM^L. TOMPKIN, Z.

15th March, 1812. (17 present.)

Thos. Broadhurst and Francis Knowles also Jno. Amory exalted.

Twos then agreed that the Chapter should open in future at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 and close at 8, after which supper be immediately introduced.

Certificate, &c., sent to the Register Office, Wakefield, with the same preamble and form of certificate signed by Comp^s Tompkin and Willey as is copied in the Old Record Book on March 20, 1811.

[64 names returned.]

19th April. (13 present.)

There being no particular business, the most excellent Z. gave a very long and descriptive Lecture on y^e destruction of the old and the rebuilding of the New Temple.

Then adjourned to the 3rd Sunday in June according to order of the 15th Dec^r last.

[In two instances, one here recorded, the other relating to a Chapter at Longnor, this Chapter gave a helping hand to the neighbouring Chapters, which help has in many ways been continued to the present time.]

Memorandum, 10th May, 1812.

There not being a sufficient number of R.A. Companions at Doncaster to open the Magdalen Chapter, then No. 124, or to exalt such Br^m as wished to become R.A. Comp^s they requested the 3 Principals, Officers, and several other Companions of the Paradise Chapter of Sheffield (as named in the margin), *in all 15*, to assist them in so doing, and they would pay every expense attending the same (which they very liberally and handsomely did)—when 17 Brothers [names given—all of Doncaster or neighbourhood] were raised to the degree of Super-excellent Masters in the Chair, and afterwards exalted to the supreme degree of R.A. Masons. Afterwards, an appropriate Lecture was given by the most excellent Z., and then officers for their own Chapter were chosen and duly installed [names as under].

W ^m . Crossley,	Z.
R ^d . Welbourne,	H.
R ^d . Jarvis,	J.
W ^m . Pearson,	1 st Sc.

T. Mosley,	2 nd Sc.
J. Hewitt,	} Soj ^{rs} .
W. Wilson,	
T. Mandell,	

The Chapter was then adjourned to the first Sunday in June, and clos'd in due form.

GODFREY FOX, Sc.

21st June, 1812. List sent to Compⁿ Gallimore in London to be register'd.

5 new Companions exalted with 5/- each.

GODFREY FOX, Sc.

[The List was sent to Compⁿ Gallimore in order that he might bring the registration, &c., back with him, and so save the heavy postage which, anterior to the penny post, had to be paid.]

21st June, 1812. The Chapter was duly summoned, but only 8 Comp^s being present (as in the margin) it was not open'd but adjourned to the third Sunday in August.

SAM^L. TOMPKIN, Z.

[At this time the presence of 9 Companions was required in order to open a Chapter, and owing to that number not being present similar entries recur at intervals, latterly somewhat frequently.]

18th Oct., 1812. (Present, 14.)

Compⁿ Rowley's Certificate having been mutilated or destroyed accidentally by some of Compⁿ Robinson's children, it was resolv'd that another should be obtained for him at the expence of the Chapter. Any Compⁿ wishing to obtain a Certificate to apply in open Chapter, and, if approved, shall be recommended by one or more of the Principals to the Grand Chapter.—Three Comp^s immediately applied and were approved by an unanimous show of hands.

SAM^L. TOMPKIN, Z.

15th Nov., 1812. (17 present.)

Compⁿ Tibbett's Certificate was signed and handed to him.

The application made by the Lodge of Unity, at Longnor, to hold a Chapter there was mentioned by the most excellent Z., requesting our recommendation to the Grand Chapter, was carried unanimously.

John Horrobin, Farmer, of Sheen, Z.
 Roger Sheldon, Farmer, of Crowdicote, H.
 John Millward, Miller, of Longnor, J.

The Chapter agreed that a Manuscript on Arch Mas^r. by a visiting Bro^r be paid for out of the fund of the Chapter, part of which was read and part of the Lecture given by the most excellent Z.

SAM^L TOMPKIN.

N.B.—The expense of the warrant from the Grand Chapter is £3 14s. 0d.

[This note, doubtless, is in reference to the application for the warrant for a Chapter at Longnor above mentioned, which was opened 24th April, 1814.]

[References to the formation of this Chapter are made on the following dates—Jan. 20th, Oct. 17th, 1813 ; Feb. 20th, Mar. 20th, Apr. 17th, Apr. 24th, 1814.]

17th Jan., 1813. (Present 18, [including *Millward*, a visitor, probably of Longnor]).

A visiting Bro^r from Chesterfield, Jean François Marriotte Fouqué, an Officer and French Prisoner, aged 37, was proposed and allowed to pay only the fees of Registering. Considering it was a matter of emergency (his stay in Chesterfield being uncertain) twas agreed that he should be proposed, ballotted for, and exalted this evening. He was duly elected and afterwards exalted.

SAM^L TOMPKIN, Z.

21st Feb., 1813. (19 present.)

Companion Fouqué's Certificate to be written for.

Compⁿ. Pearson assisted the most excellent Z. He gave the Sojourner's Lecture and a long descriptive Lecture on the destruction of the Old and the rebuilding of the New Temple with the customs of the 3 Grand Masters, and also how and by what means the sacred word was found which had been lost for several hundred years.

Ordered that the next Summons be underwrote that such Comp^s. who had not become subscribers and who do not come forward at the next Chapter, will not be returned to the office of the Clerk of the Peace.

SAM^L. TOMPKIN, Z.

21st March, 1813. (16 present.)

Twenty companions who had not paid their subscriptions were rejected, and ordered not to be returned to the Clerk of the Peace.

SAM^L. TOMPKIN, Z.

30th March, 1813. Certificate of 28 members sent to the Clerk of the Peace.

April 18th, 1813. (17 present.)

The E.Z. requested that in future all Comp^s. coming in when the Chapter was opened should enter in due form.

Application was made to Grand Chapter for certain Certificates in the following form :—

We, the three Principals of the Chapter of Paradise, No. 111, held at Sheffield, most humbly beg leave to recommend the underwritten Companions being subscribers to our Chapter to have their Certificates granted to them by the most excellent Principals of the Grand Chapter of England, they having humbly requested it in open Chapter and have been found worthy of the same.

Chapter of Paradise, Sheffield, 18th April, 1813.

TOMPKIN, Z.

ROWLEY, H.

GALLIMORE, J.

To the three most excellent Principals of the Grand Chapter of England.

SAM^L. TOMPKIN, Z.

June 20th, 1813. (Present, 15, and one too late.)

The Quarterly Communication was read wherein a request for a subscription towards a peace of Plate of the value of 300 guineas to be presented to Compⁿ. Walter Rodwell Wright, Esq., as a compliment for his services to the Grand Chapter. A pound note was therefore paid to Compⁿ. Rowley to remit for that purpose.

Twas then agreed that the three Principals should sign a request to the Grand Chapter in London directed to W. H. White, Esq., G. Recorder, Freemason's Hall, London, to grant a Warrant for a Chapter to be held at Longnor every last Saturday in every calendar month. Compⁿ Rowley was then requested to mention in his letter to the Grand Recorder whether any money and what was remitted to him along with Longnor Petition as it appeared that Compⁿ Millward, of Longnor, had remitted to Sheffield £3 with the said Petition, and it was not certain whether that remained at Sheffield or was sent to London.

SAM^L. TOMPKIN, Z.

Oct. 17th, 1813. (Present, 14.)

E. Compⁿ Rowley read the different letters to and from Grand Chapter respecting the Warrant for the Longnor Lodge and the Certificates for this Chapter, to shew the reason of the delay.

JAMES WOOLLEN, Z.

