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A Memorial Tablet  
 A Memorial to the late founder of the family of Sunderland, Mr Rowland Burdon was unveiled by his grandson, Mr Col Rowland Burdon V.D. D.C. JP at a house of Sunderland Bachelors on the Palace Hotel on 15th July 1926. The Tablet which has since been affixed to the corner of the new Warmsouth Bridge to record the fact that Mr Rowland was the builder of the old one, was handed over by Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. to the Mayor of Sunderland, Mr Wm C. W. Brown on behalf of the Town.  
 Mr Rowland Burdon in giving a brief account of the life of Rowland Burdon, said, this was a gathering to pay tribute and do honour to a great man, a fatherly figure, and a distinguished Successor. His object in life was to make himself usefully, somewhat in the public service.  
 It was not until the bridge was built to connect the two banks of the Wear that the town of Sunderland can be said to have had a beginning. The bridge, which was opened in August 1926, and extends of about 1,000 ft.

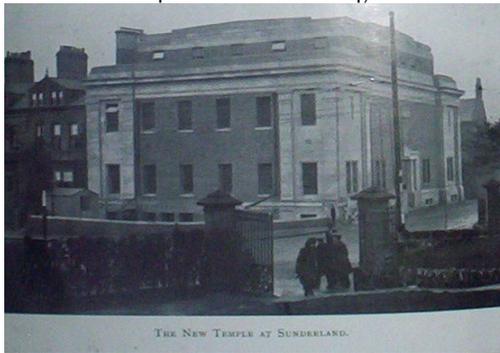
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Guest contributed Letter  
 In mentioning the Tablet Mr Col Rowland Burdon spoke feelingly of his Grandfather and said that his Grandfather was ever a noble man, always of considerable ability, the friend of all who would have been raised to the bridge and to him, and who to a great extent of his own had made fortune. To have to see all his work done his right in the Warmsouth bridge, but his whole was thought, look and passion to his own affairs. He refused to accept them as a present and before he did he had paid back every penny of their cost.  
 On his concluding remarks Mr Col Rowland Burdon referred to the note read by his Grandfather and since adopted by the Borough of Sunderland. Mr Stephenson (Inspector) and several other men in the town to which that note and remarks about some of the men in the city, and that we shall emerge from the dark clouds of depression that enveloped us. Mr Rowland Burdon MP was an active member of the Palace Hotel in its early days, and was several times "Wearside" Player.

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Opening and Dedication of the Bridge  
 Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. and C.F. J.P. was in view of intense interest and considerable importance to the town took place on Wednesday 9th Aug 1926, when the Grand ceremony was held at the bridge. Mr P.P.C.M. presided at the ceremony. The opening proceedings were commenced by Mr Rowland Burdon, who made the Tablet to open the new bridge, and a statement of the occasion, a golden key was presented to him by Mr Rowland Burdon, V.D. D.C. JP. At the Dedication Ceremony Mr Rowland Burdon was assisted by the following Grand Officers: Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Grand Master), Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Grand Secretary), Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Grand Treasurer), Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Grand Warden), Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Grand Chaplain), Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Grand Organist), Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Grand Singers), Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Grand Band). The ceremony of Dedication was most

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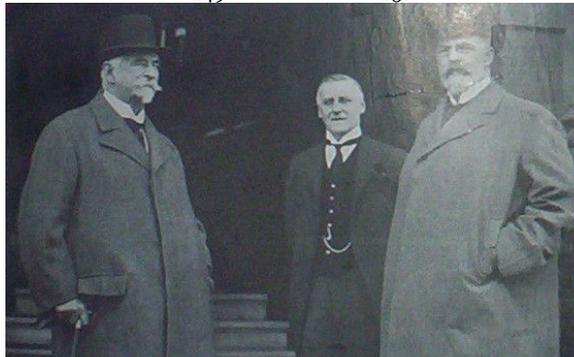
Wearside Masonic Temple, Burdon Road

impressively performed by Mr Rowland Burdon, and in response and beautiful music was given by Mr Rowland Burdon. Among the large number of Brethren present were Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Grand Master), Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Grand Secretary), Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Grand Treasurer), Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Grand Warden), Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Grand Chaplain), Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Grand Organist), Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Grand Singers), Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Grand Band). The Dedication Ceremony was followed by a banquet which on the 10th Aug 1926 at which Mr Rowland Burdon presided.  
Proceedings at the Grand Lodge  
 On the 14th Sept 1926, Mr Rowland Burdon and Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. addressed the Grand Lodge every Brethren in the town referred with them and their family on this happy and interesting occasion.  
 It was decided to honour Mr Rowland Burdon with a Golden Wedding gift, subscribed by the Lodges in the Borough of

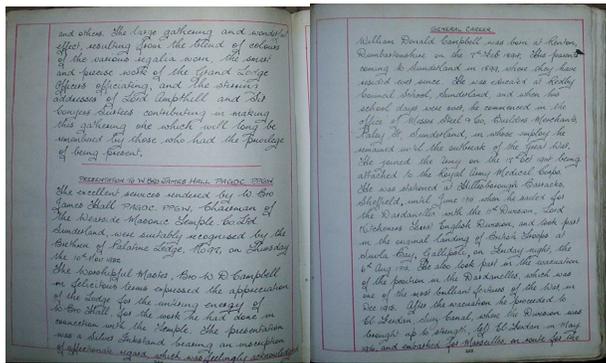
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the Borough which took place on the 20th Sept 1926 in the Masonic Temple, Sunderland, at which Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Grand Master) presided, and on behalf of the Brethren of the Province of Durham presented Mr Rowland Burdon with a Golden Key as a token of their esteem and affection. He also presented a Resolution and Present which was given to Mr Rowland Burdon.  
Installation of Mr H. Rowland Burdon  
 at the Grand Lodge  
 A Special Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge was held at 100, Raffles Road on the 15th Oct 1926 when over 100 Brethren were present to witness the Installation of Mr Rowland Burdon as Provincial Grand Master. Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Provincial Grand Master) presided on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge and was supported by a large number of Grand and Provincial Officers amongst whom were Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Grand Master), Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Grand Secretary), Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Grand Treasurer), Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Grand Warden), Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Grand Chaplain), Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Grand Organist), Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Grand Singers), Mr Rowland Burdon, P.P.C.M. (Grand Band).

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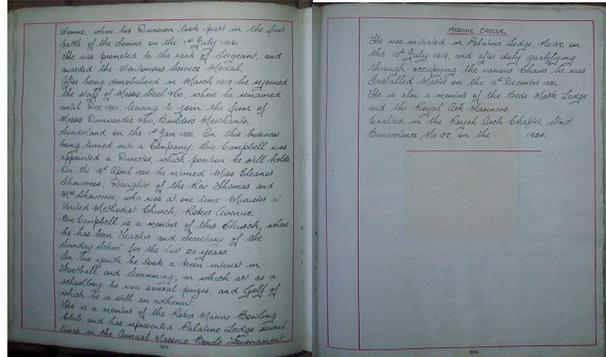


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