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Journal Entry: Wednesday 4th April 1900

A very fine morning. — After breakfast began writing a letter & then went on deck. We landed at the Victoria Wharf at ½ p. 11, being received by Ld & Ly Cadogan, Arthur, Louischen & their children, also by Ld Dufferin & Ld Meath. We 3 wore bunches of real shamrocks, & my bonnet & parasol were embroidered with silver shamrocks. — On entering my carriage, in which I sat alone, Lenchen & Beatrice opposite me, an Address was presented from the Chairman & Councillors of Kingstown & I said a few words in Landing my reply. The Procession, consisting of 4 carriages, then started, mine, coming last. Arthur rode near my carriage all the way & I had a travelling escort of the King's Dragoon Guards. The whole route from Kingstown to Dublin was much crowded, all the people cheering loudly & the decorations were beautiful. For some distance the road was kept by Blue Jackets, but in many parts of the more country roads, there was scarcely a policeman or soldier. There were many loyal inscriptions put up, suspended across the road, the following being 2 of them: "Blest for ever is she who relied on Erin's honour & Erins pride", & "In her a thousand virtues closed as mother, Wife & Queen". At Ball's Bridge the travelling escort was replaced by a Sovereign's Escort of Life Guards, & a large number of military & other mounted officials joined the Procession. At Lesson Bridge an Archway was erected, a facsimile of the entrance to Baginbun Castle & according to the ancient custom the gates were closed till the Procession approached when Athlone Pursuivant at arms advanced saying "I demand to be admitted to the presence of the Lord Mayor." At the same moment the bugler on the top of the arch blew a blast. Art passed in & the gates were reclosed. Bowing to the Ld Mayor he said "My Lord Mayor of Dublin I seek admission to the City of Dublin for Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, The Ld Mayor replying "On Behalf of the city I tender to Her Majesty the most hearty welcome to this ancient City & on her arrival the gate shall be thrown open on the instant." This was done & I passed in, my carriage stopping opposite the Ld Mayor who with the Aldermen, Councillors & Officials received me & presented the old city keys, 12 in number & 600 years old; the city sword was offered by the Lord Mayor (Mr Devereux Pile). A loyal address was then read & presented to me in a beautiful gold casket. I answered "I thank you for your loyal address & this hearty reception. I am very glad to find myself again in Ireland." I handed him the written answer. The drive lasted 2 hours & ½. We went all along the Quays in the poorer parts of the town where thousands had gathered together & gave me a wildly enthusiastic greeting. At Trinity College the Students sang "God save the Queen" & shouted themselves hoarse. The cheers & often almost screams were quite deafening. Even the Nationalists in front of the City Hall seemed to forget their politics & cheered & waved their hats. It was really a wonderful reception I got & most gratifying. — Ld & Ly Cadogan received & welcomed me at the door of the Vice Royal Lodge. I recognised the outside of the building but not the inside. I was rolled a good way to the staircase up which I was carried, as there was no lift. I have very comfortable rooms. We lunched in a small one next to my sitting room, which was formerly our bedroom. After luncheon. I wrote telegrams, then drove with Lenchen & Beatrice. — Rested a little after tea. Lenchen came in with some startling news from Bertie, who had been shot at as their train was leaving Brussels. A man jumped on to the step of the railway carriage in which he & Alix were sitting & fired straight at them. Was greatly shocked & upset. Telegraphed at once to dear Bertie & Alix. & Arthur, Louischen & Daisy dined with us upstairs in the small dining room. — Felt very tired. —

Journal Entry: Thursday 5th April 1900

A bright morning, though the day was showery. — Arthur, Louischen, & their 3 children come in, just as we finished breakfast. — Beatrice's children, including Drino, but without Maurice, who is not

quite well, arrived at 7 this morning. — Very busy still receiving telegrams of congratulation, also from every part of Ireland & from Irish everywhere. — Drove in the afternoon with Lenchen & Beatrice all round the Phoenix Park & past Farmleigh, where Arthur & Louischen are staying & which Ld & Ly Iveagh have lent them until they can get into the Royal Hospital. — Ld & Ly Cadogan, the Duke & Dss of Devonshire, the Duke of Abercorn, the O'Conor Don & Madam O'Conor Don, Louisa A. & Ld Denbigh dined. —