Nov. 21st, 1813. (Present, 17.)

Nine Certificates received from the Grand Chapter, and seven of them (including Compⁿ Fouqué's) were presented.

Bro. Joseph Haywood, of Sheffield, Confectioner, aged 42, proposed.

SAM^L. TOMPKIN, Z.

20th Feb., 1814. (Present, 14.)

It was agreed that Compⁿ Rowley should again write to the Grand Sec^y (Bro^r White), in London, respecting the Warrant for the Longnor Chapter, and request an immediate answer.

SAM^L. TOMPKIN, Z.

March 20th, 1814. (11 present.)

Compⁿ Rowley reported about his correspondence with Compⁿ White, in London, respecting the Longnor Warrant, which he promised some weeks back had not arrived. He was requested to write again.

It was decided that the accounts, *both* of the Chapter *and* the Lodge, should be examined next Sunday evening, and several comp^s were desired to attend.

Memo.—Certificate sworn before H. Miller returning 26 Subscribing Members to the Clerk of the Peace. The same preamble and form as is copied in *the Old Record Book on the 20th March, 1811.*

April 17th, 1814. (Present, 12.)

Compⁿ. Rowley informed the Chapter that he had received from the Grand Chapter the Warrant for a Chapter to be held at Longnor (which had been before so often wrote about), and it was agreed that the 3 Principals and the Sojourner should go over thither on Sunday next (notice having been previously given to the Comp^s and Bro^{rs} there to be in readiness) to open the same.

S. TOMPKIN, Z.

[The Grand Chapter has thus been a year and 5 months in granting this Warrant.]

April 24th, 1814.

Memorandum this day—Comp^s. Tompkin, Z.; Rowley, H.; Gallimore, J.; and Pearson, Soj, went to Longnor, in Staffordshire, to open the Chapter there—which they did, and was very liberally and handsomely treated by the Bro^{rs} and Comp^s there.

G. Fox, Sc.

Note concerning Longnor.

Longnor is a small market town in Staffordshire, situated on the river Manifold (near the river Dove), 6 miles S.E. of Buxton.

In Hughan's List of Lodges at the time of the Union the following particulars are given:—Lodge of Unity, Longnor, $\frac{\text{No. 411}}{1787}$. Date of Warrant, July 24th, 1787. In 1814 No. 492. Met originally at the "Three Crowns Inn," Litchfield; then, in 1811, at the "White Horse Inn, Longnor. Erased 3rd June, 1829.

There was also a Derbyshire Lodge. Date of Warrant, Nov. 12th, 1810, and numbered at various times 165, 201, 143, 122, which met at the "King's Head Inn," Buxton, and at the "Crow [Crewe] and Harpur's Arms Inn," at Longnor, Staffordshire, 1842. Erased 7th March, 1866.

The existing Lodge at Buxton possesses most of the Lodge furniture, which was removed from Longnor and sold by auction.

Dec. 18th, 1814. (Present, 19.)

Bro. John Hudson, aged 49, Innkeeper, Rotherham, elected.

The excellent Z. was re-elected for the ensuing year, and on his proposal all the other officers were in like manner re-elected.

Bro^{rs} Jepson and Hudson *then passed the Superlative Chair* and were exalted.

S. TOMPKIN, Z.

15th Jan., 1815. (Present, 21.)

Bro. Graham, aged 32, Tanner, of Chesterfield, elected and exalted.

SAM^L. TOMPKIN, Z.

N.B.—4 Companions were this evening made *Mark Masons* by Compⁿ Tompkin, viz., Hallam, Jepson, Mugglestone, and Graham.

[There is another and much earlier record of Mark Masons being made at a Royal Arch Chapter at Portsmouth, 1st Sept., 1769.]

19th March, 1815. (Present, 15.)

N.B.—This evening Compⁿ Tibbetts proposed Bro^r Thompson to become a member of the Chapter, but on account of some unpleasant remarks against him by the ex. Z. being made concerning some private transactions of business between them “saying that he (Tompkin) would not remain in the Chapter if Thompson was admitted,” and wished for an investigation, which was fixed for the 5th April next, Tibbetts withdrew the proposal. [See minutes in the Craft Lodge Records on that day.]

21st May, 1815. (Present, 13.)

Some conversation took place respecting a general procession at some future day in Honour of the Union of the Ancient and Modern Masons. Twas agreed that 3 members of each Lodge (Britannia and Brunswick) should meet at Bro. Willey’s on the 29th inst., at 8 o’clock, to determine the same.

SAM^L. TOMPKIN, Z.

16th July, 1815. (Present, 22.)

Not being any particular business (and being the Wicker feast) twas agreed not to open the Chapter, instead of which proceeded to fix and arrange the procession for Monday, 24th inst.

SAM^L. TOMPKIN, Z.

[The following is quoted as a curious instance in which the Britannia Lodge (though not legally connected with the Chapter of Paradise) was asked to adjudicate on the matter in dispute.]

Sept. 17th, 1815. (19 present.)

Compⁿ. Hallam proposed and Compⁿ. Ogle seconded Bro. Chas. Thompson (who was proposed on the 19th March last, but withdrawn). The excellent Z. then (from a former dispute between him and Bro^r. Thompson) thought proper to leave the chair immediately *with much warmth*, and could not be persuaded upon to stay and close y^e. Chapter, but left it to be closed by Compⁿ. Rowley, &c., pro. tem.

[N.B.—But as it may be necessary to explain the dispute in question in order to justify the proposition of Bro^r. Thompson, a reference to the minutes of Britannia Lodge, held on 5th day of April, will fully elucidate the business, and prove the correctness of his being again proposed.]

Compⁿ. Rowley then proposed that a Chapter of Emergency be summoned for the 2nd Sunday in Oct. for electing new Officers. Carried.

WILLIAM ROWLEY, Z.

[With reference to this matter, it appears (see Minute Book labelled “Second Minute Book, Lodge 221,” belonging to the Britannia Lodge) that a Lodge of Emergency was called 5th April, 1815, when “it was the unanimous opinion of the Lodge that Bro^r. Thompson had conducted himself with propriety, and his transactions with Tompkin were *honourable* and *fair*.” Companion Tompkin did not again attend the Chapter until 16th June, 1822, when he was re-elected a subscribing member.]

Oct. 22nd, 1815. (Present, 19.)

Bro^r. Charles Thompson elected. He passed the superlative chair and was duly exalted.

WILLIAM ROWLEY, Z.

Nov. 19th, 1815. (Present, with two visitors, 15.)

The most excellent Z. reported the Chapter in debt, and it was resolved that the whole of the Subⁿ. of 5/- should be applied to the expenses of the Chapter, and not (as heretofore) 1/- per member for

supper. Each member in future to pay for what he calls. This not to be considered permanent longer than necessity requires. The excellent Z. gave his casting vote in favour of his proposal.

W^M ROWLEY, Z.

March 17th, 1816. (Present, 12.)

The most E. Z. informed the Chapter that a Tyler was wanted for the Chapter, when Compⁿ Newton was elected.

It was resolved that the usual allowance of Liquor on the Chapter nights should come in beginning in May next.

W^M. ROWLEY, Z.

20th April, 1817. (Present, 17.)

Samuel Turner, age 17, was elected, and after the Chapter he arrived (being late by coach). The Chapter was re-opened, and he was duly exalted.

It was resolved that all the Jewels of the Chapter should be gilt.

W. ROWLEY, Z.

[There may have been some special reason for having a candidate under the usual age of 21 years, but certainly there have not been many Royal Arch Masons at 17, and in all probability a clerical error has been made, otherwise some notice, giving a reason, would be in the Minutes.]

