

I never notified the British Consul, never wrote to the harsh old father, and the secret of those lives, and the secret of their names, lies buried in the triple grave at Greenwood Cemetery, there to remain until all secrets are revealed, all hearts laid bare, and the final judgments will be passed on all—rich and poor, weak and strong, alike—all measured by the standard of the great Jehovah, by the scale of the ever-righteous Judge.—*N. Y. Despatch.*

## H. R. H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

### The Grand Master at Portsmouth.

On Sunday evening H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, M. W. G. M., paid a visit to the Masonic Club, Commercial-road, Portsmouth, and was received by the Chairman of Directors (Alderman W. D. King), and the Secretary (Mr. E. S. Main), by whom His Royal Highness was escorted through the handsome Lodge and the capacious banqueting room. Before leaving, the Prince expressed his best wishes for the success of the institution. On Tuesday at 12.30 the members of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1,903, of which Commander Lord Charles Beresford, who is now on duty in the Mediterranean, is the first W. M., assembled in their Lodge-room, the Masonic Hall, Portsmouth, to receive the Prince of Wales, who had on the previous day intimated to Brother A. L. Emanuel, the Hon. Secretary, his desire to visit the Lodge. The staircase leading to the Lodge was dressed with red cloth, and the brethren ranged on either side of the entrance. The Prince was accompanied by Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar (who, although not a member of the Craft, was invited to be present, as it was not proposed to tye the Lodge, the compliment being paid to His Serene Highness in recognition of the honor he had done the Lodge by allowing it to be named after him), Lord Carrington, and several officers. His Royal Highness, on entering, was introduced to Brother H. W. Townsend, I. P. M., who is acting W. M., and conducted through the line of brethren to the Lodge, where the officers were severally introduced. The band of the 2nd Battalion Royal Highlanders (Black Watch) were stationed below, and, under the direction of Brother Buck, played "God save the Queen," as the Lodge was entered. Bro. Silvester sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales," the chorus being taken by the brethren, and Brother J. Winterbottom, the Organist, accompanying on the harmonium. Brother Townsend said:—"My Lord, Gentlemen, and Brethren,—In the absence of Brother the Worshipful Master, Lord Charles Beresford, it is my pleasing

duty to ask you to drink the health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, who has kindly honored us with his presence here to-day. It will need but few words from me to ensure for this toast a hearty reception. Scarcely twelve months have passed since the idea was first entertained of forming this Lodge, and I think the promoters of it could scarcely have anticipated that in so short a time it would become, as it now is, one of the strongest Lodges in the Province of Hampshire. This, I am sure, is mainly due to the fact that H. R. H. the Prince of Wales and his two illustrious brothers have graciously honored us by becoming honorary members of the Lodge. I ask you, brethren, without any further comment, to drink most heartily the health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Prince of Wales. H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, in reply, said:—"I thank you very much, for the compliment you have paid me to-day, and I assure you it has given me great pleasure to come to this new Lodge, of which I have heard so much through your Worshipful Master, Bro. Lord Charles Beresford. It is with great pleasure I have heard and seen what I have and experienced your kind reception. All I have now to do is to ask you to drink, as I do most cordially, the health of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, coupled with the name of your Worshipful Master, Lord Charles Beresford, whose absence we all, I am sure, deeply regret to-day. Captain Haldane:—"On the part of the members of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, I beg to return our most hearty thanks to His Royal Highness for the honor he has done us in coming to this Lodge, and proposing the toast he has done. Brother Townsend next asked those present to drink the health of His Serene Highness Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar. Prince Edward said he was very obliged to them for drinking his health in that Masonic Lodge, which they had done him the honor to call after him. He felt very much flattered at it, and very much pleased indeed to have attended with His Royal Highness. The Prince then retired, and as he left the building was received with cheers by the people who had collected outside. "Albert Edward, G. M.," heads the list in the Lodge book, in which the other entries were:—Members of the Lodge—Bros. H. W. Townsend, I. P. M.; T. Page, S. W.; Lieutenant Sackville H. Carden, R. N., J. W.; Rev. P. H. Good, Chaplain; H. Threadingham, Treasurer; A. L. Emanuel, Secretary; R. Martyn, S. D.; Lieutenant Southwell T. Bourke, R. N., J. D.; John Lind, P. M., M. C.; J. McLeod (Sergeant-Major Royal Engineers), I. G.; John Winterbottom, Organist; Sam. P. Knight, T.; P. M.'s James Knight, G. Haldane, Enan-