Journal Entry: Friday 6th April 1900

A very wet morning & was not able to get out. — Went & looked at the rooms. — Received a telegram from Alix saying how merciful had been their escape at the bullet had passed between their heads & lodged in the side of the saloon. She had felt it whizz past her eyes. The man had thrust his land in at the window & fired at them. It makes me shudder to think of & one cannot be too thankful. — After luncheon wrote &c, — Drove with Beatrice & Louisa A. round by the Constabulary Barracks, towards Fairview & Ballybough, returning by the park. — Heard that Ld Methuen had had a successful engagement at Boskop, north of Kimberley & that the Boer commander, a Frenchman, Villebois Marenila, had been killed. — Beatrice went to a big State Dinner given by the Lord Lieut: at the Castle. — Ly Londonderry, Ld Kenmare, Ld & Ly Bandon, Sir M. White Ridley, Louisa A. & Sir F. Edwards dined. —

Journal Entry: Saturday 7th April 1900

A fine morning. — Drove with Lenchen & Beatrice, the ladies in a 2nd carriage, to the public part of the Phoenix Park, where 52,000 schoolchildren from all parts of Ireland, were assembled with their Masters & Mistresses. It was a wonderful sight, & the noise of the children cheering was quite overpowering. I drove down the live so that they could all see me & stopped for a moment to receive a nosegay, presented by the twin daughters of Ly Arnott, who with the lady Mayoress was presented by Ld Denbigh. — After luncheon drove with Lenchen & Louisa A. past Ld Annesley & Ly Holmpatrick's places. — After tea received a satisfactory cypher from Ld Roberts, who will soon begin his advance. — Only the Ladies to dinner. Gottlieb's Band played afterwards in the big Drawing room in which we sat, as we used to formerly. — This was dear Leopold's birthdays. —

Journal Entry: Sunday 8th April 1900

Very bright morning, but it clouded over & became foggy. — Received a charming & most interesting letter from Sir Redvers Buller from Ladysmith, dated March 15th. — Service in the Chapel at 11. It is rather small & stuffy. The Sub dean of the Chapel Royal performed the service & the Arch Bishop of Dublin Dr Peacock preached an excellent sermon. Arthur, Louischen & their children came to the service. Had some talk afterwards with him, on military matters. — Out for a short while with Beatrice & Eva. — In the afternoon drove with Lenchen & Beatrice round by Cabra & Finglas, home by Blanchardstown & Castleknock. — Arthur & Louischen, Ld & Ly Dufferin, Ld & Ly Plunkett, Sir David Harrell, (Permanent Irish Under Secy) Louisa A. & Ld Denbigh dined. —

Journal Entry: Monday 9th April 1900

A fine day. — Went out with Louisa A. in the morning, & in the afternoon started at 4 in the landau with 4 horses & postillions, & a travelling escort of the 2nd Life Guards, commanded by Ld Headfort. Lenchen & Beatrice were with me & sat opposite to me. I drove through all the principal streets of Dublin, where all the decorations were still up. The crowd were just as large as on Wednesday & the enthusiasm immense. We also drove round by the Hospital. & After tea Lenchen read me a most interesting letter from Col: Stafford, Sir R. Buller's Military Secy about the relief of Ladysmith. —

Louisa A., Harriet P., Minnie Cochrane, Ld Denbigh, Sir A. Bigge & Col: Carington dined. Gottlieb's band played again afterwards. —

Journal Entry: Tuesday 10th April 1900

Very windy. — Went in the garden in my pony chair, Lenchen walking with me. — Saw Sir Thomas Dennehy after luncheon. — Drove with Lenchen & Beatrice by Chapel Izod, through Lucan & past Lord Annesley's place. It was very pretty driving along the banks of the Liffy. — Heard by Reuter telegram that there had been fighting at Wepener, where the Boers had been attacked, also that Plumer had been within 6 miles of Mafeking, but had retired again, the Boers having endeavoured to surround him. — Ld & Ly Cadogan, Louisa A., Ld & Ly Erne, the Ld Chancellor of Ireland & Mrs Gibson, & Ld Denbigh dined. The Band played again after dinner. —