19th Oct., 1817. (Present, 19.)

Thos. Howard, age 40, Sheffield, Brandy Merchant.

E. L. Bishop, age 26, „ Merchant.

Jos^a Johnson, age 34, „ Draper.

The above elected and exalted.

Rules of Grand Chapter received. Reading postponed until next Chapter.

It was resolved instead of 1/- each being “jointly” had in Malt Liquor as heretofore, each member should receive a ticket of one shilling value and have it in what he himself should think proper.

W. ROWLEY, Z.

Nov. 16th, 1817. (16 present)

It was resolved that no member being absent during the business of the Chapter should receive the allowance ticket of 1/- for Liquor.

Reading of Grand Chapter Rules postponed.

W. ROWLEY, Z.

Dec. 21st, 1817. (Present, 14.)

Grand Chapter Rules read and resolved to submit them for approval at next Chapter.

Also that the Choice of Officers should take place at that time.

Application to be made to Grand Chapter for Compⁿ. Bishop's Certificate.

W. ROWLEY, Z.

Copy of letter to the Grand Scribes to obtain Companion Bishop's Certificate :—

To the most excellent Grand Scribes of the United
Grand Chapter of R.A.M.

Agreeable to the order of the Minutes of Grand Chapter we the undersigned do hereby certify that the Chapter of Paradise No. 111, held at Sheffield on the 3rd Sunday in every month is attached to the Lodge of Freemasons, No. 232, called the Britannia Lodge. We also beg leave to state that Edward Loftus Bishop of Sheffield, aforesaid, Merchant, aged 26 years, was exalted to the sublime degree of a Royal Arch Companion on the 19th Oct., 1817, and that he has applied to us the 3 Principals of the said Chapter to obtain for him his Certificate. We therefore recommend him to you as a worthy Companion and request that the same may be granted him.

WM. ROWLEY, Z.

JNO. GALLIMORE, H.

SAM^L. HALLAM, J.

Chapter of Paradise, Sheffield, 21st December, 1817.

Copy of letter to Compⁿ. Hallam, J., who was in London, requesting him to present the above to Grand Chapter, to pay the fees for Certificate and Registration, and to bring home the said Certificate.

(Signed) G. Fox, Sc.,

Sheffield, Dec. 21st, 1817

21st June, 1818. (Present, 11.)

It was requested by the most excellent Z. that every Compⁿ who could should appear at next Chapter in mourning properly cloth'd with Sash and Apron, and as the next regular Chapter would happen on the Wicker Feast Sunday twas agreed to be held on 26th July, at 2 p.m.

WILL ROWLEY, Z.

17th Jan., 1819. (Present, 10.)

Bro. Simpson [Wm. Simpson, age 22, Sheffield, Diesinker] only partly put through owing to the absence of Compⁿ Ogle as Soj.

W. ROWLEY, Z.

21st Nov., 1819. (Present, 9.)

The Chapter was opened in due form and with solemn prayer.

Resolved : That if a sufficient number of members should not attend within 30 minutes after the time named in the Summons the Chapter should not be opened.

Resolved : That at the next Chapter the ballot shall be taken for Bro^r Job Stevenson.

The Chapter was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer.

W. ROWLEY, Z.

[This is the first occurrence in the Minutes of the now customary form of expression relating to the opening and closing of a Chapter.]

20th Feb., 1820. (Present, 11.)

Letters read from London, also the Rules of Grand Chapter.

A Petition was prepared and signed by 9 regular Registered Royal Arch Masons to the three Grand Principals of the United Grand Chapter of England to solicit them to grant a Charter to be attached to the Britannia Lodge, No. 232, and to be held on the third Sunday in every month, at the Falstaff Inn.

Here follows copy of the Petition nominating Wm. Rowley, Z. ; Thos. Howard, H. ; and Edw^d Loftus Bishop, J.

Signed by JOS^A. OGLE.
 WM. BOOTHBY.
 JNO. SIMPSON.
 JOS^A. JOHNSON.
 JNO. CARR.
 GODFREY FOX.
 WM. WILLEY.
 THOS. FOSTER.
 ED. LOFTUS BISHOP.

20th Feb., 1820.

Resolved: That the exaltation fee shall, in future, be three guineas, which three guineas shall include the Registration Fee and the usual 10/6 for the funds of the Chapter.

An order was given to Compⁿ Bishop to prepare new *head dresses* for the three Principals.

Compⁿ Willey to have his accounts ready for examination at next Chapter.

W. ROWLEY, Z.

19th Nov., 1820. (Present, 11.)

Agreed by show of hands that each Compⁿ in future appear in Black, (if possible,) with proper Aprons, Sashes, and Gloves.

WILL^M. ROWLEY, Z.

21st April, 1821.

A Recommendation was signed by the Officers and four other Companions (ten in all) to the Grand Chapter, requesting that a Charter may be granted to be attached to the Royal Brunswick Lodge.

JOSEPH SMITH, Z.
 THO^S. KIRBY, H.
 SAMUEL REDFEARN, J.

17th Oct, 1824.

There being only 3 Companions present at the calling of the Chapter this evening, no business was transacted, but it was agreed unanimously that unless a number of Companions promise to attend no

further Chapter shall be called, for it appears from the transactions of last year there were no more than two regular Chapters opened.

WILL ROWLEY.
THOMAS GREENWOOD.
GODF^Y. FOX.

What may be called an "Interregnum," when for over 16 years the Chapter did not meet, follows.

In the same Minute Book are the following:—

Resolutions, &c.

(From Old Record Book).

[The *Old Record Book* would doubtless be the *first* Minute Book of the Chapter, which is missing. Some of these resolutions appear on the Minutes, but it seemed desirable to print the resolutions in full even at the risk of having some repetition.]

13th *April*, 1788. [? 1798.]

That a Chapter be held every 3 months and that every Companion in the town not attending shall forfeit 6d.

16th *Dec.*, 1810.

That a deposit shall be paid of 5/- on the proposal of any member, and to be forfeited if he does not come forward in 3 months. If admitted to go in part of his fee. If rejected to be returned to him.

20th *January*, 1801.

That each member shall pay 10/6 instead of 5/- as above—on the same conditions.

That any Companion from another Chapter shall pay 10/6 in addition to his registering fee.

15th *Dec.*, 1811.

That a subscription of 5/- yearly from each subscribing member be paid to support the funds of the Chapter.

That each member attending the Chapter shall have 1/- allowed for his expenses.

19th January, 1812.

That each attending member shall have 1/- allowed for his expenses as agreed 15th December last.

That no Companion (being a resident of the Town) and not a Subscriber shall be allowed to visit more than once a year.

That each Companion shall subscribe 5/- a year on the 3rd Sunday in January in each year.

That the said subscription shall cease so soon as a majority of the members shall think proper or the Funds of the Chapter admit. That such Companions as will not pay the said subscription shall cease to be members, &c.

15th March, 1812.

That the Chapter shall open at 6½ and close at 8 o'clock.

19th Oct., 1817.

That each member shall receive a ticket of 1/- value for his expenses and have it in what himself approves and not jointly as heretofore.

16th November, 1817.

That no member absent during the Business of the Chapter, shall be allowed a ticket.

21st November, 1819.

That unless a sufficient number of Companions attend within ½ an hour of the time expressed in the summons, the Chapter shall not be opened.

20th February, 1820.

That the Exaltation fee shall in future be three guineas, which shall include the Registering fee and the usual 10/6 for the Fund of the Chapter.

19th November, 1820.

