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### UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER, M. W. BRO. THE RIGHT. HON. THE  
EARL DE GREY AND RIPON.

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LONDON, 18th May, 1870.

The great masonic event of the last week has been the installation of the newly-elected Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl De Grey and Ripon. The ceremony should have taken place on the 27th April; but owing to the lamentable massacre by the Greek brigands, the victims being in the person of Mr. Vyner, a brother-in-law of the Grand Master elect, and in the person of Mr. Herbert, a cousin of the D. G. M. elect, the Earl of Carnarvon, the ceremony was postponed until last Saturday night. No masonic event, for many years, has created so great and general an interest among the Craft. It is twenty-six years since a new Grand Master was installed, and this of itself was calculated to attract a large attendance; and then it was ascertained that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was to be present,—a circumstance which added largely to the interest of the occasion. It is not, therefore, very wonderful that the attendance, estimated at twelve hundred, should be much larger than has been known on any previous occasion. It was announced that Grand Lodge would be opened at half-past four o'clock; but an hour before that the Grand Hall was literally crammed, and by the time the procession had formed to enter, there was a dense crowd of some four or five hundred blocking up the way. The Grand Stewards had a very difficult task to make a passage through the crowd, and I cannot say that they were greatly assisted by the brethren composing it. In due time, however, the task was performed, and the procession,