Journal Entry: Wednesday 11th April 1900

A very wet morning & blowing hard. Could not get out. — At breakfast got a private confidential cypher from Ld Roberts, saying that he had been obliged to ask Gen: Gatacre to relinquish his command, as he felt he could not rely on his judgment & that the troops had lost their confidence in him. Sir Herbert Chermiside was to succeed him. — In the afternoon drove with Ena & Louisa A. in a closed carriage. — Ld & Ly Carysport, Ld & Ly Clonbrock, Mr & Mrs Smith Barry, Louisa A., Ld Denbigh & Sir A. Bigge dined. Gottlieb's Band played afterwards very pleasantly. — Got a satisfactory telegram from Ld Roberts that the Boers in Natal had attacked Sir R. Buller's force at Elandslaagte, but had been unsuccessful, our guns having silenced theirs. — Mr Smith Barry's father received me when I landed the first time on Irish soil, at Cork. Ld Carysport's elder brother was formerly in my Household & Lady Clonbrock's father was also my Lord in Waiting. —

Journal Entry: Thursday 12th April 1900

Showery morning with very high wind. — Out in the pony chair with Lenchen & Ismay Southampton, who has succeeded Louisa Antrim. — Saw 1000 schoolchildren from Queen's County, who were drawn up in front of the house. Some of them came from Abbeyleix the De Veschi's place, & Lady De Veschi was there herself with her sister Miss Vesey. I spoke to them. Coming home saw some more schoolchildren (Roman Catholics), who are included in the 1000, but they had come rather late. — In the afternoon took a short drive with Lenchen & Harriet P. in a closed carriage. It poured all the time. — Only the Ladies to dinner. —

Journal Entry: Friday 13th April 1900

A very fine mild day. — Service at 11. The Dean of the Chapels Royal (Dr Dickenson) preached a very good sermon. Arthur Louischen & their girls came. Out for a short while afterwards. — In the afternoon drove with Lenchen & Beatrice, taking a very pretty drive. — Mr Gerald Balfour & Ly Betty Balfour (Edith Lytton's daughter), Ismay S., Sir F. Edwards & Fritz P. dined. Just before we went to dinner got a satisfactory telegram from Ld Roberts. The Garrison at Wepener was holding out well & troops going to their assistance. There would no longer any danger in Cape Colony.

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Journal Entry: Saturday 14th April 1900

Dear Beatrice's birthday. May God bless & protect her. Gave her her table with presents in my setting room. Arthur — Louischen came to congratulate her. — Out with her & went round the lake. — After luncheon drove with her & Lenchen in the large landau & 4 horses, with a travelling escort,

the Ladies following to Kilmainham Hospital, where Arthur received me & all the old Pensioners were drawn up & the oldest amongst them, aged 81 who had fought in the first Afghan War in 1839, gave me a nosegay. All the old men cheered. We drove round the Hospital & out at another gate, going on to the Castle. There were again great crowds as we passed through the town. The court into which one drives, under an archway, is veru gloomy looking. Ld & Ly Cadogan were at the door & I was carried upstairs & went through all the really very fine reception rooms & St. Patrick's Hall, which was lit up, also the Throne Room, in which I had held my Drawingroom in 1849. We had tea in the Drawingroom where they generally sit. Gottlieb's Band played two pieces & then Lady Limerick played beautifully on the piano. Ld Cadogan's grandchildren came in at the end of tea & afterwards the Ladies & Gentlemen staying at the Castle, came by, including the Arch Bishop. We drove back the same way & the people were very enthusiastic as they always are her. — dictated to Lenchen after I got home. — Louischen, Arthur, Daisy, Ld & Ly Cadogan, Ld & Lady Arran, Ismay S., Sir A. Bigge & Ld William Cecil dined. After dinner 4 of the Choir of St. Patrick's sang some pretty pieces without accompaniment, extremely well & a Miss Bligh played on the violin. —