That each Companion in future do appear in Black (if possible) with proper aprons, sashes and gloves.

16th June, 1822.

That any Companion admitted a Subscribing Member shall (at any time of the year) pay 5/- for such admission, which shall be considered as his subscription up to the January next following.

That the Resolution passed on the 19th January, 1812, be confirmed.

That the Resolution passed on the 21st November, 1819, with regard to the opening of the Chapter in $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour after the time summoned be confirmed.

That every Companion attending before the expiration of the said $\frac{1}{2}$ hour (whether the Chapter be opened or not) shall be allowed a ticket of 1/- each. But if after the $\frac{1}{2}$ hour they shall have no allowance.

That the Election of Officers shall be on the 3rd Sunday in January in every year.

MINUTE BOOK. Foolscap, half-bound in smooth calf, marble paper sides. On the outside lettered :

ROYAL ARCH
RECORDS,
1841.

[Inside, loose, are two Certificates in blank, one of the Humber Chapter, No. 65, headed "Free Masons' Hall, Kingston-upon-Hull," the other, of the Minerva Chapter, No. 311, headed "Minerva Hall, Kingston-upon-Hull." There is also a letter dated Sheffield, 29th May, 1844, from John Eyre, of Chapter No. 1, held in Edinburgh, to Companion Dr. de Bartolomé, giving certain particulars of his exaltation under the Scottish constitution. John Eyre was shortly afterwards elected a joining member of the Chapter.]

This Minute Book begins June 13th, 1841, and ends June 21st, 1875, thus embracing a period of 34 years.

At the opposite end of this Book is a List of the Members of the Chapter of Paradise, No. 162, Sheffield, since its re-opening, June 13th, 1841.

The first three names are—

M. M. de Bartolomé.

Thomas Foster.

Thomas Howard.

The last three names are—

Charles Haslam, joined 18 Oct., 1869.

Henry Matthews, ,, 16 May, 1870.

Geo. Edw^d. Bennett, ,, 16 May, 1870.

Then follows a Return made to Grand Chapter, dated March 16th, 1846. In all 26 members.

Notes at the foot state :

N.B.—In consequence of the Chapter not having been summoned during the year that Companion Thomas Howard was M.E.Z., no subscription is claimed from the Companions between September, 1844, and September, 1845.

N.B.—This Chapter of Paradise, No. , after having been dormant since Jan^y. 16th, 1825, was re-opened by consent of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England June 13th, 1841.

The paper of the old Book cannot be written upon.

M. M. B., M.E.Z.

MARIANO MARTIN de BARTOLOME, M.D., was born at Segovia, in Spain, of which province his father was Governor. He became involved in some political trouble and was compelled to leave Spain. He then went to Edinburgh, where he graduated as Doctor of Medicine, and whilst living in that city he was made a Mason in the Kilwinning Lodge. He came to Sheffield in 1838, and at once took a deep interest in Masonic affairs; indeed, it is not too much to say that the revival of Masonry in Sheffield at that time was mainly due to his exertions, and his love for it continued to his dying day. To his efforts, in a great measure, we are indebted for the building in which we now meet, the foundation stone of which was laid by him on May 23rd, 1870. He

was a man of great intellectual power, thoroughly conscientious, just, and impartial, and whilst possessing a decided will of his own, was always ready to listen to the suggestions of others.

In his profession he was for many years looked up to locally as its chief representative. In 1840 he became Physician to the Dispensary, in 1846 he was elected to a similar position at the Infirmary, and in 1876 was President of the British Medical Association.

He died somewhat suddenly on June 2nd, 1890, and was buried at Ecclesfield on June 5th, his funeral being attended by a deputation from this Chapter as well as from the various bodies, Masonic and otherwise, with which he had been so long and honourably connected. His portrait [painted by Mr. Wm. Poole, for which twelve guineas was paid] is in the Lodge Room, and was presented to him by the Britannia Lodge on March 29th, 1842, "as a token of regard and for valuable services rendered to the Lodge."

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PARADISE,

Spread Eagle, Sheffield, June 13th, 1841.

Companions present—

de Bartolomé,	Z.
Thos. Foster,	H.
Thos. Howard,	J.
James Kirkby,	E.
John Fordham,	N.
Sam ^t Redfearn,	P.S.
George Moseley,	Ass. S.
John Vernon,	Ass. S.
Willson Hickson,	Jan ^r .

The above officers elected.

Dec. 23rd, 1842. (Present, 13.)

A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the M.E.Z. and to Compⁿ Dawson for their services in purchasing from the Companions belonging to the Royal Brunswick Chapter the ornaments, &c., &c., which now adorn our Chapter.

May 21st, 1843. (Present, 8.)

Resolved : To make application to Grand Chapter for leave to alter the night of meeting from Sunday to Thursday.

Compⁿ Wood and the M.E.Z. thanked for their services in getting made the Aprons now deposited.

April 21st, 1846. Present, 10.)

The M.E.Z. reported that having consulted the minutes with a view to ascertain the arrears due to the Chapter, he had found them in many instances incorrect and contradictory, and the paper so bad that it was very difficult to write legibly upon it, and he had therefore transcribed into a new Book all the minutes taken since the re-opening of the Chapter on June 13th, 1841, and he now prayed the Chapter to examine the copy and, if found correct, to confirm it, and receive it in lieu of the original, keeping the old Book with the archives of the Chapter. The Chapter unanimously thanked the M.E.Z. for the trouble he had taken, and adopted the new Minute Book in lieu of the old one, which it was decided should be kept as suggested by Compⁿ Bartolomé.

[In the old Book above referred to the minutes from June 13th, 1841, to April 3rd, 1846, all being signed M. Martin de Bartolomé, are crossed through from the top to the bottom of the page, and the following explanation is there given :—

“ The minutes herein enclosed were transcribed to a new Minute Book, as the paper of this can scarcely be written upon, the Chapter authorising the copy.

April 21st, 1846.

M. MARTIN DE BARTOLOMÉ, Treas.”]

May 20th, 1846. (Present, 11.)

The following letter was read :—

[Copy.]

Freemasons' Hall,

London, 4th July, 1846.

Dear Sir and Compⁿ

Herewith you will receive 8 Grand Chapter Certificates as required by your Chapter, and remittance of £6 0s. 0d., which sum is placed to credit accordingly.

With reference to that part of your note as to passing the chair of a Lodge before exaltation, I beg to say that such practice is done away with, and in lieu thereof the Candidate for Exaltation is examined as to his knowledge as a M.M., which, if approved, he is instructed with a password in a manner similar from one degree to another in Craft Masonry, with the exception that it is not done in open Lodge.

I remain, dear Sir and Compⁿ.

Yours truly and fraternally,

W. FARNFIELD.

Feb. 19th, 1847.

Chapter opened by S. Hunt as Z., Dawson as H., Bartolomé as J., and Howard as P.Z. The most excellent Z. proceeded to instal the abovenamed Compⁿ to the Third, Second, and First Chairs, according to ancient form, for the purpose of communicating to them the secrets of the respective Chairs. Compⁿ Sam^l Hunt, Past Z, of the Chapter of Fortitude. No 51, was elected an Honorary Member of this Chapter as a mark of esteem for his valuable services to the Chapter. (His expenses in coming, &c., were paid also.)

[This is the first occasion on which the Three Principals are recorded to have been installed as at the present day. At this and on several subsequent occasions the services of a Companion not resident in the town were made use of as Installing Officer, but as Royal Arch Masonry progressed, Companions of our own Chapter became equal to this work, and for the last thirty years nearly all the Principals have been installed by Ex. Comp. Ensor Drury, P.Z., P.P.G.H., P.G.Soj. of E.]

