

A Guard of Honour of the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, under the command of Captain M. Drummond, was mounted opposite the main entrance in Exhibition Road, and the adjacent streets were kept by the Household Troops.

The Honourable Corps of the Gentlemen at Arms were on duty near the dais, and the Yeomen of the Guard at the main entrance in the Exhibition Road.

The Officers of the Indian Contingent were also on duty in the Pavilion.

Levée Dress was worn.

Ladies were in morning dress.

The carriage procession having been formed in the same order as on arrival, Her Majesty proceeded to the Royal Albert Hall.

The Queen visited the Royal Albert Hall at 1 o'clock p.m., after laying the first stone of the Imperial Institute of the United Kingdom, the Colonies, and India.

The Queen, accompanied as on arrival at the Imperial Institute, was received by His Royal Highness The President with the Members of the Council of the Royal Albert Hall, and The Lord Aberdare, G.C.B., President of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Her Majesty was conducted to the dais in the south end of the Hall by The Earl of Lathom, Lord Chamberlain.

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, K.G., presented to Her Majesty the following Address of Congratulation from the President and Council and Corporation of the Royal Albert Hall:—

“TO THE QUEEN’S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

“We, the President, Council, and Members of the Corporation of the Royal Albert Hall, deeply sensible of Your Majesty’s gracious patronage and protection, and mindful how much this Institution owes to His Royal Highness The Prince Consort, venture to approach Your Majesty with the expression of our loyal devotion to Your Person, and with deep gratitude to Almighty God on the completion of this Fiftieth Year of Your Majesty’s most glorious reign. At no period of our country’s previous history have the Arts and Sciences made such rapid progress as during Your Majesty’s prosperous reign; but it is owing to the wisdom and foresight of His Royal Highness that the nation has been able to reap the full benefit of those advances, for it is to him that we owe the idea of a great Central Institution for the promotion of Artistic and Scientific knowledge, as a means of increasing the happiness and prosperity of Your people. In this noble scheme it was the wish of His Royal Highness that the Royal Albert Hall should form a not unimportant part, and mindful of the deep interest which he took in it, and of the fact that it bears his honoured name, it will always be our anxious desire to render the Institution worthy of its august founder, and a fitting memorial of his genius and many virtues.