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AN ETON CEREMONY

On the steps of Eton College Chapel, watch by hundreds of Eton boys, the King attends a ceremony without precedent in the long history of the College. The first knighthood to be conferred at Eton is given to the Provost, Mr. Henry Marten, tutor to Princess Elizabeth.

Sir Piers Leigh, Master of the Royal Household, presented the Provost who rises, Sir Henry Marten. The conferring of the blue ribbon of the Royal Victorian Order completes the ceremony.

For the Provost and Masters, this is a memorable occasion. For Smith minor and the rest of the boys it will provide better material than usual for the weekly letter home, and they cheer accordingly.