Dec. 17th, 1847. (Present, 10.)

The M.E.Z. gave the Mystical Lecture and a portion of the Lecture on the Pedestal.

[This is the first reference to the Mystical Lecture.]

[Note from Britannia Minute Book, Oct. 8th, 1851:—“*Resolved*: That the Royal Arch Chapter of Paradise Rent be fixed at two guineas per year.”]

May, 1854.

The M.F.Z. intimated that he had received a circular from some Comp^s in the West Riding suggesting the desirability of establishing a regular Provincial Grand Chapter.

21st Jan., 1856. (Present, 10.)

The whole of the Lectures were given.

[See Note, Dec. 17th, 1847.]

21st Nov., 1859. (Present, 14.)

Officers elected. [Names given.]

Resolved: "That Compⁿ Davis be invited to instal the Principals at next meeting, and that a supper be provided." [This not being usually done at that time.]

Resolved: "That it is desirable that there be a Masonic Hall in Sheffield, and a Committee consisting of Comp^s Bartolomé, Dixon, and Newbould be appointed to confer with Britannia Lodge on the subject. [This subsequently fell through so far as the co-operation of the Chapter was concerned.]

April 16th, 1860.

Bro. Ensor Drury proposed. [Elected and Exalted May 21st, 1860.]

July 16th, 1860.

It was resolved that the Committee [appointed April 16th, 1860] be empowered to purchase the Jewels, Banners, &c., required for the working of the Chapter to the amount of Thirty Guineas.

[Note from the Britannia Minute Book, June 13th, 1861:—" *Resolved:* That notice to give up possession of the Rooms occupied in the Music Hall on 30th Dec. next, also that notice should be given to the Royal Brunswick Lodge and the Chapter of Paradise."]

Sept. 16th, 1861.

Resolved: That the Warrant of the Chapter be reframed and that Compⁿ Bartolomé be requested to superintend it.

[NOTE.—In 1861 the Chapter of Loyalty, which had been for many years in a dormant condition, was joined by some of the Paradise members, and began to meet regularly from that time.]

Jan. 20th, 1862.

Compⁿ Bartolomé gave notice that he would propose that the Chapter be removed from the Music Hall, Surrey Street, to the Freemasons' Hall, Surrey Street, at an annual Rent of £8, in accordance with such further arrangements as have been received from the Hall proprietors by a deputation appointed by this Chapter for that purpose, and should this proposition be rejected, the Chapter to consider the propriety of the Chapter being removed elsewhere. [Copy of proposed agreement with the Freemasons' Hall Company follows. The terms, &c., being accepted, the resolution was carried, February 17, 1862.]

2nd Jan., 1867.

The Provincial Grand Chapter entered, and after the business of P.G.C. was transacted the Chapter was closed in due form by the Earl de Grey and Ripon.

[The above is the complete Report of the Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting—somewhat lacking in detail.]

20th June, 1870. (Present 11.)

Compⁿ Drury proposed and Compⁿ Arnison seconded "Any member of the Chapter of Loyalty, No. 296, joining this Chapter shall only be required to pay Registration Fee and an annual Subscription of 2/6 payable in March, such joining member, however, to pay the ordinary subscription in the event of his ceasing to be a member of the Chapter of Loyalty."—Carried.

15th March, 1875.

[On this date a Signature Book for members present was established, and therefore after this time the number present is not shewn as heretofore following the date of the meeting.]

21st June, 1875.

Compⁿ Ellis read the reply received from the Prov. Scribe E. as to the legality of sending Compⁿs Certificates by post [question raised 19th April, 1875.]

[Copy.]

St. John's, Wakefield, 22nd April, 1875.

S. B. Ellis, S.E. 139.

Dear Sir and Compⁿ

No. I should not be inclined to let Certificates go to any individual—they should come to your meeting and sign them, or their Certificates should be entrusted to a Chapter near the applicant, where he might attend and sign it, and a minute made of the circumstance. In great haste.

Yours fraternally,

HENRY SMITH,
Pro. G.S.E.

[This method of presenting Certificates is at the present time the custom in Sheffield, but that it is incorrect is shewn by the following letters from Grand Lodge, read at the Annual Meeting of the Chapter of Paradise, 19th Jan., 1891 :

The Scribe E reported that he had returned six Grand Chapter Certificates as per resolution of Nov. 17th (1890), and that he had received the following reply from the Grand Scribe E. :—

Grand Secretary's Office,
Freemasons' Hall, London, Nov. 21, 1890.

Dear Sir and Compⁿ

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th inst., returning 6 old R.A. Certificates which though sent to the Chapter many years ago were never issued. This is no doubt caused by the common error that there is some law requiring Certificates to be signed in open Lodge or Chapter. As a matter of fact no such Law exists, and if the Bro^r or Companion has left the place or is unable to attend, the Certificate should be sent to him by post, with instructions to sign it at once. The Certificate, for which he has paid, is his personal property, and in accordance with Art. 176, Book of Constitutions, he is entitled to receive it directly it is issued.

Yours faithfully,

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Col.,
G.S.E.

Compⁿ Dearden,
S.E. Chapter 139, Sheffield.

Grand Secretary's Office,
Freemasons' Hall, London, Nov. 25th, 1890.

Dear Sir and Compⁿ.

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 19th inst., enclosing unclaimed Certificates. The Certificates of the deceased Companions have been destroyed, the other two are retained, but I may mention that they should have been forwarded to the Companions at the time they were issued.

Yours fraternally,

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.E.

Compⁿ Dearden, Sheffield.]

The original letters above cited are pasted in the Book used for Grand Chapter Certificates.

MINUTE BOOK. Foolscap, full bound in rough calf. Lettered on the back—

CHAPTER OF
PARADISE,
No. 139,
MINUTE
BOOK.

[This is the first Minute Book indexed, and was commenced 19th July, 1875, and ended May 16th, 1892.]

Inside is written—

Chapter of Paradise,
No. 139,
Held at the Freemasons' Hall,
Surrey Street, Sheffield.
July 19, 1875.

Secured inside at the front are certain instructions—

“ Suggestions for guidance of Scribe E,”
“ Calendar for November and Jan^y Chapters,”

which were most carefully drawn up by Compⁿ John Hunt [Scribe E., 1889; E.Z., 1892,] and are followed by the printed instructions from the Prov. G. Scribe, dated Jan. 23rd, 1890.

5th June, 1877. *Emergency.*

Compⁿ Henry Smith, Prov. G.S.E., submitted a draft of proposed model Chapter By-Laws, and requested that this Chapter would adopt them with any modifications thought proper.

15th Oct., 1877.

The Report of the By-Laws Committee was presented and ordered to be printed and a copy sent to each member with next summons.

[A printed Copy is pasted in the Minute Book.]

18th March, 1878.

The Treasurer's a/c was reported correct and ordered to be recorded on the Minutes

[This the first time that the Treasurer's Account has been fully copied in the Minutes.]

30th Oct., 1878. *Emergency*—to receive the Provincial Grand Chapter under the United Banners of 139 and 296.

123 Companions present (including Prov. Grand Chapter).

Compⁿ Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., was installed Prov. Grand Superintendent by Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre H. Starkie, D.L., Prov. G. Superintendent of East Lancashire.

[Here follow—(1) Circular calling a Meeting of the United Chapters 139 and 296, signed by Simeon Hayes and Clement Carr, Scribe E's.

(2) Prov. Grand Chapter Programme of Business, signed by Henry Smith, P.G.S.E.

