

The procession, starting from the principal entrance, proceeded by a covered way to the daïs prepared for Her Majesty in the Pavilion.

The Queen took Her place in front of a Chair of State, with His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, K.G., on her right hand, the members of The Royal Family on either side of Her Majesty, and The Great Officers and others of The Royal Household around them.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, and The Bishop of London, who had previously arrived, stood on the left of the daïs, and The Secretary of State for the Home Department, The Right Hon. Henry Matthews, M.P., near Her Majesty on the right.

As the procession entered the building, which was announced by a flourish of trumpets by Her Majesty's State trumpeters, a processional march was played by the orchestra, under the direction of Sir Arthur Sullivan.

When Her Majesty and The Royal Family had taken their places, the National Anthem was sung by The Royal Albert Hall Choral Society and the pupils of The Royal College of Music.

His Royal Highness The President read to Her Majesty the following Address on the part of The Organising Committee of the Imperial Institute:—

“TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

“We, The President of the Imperial Institute and the Organizing Committee appointed to advise upon the form and constitution of that memorial of the 50th anniversary of Your Majesty's accession to the Throne, approach Your Majesty with the expression of our heart-felt affection and loyalty.

“It has been our desire, in pursuance of the ideas which gave birth to the Colonial and Indian Exhibition of 1886, to combine in some harmonious form a broader and more enduring representation of Your Majesty's Colonies and India as well as of the United Kingdom; and our confident hope is that this Institute may hereafter not only exhibit the material resources of the Empire, but may be an emblem of that Imperial unity of purpose and action which we believe has gathered strength and reality with every year of Your Majesty's reign.

“We would also express our hope that this Institution may promote the commercial and industrial prosperity of all parts of Your Majesty's dominions, and that the scientific and technical education which the requirements of modern industry render necessary may through its means receive fresh development.

“In praying Your Majesty to associate yourself with this work, we trust that we shall not err if we venture to remind Your Majesty of yet one more consideration which may enhance Your Majesty's personal interest in this undertaking, even if we refer to a never-forgotten sorrow,