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### M. W. BRO. THE PRINCE OF WALES, AT TRURO, ENG.

The visit to Truro, the first week in November, of the Prince of Wales, M. W. G. M., for the purpose of being present at the consecration of the Cathedral, which has been in course of erection during the last seven years, is an event which cannot fail to excite a considerable amount of interest in Masonic circles. As our readers will remember, his Royal Highness laid the foundation stones of the edifice with full Masonic ceremonial in the summer of 1880, when there was a grand concourse of brethren from all parts of England assembled, not only to do honour to their illustrious chief, but likewise to take part, even though it might be silently, in a function which is unique in the history of modern Freemasonry. The architects of the Middle Ages, from whom and the Guild of Masons which executed their designs our Society traces its descent, were constantly engaged in the erection of cathedrals and other churches, and of the ecclesiastical buildings that were planned and carried out by them, a very large number remain to this day as monuments of the rare skill and ability of their architects and builders. But since their day, with the solitary exception of St. Paul's, no cathedral has been built in England, and consequently there has been no such opportunity for a Grand Master of English Speculative Masons to exhibit his interest in ecclesiastical architecture, and, at the same time, his

respect for the work of those Operative Masons from whom we trace our descent. The foundation stones of many public buildings, including churches, have been laid Masonically by Grand Masters of our Fraternity; but till the Bishopric of Truro was founded it had never fallen to the lot of any one of them to perform a like ceremony for a cathedral of the Anglican Church. This circumstance will no doubt be prominent in the thoughts of our Grand Master and those gentlemen who are members of our Society who will be present with his Royal Highness next week, when the Cathedral Church of the see of Truro is solemnly dedicated to the sacred purposes for which it has been erected; and we doubt not the fact that the brethren in Cornwall have contributed generously towards the building will have the effect of enhancing the interest of our readers in the dedication of a work which was begun under such brilliant Masonic auspices.—*The (London) Freemason.*

Some of the readers of THE CRAFTSMAN will call to mind that in connection with the unique event of laying the Corner Stone of the Truro Anglican Cathedral by our M. W. Brother the Prince of Wales, in the month of May, 1880,—so graphically described above by the editor of *The Freemason*, that certain somewhat unpleasant circumstances arose concerning the