(3) Official Report of the Proceedings, signed by Henry Smith, P.G.S.E.]

[At this Meeting Compⁿ Ensor Drury was installed Prov. G^d. H., and Isaac Booth Prov. G^d. J.]

Note.—1880, May 13th.—Comp. Ensor Drury, P.Z., &c., by command of the Grand Superintendent, accompanied by a number of the Sheffield Companions, went to Barnsley and consecrated the Friendly Chapter, No. 1513.

17th May, 1882.—Emergency Chapter, under the United Banners of 139 and 296, for the purpose of receiving the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire. [Full report in the Minutes.] The Companions were invited to arrive early in order that they might, previous to P.G. Chapter, inspect the Font in the Parish Church presented by the Freemasons of Sheffield.

86 Companions were present.

Note.—1883, January 29th.—Comp. Ensor Drury, P.Z., P.P.G.H., by command of the Grand Superintendent, consecrated the Wharnccliffe Chapter, No. 5462, at Penistone.

Note.—1887, February 9th.—Comp. Ensor Drury, P.Z., P.P.G.H., by command of the Grand Superintendent, consecrated the Phoenix Chapter, No. 904, at Rotherham. The ceremony was attended by many Sheffield Companions, as most of the founders were members of the Chapter of Paradise.

2nd Nov., 1887. *Emergency*—to receive Prov. Grand Chapter.

The M.E. Comp. T. W. Tew, J.P., Provincial Grand Superintendent, and the officers present and past of P.G. Chapter were announced and received in due form.

No record is made of the number attending.

[Report of proceedings, &c., in Minute Book.]

21st Nov., 1887.

Compⁿ Bartolomé, P.Z., P.P.G.H., unveiled a portrait of Compⁿ Ensor Drury, P.Z., &c., subscribed for by the two Sheffield Chapters and their members, also by Companions of Doncaster, Rotherham, Barnsley, Chesterfield, and Newark (of which Chapters Compⁿ Drury is an Honorary Member) “as a mark of the high estimation in which he is held.”

The portrait is hung in the Lodge Room. [It may be interesting to record that Comp. Drury in 1896 was appointed Past Grand Sojourner of England.]

11th May, 1892. *Emergency*—for receiving Prov. Grand Chapter.

E. Compⁿ Ensor Drury, P.P.G.H., acting as Prov. G. Sup^t of West Yorkshire, and the officers of Prov. G. Chapter were announced and received in due form.

The names of 80 Companions present are recorded.

[Report, &c., in the Minute Book.]

MINUTE BOOK. Full bound in smooth calf. Lettered on outside :—

CHAPTER
OF
PARADISE,
139,
MINUTE
BOOK.

[Commenced July 18th, 1892, and now being used.]

March 20th, 1892.

A Committee was appointed to consider the question of new robes for the three Principals, and on May 15th a sum not exceeding 12/12/0 was voted for their purchase.

[There is the following note appended to the minutes for July 17th, 1893. "The Principals of the Chapter having been provided with new robes, they appeared in them, which robes were very much admired by the Companions present."]

September 16th, 1895.

E. Companion Simeon Hayes, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., presented a full gathered surplice to the Chapter, and was accorded a vote of thanks.

A Circular was read from the Grand Scribe E. announcing the appointment of the Right Hon. W. Lawies Jackson, M.P., as Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire, and on behalf of the Chapter a letter of congratulation was sent to Comp. Jackson. It was stated that the Loyalty Chapter had decided to pay £2 per annum instead of £1 for use of the Paradise Regalia, &c.

May 18th, 1896.

The following resolution was passed:—

“As the records of this Chapter prior to 1875 cannot be found, Ex. Comps. Drury, Garnett, and Hayes were elected a Search Committee to do all in their power to restore the missing books.”

As a useful sequence to this, it was resolved on Nov. 15th, 1897, “That an Inventory be taken by the two Trustees assisted by Scribe E., of the Regalia and properties of the Chapter, and entered on the Minutes; and that a Copy of the Regalia Inventory be sent to each of the other Chapters [Loyalty, White Rose of York, and Milton], that are allowed the use of it; and that the Trustees have power to make any necessary additions to make the Regalia complete.”

[This Inventory was duly taken and a copy dated January, 1898, is pasted in the Minute Book, and in March, 1898, the long-lost books were found, handed over to the E.Z., and have been of great service in the writing of this history.]

Note.—1896, March 25th.—By command of the Grand Superintendent, E. Comp. Ensor Drury, P.Z., &c., consecrated the White Rose of York Chapter, No. 2491.

15th Nov., 1897. E. Comp. H. J. Garnett, P.Z., P.P.G.H., resigned the Treasurership after holding that office for 35 years, and E. Comp. T. H. Vernon was elected in his stead.

A very cordial vote of thanks was awarded Comp. Garnett for his long and faithful services.

Note.—1897, November 24th.—E. Comp. Ensor Drury, P.Z., P.P.G.H., P.G. Soj. of Eng., by command of the Grand Superintendent, consecrated the Milton Chapter, No. 1239.

CENTENARY CHAPTER.

March 21st, 1898.

A short History of the Chapter was read by the E.Z., Comp. Charles Stokes, after which a vote of thanks was proposed by E. Comp. T. H. Vernon, P.Z., and seconded by E. Comp. J. P. Hewitt, P.Z.

Portraits of the First Three Principals of the Chapter were given to each Companion present, the portraits being *fac similes* of those hanging in the Lodge Room, and are reproduced on page 44.

Of late years the Chapter has been prosperous; its history uneventful, and its numbers have steadily increased; indeed, the change from 1841, when a membership of 15 or 16 was thought great, to the present, when there are more than 100 members, is sufficiently striking. The recent increase in the number of Craft Lodges in Sheffield has brought about a corresponding increase of Royal Arch Chapters [White Rose of York and Milton] which chiefly owe their initiative to members of the Chapter of Paradise, and with which this Chapter has worked, and it is to be hoped, will always continue to work, in Peace, Love, and Harmony.

COPY OF THE

Warrant of the Chapter of Paradise, No. 111.

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IN THE NAME OF THE GRAND ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE,

THE ALMIGHTY JAH.

No. 111.

To all the Enlightened **Our** Brethren of the several **Degrees** of the **Royal Craft**: but more especially those Citizens of the World, and Servants of the **Omnipotent**, who have been, or hereafter may be, honoured by **Exaltation to Our Sublime Degree**, Health, Peace, Good Will.

Be it known: That Our Excellent Companions, SAMUEL ROBINSON, SAMUEL TOMPKIN, and WILLIAM ROWLEY, having made known to **Us** their desire of holding a **Chapter of Our Order**, for the Cultivation of the **Grand and Universal Science**, in Hopes thereby, the more to extend their Aid to, and promote the Happiness of, every terrestrial Being, and link **Mankind** together by indissoluble Bonds of Friendship, Peace,

and Harmony. **And that We**, having taken their Request into Consideration, and finding it concordant with Our Grand Scheme of Universal Benevolence, **do hereby grant** to them this **Our Warrant of Constitution**, with full Power for Them, their Companions, and their Successors, to open and hold a **Chapter of Our Order**, at SHEFFIELD, in YORKSHIRE, or at such other Place, and at such Time, as Our said Companions and their Successors shall, with the Consent of **Us** and **Our Successors, Grand Officers for the Time being**, think meet. The first Chapter to be opened on Sunday, the 24th Day of March now next ensuing, by the Title of **Chapter of Paradise**, with such Privileges, Powers, and Immunities, as do of Right belong to regular established Chapters and Companions of **Our said Most Excellent Order, Subject nevertheless** to the General Laws and Ordinances already, or to be hereafter enacted, by **Our Most Excellent Grand and Royal Chapter**.

