

and Colonial troops, gentlemen-at-arms, yeomen of the guard, and State trumpeters.

The Queen took her seat in a chair of state, surrounded by royal princes and princesses, and distinguished and representative men from all parts of the Empire—foreign princes, ambassadors and Ministers.

After the building had been declared inaugurated, a splendid master-key of elegant workmanship was presented to the Queen. The key is made of metals and precious stones from all parts of the Empire. The handle is embellished with precious stones, and the remainder of the key is gold.

This key Her Majesty inserted in the beautiful silver model of the Imperial Institute, which was presented to the Prince and Princess of Wales upon their silver wedding day by the citizens of London.

The placing of the key in the model completed the circuit of an electric current in the Queen's Tower of the Institute, where a peal was immediately rung upon the bells. Simultaneously, salvos were fired from the guns of a battery of horse artillery drawn up in Hyde Park.

The usual enthusiasm prevailed along the route of the procession from Buckingham Palace, the interest amongst the immense crowds being intensified by the presence of the Princess May.

### Marriage of the Duke of York.

Myriads of hearts to-day beat fast  
For Love's approach. In many a home,  
In dewy English parks, 'neath secular trees,  
The eyes of maids and mothers, which grew wet  
For that which none forget,  
Kindle with joy to see the young god come.  
Myriads of humble hearts, by field or town,  
Are fain of it, and do rejoice with these  
Through all our greater Britain's loyal souls,  
'Twixt whom and us the ocean vainly rolls  
By hill or lonely plain, or sea-vexed isle,  
Or where the warm waves kiss the palm-fringed strand,