

From the *Exeter & Plymouth Gazette* 5 Nov 1930:

MR. H. W. MICHELMORE.

***Compliment to Well-known
Exonian.***

HIS LATEST WORK.

The current issue of "The Solicitors' Journal" contains an excellent likeness of Mr. H. W. Michelmores, a well-known citizen and solicitor of Exeter. "H." contributes the following:—
"We have pleasure in including in this number a portrait of Mr. Henry William Michelmores, solicitor, Exeter, who is this year's Chairman of the Solicitors' Benevolent Association. Mr. Michelmores was born at Newton Abbot in 1861, was educated at Rugby, and articled to Mr. W. J. Battishall, of Battishall and Houlditch, Exeter. He passed the final examination with first class honours in June, 1887, and commenced practice in Exeter, being appointed Deputy-Clerk of the Peace for the county of Devon. In 1897 he organised the county of Devon by parishes for the Lord-Lieutenant, the late Lord Clinton, and raised a fund of several thousand pounds in commemoration of H.M. Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. The income of the fund has been applied annually since then in making grants to the Devonshire hospitals on the principle of the London Hospital Saturday Fund. In 1902 he became a Freeman of the City of London by joining the Company of Liners. He has taken an active part in Freemasonry, being a Past Master of Lodge No. 39, which will celebrate its bicentenary in 1932, a Past Grand Warden in the Province of Devonshire in the Craft and Mark Degrees, and Past Grand Registrar in the Royal Arch Degree; also a Past Grand Steward of England in the Mark Degree.

"He has also taken great interest in the Friendly Society movement, having been Grand Master for the Exeter District of the Oddfellows and Chief Ruier of the Exeter District of the Independent Order of Rechabites, and is a trustee for the Ancient Order of Foresters. In 1912-13 he was Mayor of Exeter, and was subsequently appointed a Governor of the Royal Albert Memorial Museum Library. In 1914 he was elected Chairman of the Devon and Exeter Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society and continued to act in that capacity until the present year. In October, 1918, he was appointed Registrar of the Diocese of Exeter and also Registrar of the Consistory Court of the Diocese. As the present Chairman of the Solicitors' Benevolent Association, Mr. Michelmores is now making strenuous efforts to close the fund inaugurated by Sir Cecil Allen Coward (from which the fund takes its name) before the end of the year. To this fund, it should be mentioned, the Board of the Association added a sum of £10,000 from the Maddox-Simpson bequest, and have been advised that if they can raise the whole of the fund to £20,000 they can safely undertake the work of maintaining, educating, and starting in life the children of deceased members who require such assistance. We feel sure that this work will appeal strongly to all solicitors, and for the honour of the profession we sincerely hope that Mr. Michelmores's appeal will be crowned with the success it undoubtedly deserves."