Given at LONDON, under **Our Hands** and the Seal of **Our Grand and Royal Chapter** this 22nd Day of March, *A.L.* 5802; *A.D.* 1798.

JAS. HESELTINE, Jr. }
FR^s. CONST. }
Inspectors Gen.

BENJⁿ COOPER, *Grnd Recr.*
RANCLIFFE, Z.
HENRY HOBART, H.
JOHN GOODWIN, J.

COPY OF THE

Warrant of the Chapter of Paradise, No. 232.

AUGUSTUS FREDERICK, G.M., Z.

DUNDAS, H.

JOHN ALDRIDGE, J.

IN THE NAME OF THE GRAND ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

To all the Enlightened of Our Brethren of the several *Degrees* of the *Royal Craft*, but more especially those Citizens of the World, and Servants of the *Omnipotent*, who have been, or hereafter may be, honoured by *Exaltation to Our Sublime Degree*, Health, Peace, Good Will.

Be it known: That Our Excellent Companions, WILLIAM ROWLEY, THOMAS HOWARD, EDWARD LOFTUS BISHOP, JOSHUA OGLE, WILLIAM BOOTHBY, WILLIAM SIMPSON, JOSHUA JOHNSON, JOHN CARR, and GODFREY COX, having made known to Our Supreme Grand Chapter their Desire of holding a **Chapter of Our Order**, for the Cultivation of the Grand and Universal Science, in Hopes thereby the more to extend their Aid

Friendship, Peace, and Harmony. **And that our Grand Chapter**, having taken their Petition into Consideration, and finding it concordant with our Grand System of Universal Benevolence, **We do hereby**, with the Consent of Our said Grand Chapter, Grant unto the said Companions this **Our Charter of Constitution**, to be held with and attached to the Warrant of the Lodge, No. 232, called the **Britannia Lodge**, with full Power for Them, their Companions and Successors, to open and hold a **Chapter of Our Order**, at the **FALSTAFF INN**, in the **WICKER, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE**, or at such other Place, and at such time, as Our said Companions and their Successors shall, with the consent of **Us** and **Our Successors, Grand Officers** for **the time being**, think meet. The first Chapter to be opened on Sunday, the 21st day of May now next ensuing, by the Title of the **Chapter of Paradise**, with such Privileges, Powers, and Immunities as do of Right belong to regular established Chapters and Companions of **Our said Most Excellent Order**, **Subject nevertheless** to the General Laws and Ordinances already, or to be hereafter, enacted by **Our Most Excellent Grand and Royal Chapter**.

Given at LONDON, under **Our Hands** and the Seal of **Our Grand and Royal Chapter**, this 10th Day
May, A.L. 5820; A.D. 1820.

WILLIAM H. WHITE, *E.*

LS

EDW. HARPER, *J.*

FIRST THREE PRINCIPALS OF THE CHAPTER OF PARADISE, No. 139.



SAMUEL TOMPKIN.

Ex. Comp. H. A.D. 1798.
 Ex Comp. Z. A.D. 1800



SAMUEL ROBINSON.

Ex. Comp. Z. A.D. 1798.



WILLIAM ROWLEY.

Ex. Comp. J. A.D. 1798.
 Ex, Comp. Z. A.D. 1801.

Photographed from the Original Oil Paintings, now hung in the Lodge Room of the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

PRINCIPALS OF THE PARADISE CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH FREEMASONS.

	<i>First Principals.</i>	<i>Second Principals.</i>	<i>Third Principals.</i>
No. 111.			
<i>Original Warrant,</i>			
March 22, 1798	SAMUEL ROBINSON.	SAMUEL TOMPKIN.	WILLIAM ROWLEY.
1799			
1800			
1801			
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1812	SAMUEL TOMPKIN.	WILLIAM ROWLEY.	JOHN GALLIMORE.
1813	SAMUEL TOMPKIN.	WILLIAM ROWLEY.	JOHN GALLIMORE.
1814	SAMUEL TOMPKIN.	WILLIAM ROWLEY.	JOHN GALLIMORE.
1815	SAMUEL TOMPKIN.	WILLIAM ROWLEY.	JOHN GALLIMORE.
1816	WILLIAM ROWLEY.	JOHN GALLIMORE.	SAMUEL HALLAM.
1817	WILLIAM ROWLEY.	JOHN GALLIMORE.	SAMUEL HALLAM.

Minute Book missing.

	<i>First Principals.</i>	<i>Second Principals.</i>	<i>Third Principals.</i>
1818	WILLIAM ROWLEY.	JOHN GALLIMORE.	SAMUEL HALLAM.
1819	WILLIAM ROWLEY.	JOHN GALLIMORE.	SAMUEL HALLAM.
No. 139.			
<i>Second and Present Warrant,</i>			
May 10, 1820	WILLIAM ROWLEY.	THOMAS HOWARD.	EDWD. L. BISHOP.
1821	WILLIAM ROWLEY.	THOMAS HOWARD.	EDWD. L. BISHOP.
1822	WILLIAM ROWLEY.	THOMAS HOWARD.	EDWD. L. BISHOP.
1823	WILLIAM ROWLEY.	JOHN GALLIMORE.	JOSEPH HAYWOOD.
1824	WILLIAM ROWLEY.	JOHN GALLIMORE.	JOSEPH HAYWOOD.
<i>Interregnum of 16 years, when the Chapter was dormant.</i>			
1841	M. M. DE BARTOLOMÉ.	THOMAS FOSTER.	THOMAS HOWARD.
1842	M. M. DE BARTOLOMÉ.	THOMAS HOWARD.	THOMAS FOSTER.
1843	M. M. DE BARTOLOMÉ.	THOMAS FOSTER.	THOMAS HOWARD.
1844	THOMAS HOWARD.	M. M. DE BARTOLOMÉ.	GEORGE DAWSON.
1845	M. M. DE BARTOLOMÉ.	GEORGE DAWSON.	THOMAS HOWARD.
1846	M. M. DE BARTOLOMÉ.	GEORGE DAWSON.	THOS. W. MAXFIELD.
1847	GEORGE DAWSON.	M. M. DE BARTOLOMÉ.	WM. DUN WHEELER.
1848	GEORGE DAWSON.	W. D. WHEELER.	HUGH WOOD.
1849	M. M. DE BARTOLOMÉ.	HUGH WOOD.	GEORGE DAWSON.
1850	M. M. DE BARTOLOMÉ.	HUGH WOOD.	GEORGE DAWSON.
1851	HUGH WOOD.	WILLIAM LONGDEN.	JOHN ALFRED EADON.

