

At Cork, on Wednesday, their Royal Highnesses were received by the Earl of Bandon and the members of the City and County Reception Committee, and Lord Bandon presented loyal addresses from that body and from the city and county magistrates. The Royal visitors were conducted to the School of Art, which has recently been enlarged. The streets were crowded, and the windows of the houses were full of spectators. The decorations were abundant; in King-street, a wide thoroughfare close to the railway station, and in Patrick street the way was spanned by lines of flags, emblems, and mottoes, which had a striking effect. As their Royal Highnesses passed, hearty and repeated cheers were given. At the School of Art the Prince and Princess were received by the managers of the school, and went through various rooms in the new building. In reply to the address presented on behalf of the Cork Municipal Schools of Science, Art, and Music, the Prince of Wales said:— "Your School of Art is well calculated to carry out those principles for the furtherance of which my lamented father succeeded in the inauguration of a system of scientific and artistic education, and for the promotion of which I have myself done all that has lain within my power. I congratulate you from my heart on the patriotic munificence which has prompted the founder of this school to bestow his generous aid on a series of institutions so useful to the youth and manhood of your city. It will be a fitting recognition of his liberality that this building shall hereafter be called by the name which you have very properly selected for it, the Crawford Municipal School of Art." His Royal Highness then formally declared the school open, and the Royal party, leaving the school, proceeded to the Good Shepherds' Convent by Nelson's-place, Patrick-street, the Grand Parade, St. George's-street, Wellington Bridge, and the Female Prison, amidst repeated expressions of popular regard. Their Royal Highnesses were received at the convent by the Most Rev. Dr. Delany, Roman Catholic Bishop of Cork, and many of the clergy of the city, and were conducted through the dormitories, the laundry, and other rooms of the institution by the Bishop, the Lady Superior, and the Assistant Mother. The Good Shepherds is a Magdalene Asylum and a Reformatory for Young Girls, and contains at present 170 adults and 130 young persons. The visit lasted about half an hour, and on leaving, their Royal Highnesses expressed their gratification at

the neatness and cleanliness which prevailed in every part of the establishment, and the admirable manner in which it appears to be conducted. The Royal party afterwards proceeded to the Cathedral, the interior of which was filled by the clergy of the united diocese of Cork, Cloyne, and Ross, and by a number of ladies and gentlemen who had tickets of admission. The Prince and Princess were received at the cathedral by Dr. Gregg (the Bishop), Dean Madden, Archdeacon Archdale, and Chancellor Webster, who presented an illuminated address from the clergy of the diocese, bidding their Royal Highnesses a hearty welcome. The Royal visitors were conducted over the cathedral, the beauty of which they greatly admired. On leaving, the Royal cortege proceeded by Great George's-street, the Grand Parade, the South Mall, and Lapp's Bridge to the Custom House, where they embarked for Queenstown. During the whole of the route, a considerable portion of which was lined by the 11th Hussars, the same enthusiasm which marked the progress of their Royal Highnesses through the other parts of the city was again displayed. The Grand Parade and South Mall were gay with banners and bunting of every description and alive with people, and in the South Mall there were some very effective decorations displayed. At the Custom House there was a guard of honour of the Suffolk Regiment, who presented arms on the arrival of the Prince and Princess, while the immense crowds assembled in the vicinity cheered vociferously. The scene was a brilliant one, as all the vessels in the river displayed bunting, and the fineness of the weather enabled many persons to enjoy the spectacle from boats in the harbour. Their Royal Highnesses and suite having embarked on one of the river steam-boats, which had been provided by the Reception Committee, the vessel steamed away, the military band playing "God Bless the Prince of Wales," and the spectators renewing their acclamations. Several steamers followed, containing the members of the Reception Committee and their friends, also Major-General Young, commanding the Cork district, and his Staff. The beauty of the river from Cork to Queenstown, and the magnificent harbour in which it terminates, has frequently been described. The number of steamers all fully freighted, and the small boats and yachts all gaily decorated, formed a scene the charm and attractiveness of which it would be difficult to overpraise.

The steamer made a brief delay at Passage Docks, where the Prince and Princess landed in order that the Prince might lay the keel of the Government tank-ship, for which the docks have obtained the contract. Elaborate preparations had been made for the reception of the Prince and Princess, and numerous spectators were admitted to witness the ceremony. The Princess was presented on landing by Lady Arnott with a bouquet of flowers, and the ceremony of laying the keel having been gone through, the Royal party re-embarked and continued their progress to Queenstown. Three men-of-war in the harbour, the Minotaur, the Revenge, and the Northumberland, were gaily decked, and as the steamer came in and took up its position at the quay of the Island of Haulbowline, a naval and military station, the bluejackets manned the yards and a Royal salute was fired. Loud cheers also burst from the people assembled in great crowds on the island, and these were repeated as the Prince and Princess landed and were conducted along a carpeted covered way to the room in which the banquet was given by the citizens of Cork. This apartment was adorned in a most artistic manner, the ceiling and the walls being draped with red and white calico, and an immense variety of flags and banners being displayed. Great bunches of flowers hung down from the ceiling over all the tables, and these bore vases of flowering and foliage plants. The number of guests present was close on 500, and when the Prince and Princess entered the room the entire assemblage rose and cheered enthusiastically. The Earl of Bandon sat at the centre of the head table, and had on his right hand the Prince of Wales and Lady Bandon, while Prince Albert Victor and the Princess of Wales sat on Lord Bandon's left hand. At the conclusion of the banquet, Lord Bandon proposed "The health of the Queen," and afterwards "The health of the Prince and Princess of Wales." Both toasts were received with the utmost enthusiasm, a naval band placed in a gallery playing the appropriate airs. The Prince of Wales responded to the toast, and took leave of the company, the Royal party were conducted to their boat amidst loud cheers, and, as the vessel steamed from the quay, a salute was fired and the sailors again manned the yards. Their Royal Highnesses proceeded to Queenstown, where they were presented with an illuminated address by the Reception Committee of Queenstown. At night the ships of the Channel Squadron and the guard-ship at Queenstown

were illuminated with the, electric light and a variety of coloured lights, and there was a grand display of fireworks; the merchant-ships and the yachts in port also made effective displays.

The Prince and Princess of Wales must have thoroughly appreciated the quiet and repose which they enjoyed on Thursday at Convamore, after the bustle and excitement of their reception at Cork and Queenstown. It is satisfactory to be able to state that their Royal Highnesses were heartily welcomed by all the respectable inhabitants of Cork, and that the attempt at a counter demonstration, on their crossing "Parnell Bridge," proved an utter failure. The voices of the malcontents were drowned by the cheers of the loyal spectators, and those who took part in these discreditable scenes were, speaking generally, of the lowest class. The Cork Reception Committee are delighted at the response made to their appeal, and we are informed that the Prince has expressed himself highly pleased with his visit to Cork, and satisfied with the cordial reception given to him and to the Princess.

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