	<i>First Principals.</i>	<i>Second Principals.</i>	<i>Third Principals.</i>
1852	WILLIAM LONGDEN.	JOHN ALFRED EADON.	JAMES WILLIS DIXON.
1853	WM. HAIGH BAILES.	JAMES WILLIS DIXON.	WM. WRIGHT WOODHEAD.
1854	JAMES WILLIS DIXON.	WM. WRIGHT WOODHEAD.	MATTHEW CHAMBERS.
1855	M. M. DE BARTOLOMÉ.	WILLIAM LONGDEN.	JAMES WILLIS DIXON.
1856	M. M. DE BARTOLOMÉ.	WILLIAM LONGDEN.	JAMES WILLIS DIXON.
1857	WM. HAIGH BAILES.	JAMES W. DIXON.	WM. HENRY NAYLOR.
1858	JAMES WILLIS DIXON.	WM. HENRY NAYLOR.	THOMAS DANBY.
1859	WM. HENRY NAYLOR.	THOMAS DANBY.	MATTHEW CHAMBERS.
1860	THOMAS DANBY.	JAS. WILLIS DIXON.	WILLIAM LONGDEN.
1861	M. M. DE BARTOLOMÉ.	WILLIAM LONGDEN.	JAMES WILLIS DIXON.
1862	THOMAS DANBY.	M. M. DE BARTOLOMÉ.	EDWD. HARRISON.
1863	THOMAS DANBY.	HENRY HARRISON.	WILLIAM WHITE.
1864	HENRY HARRISON.	WILLIAM WHITE.	ALEXANDER HAY.
1865	WILLIAM WHITE.	ALEXANDEY HAY.	ENSOR DRURY.
1866	ALEXANDER HAY.	ENSOR DRURY.	W. R. PARKER.
1867	ENSOR DRURY.	W. R. PARKER.	WILLIAM SHORT.
1868	ENSOR DRURY,	WILLIAM SHORT.	HENRY JOSEPH GARNETT.
1869	WILLIAM SHORT.	HENRY JOSEPH GARNETT.	ROBERT ARNISON.
1870	WILLIAM SHORT.	HENRY JOSEPH GARNETT.	WILLIAM RODDEWIG.
1871	HENRY JOSEPH GARNETT.	WILLIAM RODDEWIG.	WILLIAM HENRY BRITTAİN
1872	WILLIAM RODDEWIG.	WILLIAM H. BRITTAİN.	THOMAS COLLINSON.
1873	WILLIAM RODDEWIG.	WILLIAM H. BRITTAİN.	HENRY MATTHEWS.
1874	WILLIAM HENRY BRITTAİN	HENRY MATTHAWS.	GEORGE E. BENNETT.
1875	HENRY MATTHEWS.	GEORGE E. BENNETT.	A. PFEILSCHMIDT.

	<i>First Principals.</i>	<i>Second Principals.</i>	<i>Third Principals.</i>
1876	HENRY MATTHEWS.	GEORGE E. BENNETT.	ALFRED SCARGILL.
1877	GEORGE E. BENNETT.	ALFRED SCARGILL.	WILLIAM WHITE.
1878	ALFRED SCARGILL.	WILLIAM WHITE.	SAML. B. ELLIS.
1879	WILLIAM WHITE.	SAML. B. ELLIS.	SIMEON HAYES.
1880	ENSOR DRURY.	SIMEON HAYES.	BENJN. SAVILLE.
1881	SIMEON HAYES.	BENJ. SAVILLE.	WM. R. THOMAS.
1882	SIMEON HAYES.	WM. R. THOMAS.	JOHN SHAW.
1883	WM. R. THOMAS.	JOHN SHAW.	JOSEPH BROMLEY.
1884	JOHN SHAW.	JOSEPH BROMLEY.	JOHN EDWIN DARLING.
1885	JOSEPH BROMLEY.	JOHN EDWIN DARLING.	FREDK. CLEEVES.
1886	JOHN EDWIN DARLING.	FREDK. CLEEVES	HENRY T. E. HOLMES.
1887	FREDK. CLEEVES.	HENRY T. E. HOLMES.	WM. THOS. FLATHER.
1888	HENRY T. E. HOLMES.	WM. THOS. FLATHER.	JOHN PARKIN HEWITT.
1889	WM. THOS. FLATHER.	JOHN PARKIN HEWITT.	WM. DUST.
1890	JOHN PARKIN HEWITT.	WM. DUST.	JOHN HUNT.
1891	JOHN PARKIN HEWITT.	JOHN HUNT.	ISAAC EYRE.
1892	JOHN HUNT.	ISAAC EYRE.	V. G. S. DEARDEN.
1893	ISAAC EYRE.	V. G. S. DEARDEN.	JERH. ROBERTSHAW.
1894	VERDON G. S. DEARDEN.	JERH. ROBERTSHAW.	THOS. H. VERNON.
1895	JERH. ROBERTSHAW.	THOS. H. VERNON.	FRANCIS S. H. WILSON.
1896	THOS. W. VERNON.	FRANCIS S. H. WILSON.	CHARLES STOKES.
1897	FRANCIS S. H. WILSON.	CHARLES STOKES.	MAURICE J. DODWORTH.
1898	CHARLES STOKES.	MAURICE J. DODWORTH.	ARTHUR E. KIRKHAM.

PRESENT

Members of the Chapter of Paradise, No. 139.

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| 1860 | John Jackson, C.B.
Ensor Drury.
H. J. Garnett. | 1882 | J. Thos. Harrison. |
| 1862 | Robt. Arnison. | 1883 | J. J. Saville.
Charles Stokes.
Thomas Wilkinson. |
| 1865 | W. Hy. Brittain. | | F. R. Booth. |
| 1867 | G. W. Hawksley. | 1884 | J. J. Pickering, senr. |
| 1872 | J. Hy. W. Maleham. | 1885 | V. G. S. Dearden.
Thos. E. Barker.
M. J. Dodworth.
S. Wetherill.
W. M. Toplis.
Jerh. Robertshaw. |
| 1873 | John Shaw. | | |
| 1876 | Simeon Hayes. | 1886 | E. Dickinson.
C. F. Longden. |
| 1877 | Thomas Clarke.
H. H. Andrew. | 1887 | Thos. Rowbotham.
A. R. Fox.
W. C. Fox. |
| 1878 | John Hunt.
F. Cleeves.
Thos. Leighton (Serving
Com ⁿ).
Jno. F. Moss. | 1888 | J. J. Pickford.
A. E. Kirkham.
W. D. Forsdike.
T. H. Vernon.
Herbert Nixon. |
| 1879 | J. P. Hewitt.
W. T. Flather.
E. B. Clarke. | 1889 | W. Gunstone. |
| 1880 | F. S. H. Wilson.
R. Heber Radford.
J. H. W. Pawson. | 1890 | C. A. Mays.
G. H. Hutchinson.
F. G. Cornu. |
| 1881 | Edwd. S. Tozer.
Henry Arnold.
J. Harold Thomas.
H. T. E. Holmes. | | |

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| 1890 | E Rowbotham.
A. J. Forsdike.
George Wragg.
A. L. Phillips. | 1895 | A. B. Gunstone.
A. E. Mayger.
G. T. Y. Dickinson.
J. Joseph Barton.
John Stringer.
Thos. Firth.
J. W. H. Stacey.
J. K. Lister.
(Rev.) Jas. G. Williams.
J. E. J. Eyre Marples.
J. C. Brameld. |
| 1891 | E. G. Whiteley.
Claude Barker.
W. Fearnough. | 1896 | Geo. Edwards.
A. W. Roberts.
Robt. C. Honey.
William Foxon.
John Uttley.
J. Mastin, junr. |
| 1892 | David Flather.
George Senior.
Robert Hanbidge.
Ernest Beck.
J. T. Thompson. | 1897 | J. A. E. Hall.
Jas. Kerridge.
J. W. L. Lindlar. |
| 1893 | R. R. Neill.
R. Meadley.
A. E. Drury.
Geo. A. Tandy.
W. Sissons.
W. Walker.
H. A. O. Adrain. | 1898 | Warrington Slater.
R. J. Thos. Abbott.
J. J. R. Hill.
J. E. C. Bedells.
T. A. Vincent. |
| 1894 | A. Davidson.
C. F. Brindley.
A. Macredie.
Albert Howe.
Horace Cawood. | | |
| 1895 | T. Jeffery. | | |



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