Journal Entry: Sunday 15th April 1900

A fine bright morning but it was very windy & became showery later. — Service at 11, the Dean officiating, & the Arch Bishop of Armagh, the Primate, preached. He is 76 & I had heard him preach many years ago when he was Bishop of Derry. — Took a short turn with Beatrice & Eva, & drove with them in the afternoon through Chapel Izod, Palmerston, Ballyfermot & some other villages, coming back by Kilmainham & the Island Bridge. Only the Ladies dined & afterwards Beatrice played a little with Minnie C. — A telegram came from Ld Roberts saying that things were going on satisfactorily, but that he was rather unhappy about Wepener, though he hoped they would be able to hold out, as troops were being sent to assist them, & that they would get there in time. Other troops were arriving in the Free State.

Journal Entry: Monday 16th April 1900

It was dreadfully windy, but rather less so than yesterday, & certainly warmer. — Went out with Ismay S., & was photographed in the garden. — Lenchen & Beatrice had gone to see a Deaf & Dumb Institution at Cabra, near here, which is managed by Dominican Nuns. — Saw one of the Sisters of Charity in the morning, a nice little thing, who does my washing, & she kissed my hand. — In the afternoon drove with Lenchen & Beatrice to Clondalkin to see one of the curious old Irish Towers. The little town had been so prettily decorated. Wherever I go the people come out & cheer & call out "God bless you". It was a fine afternoon & less windy & dusty. — The Cadogans, the Primate & Miss Alexander, Ismay S., Ld Denbigh & Ld Wm Cecil dined. Arthur & Louischen came after dinner, as well as some other people, who passed by, & to some of whom I spoke. Gottlieb's Band played meanwhile. —

Journal Entry: Tuesday 17th April 1900

A beautiful day. — After breakfast saw a quantity of lace & embroideries done by the very poorest people, & quite beautiful. Have altogether made many purchases from the various local industries. — Out in the grounds with Beatrice. — After luncheon received Sir Thomas Dennehy & his daughter Mrs Hallyman. — Drove with Lenchen & Ismay S. in a landau with postillions & a travelling Escort of the 2nd Life Guards, the Equerries riding. We drove into Dublin to the Adelaide Hospital, situated in the very poorest part of the town. The street in which it stands is a very narrow one & the people literally thronged round the carriage, giving me the most enthusiastic welcome, as indeed I receive everywhere. Ld Denbigh awaited me at the Hospital & presented the Committee of Management, as well as all the Doctors & the Lady Superintendent, Miss Fitz Patrick, who gave me a bouquet. On

leaving the Hospital we drove by White Friars Place, Stephen's Green, & Liesom Bridge. We passed through the picturesque village of Donnybrook to Sandford Road, where the Escort left us & the Mounted Constabulary replaced them. The road was very pretty, through lanes, everywhere crowds of people, cheering wildly & waving flags. On our arrival at Mount Anville, the Convent of the Sacred Heart, we passed up an avenue decorated with Venetian masts & garlands. We were received by the Rev: Mother Stuart, Superior Vicar of the Houses, the Rev: Mother Roache, Mother Superior, the Bishop of Canea, (Dr Donnolly) & Canon Matthews, all of whom were presented by Ld Denbigh. The pupils of the Convent & some from the other sister Houses, numbering between 4 & 500 were drawn up, as well as about 50 of the Nuns. The children were all dressed in white, the Boarders carrying arum lilies in their hands, whilst the others carried daffodils, & they all sang the National Anthem. Two of the girls gave me a beautiful nosegay & the Mother Superior kissed my hand. There were great outbursts of cheering, as I drove away. The Escort rejoined us at the outskirts of Dublin. — Only the 8 Ladies dined. The Band played afterwards & the Balfours came. —

Journal Entry: Wednesday 18th April 1900

A very fine mild day. — Went out with Ismay S. in the morning, & in the afternoon drove with Lenchen & Beatrice to Lutterelstown Ld Annesley's place, driving through the lovely grounds. Not far from the entrance Mrs Barton, a sister of Ld Clarina, who rents the place gave me a nosegay. The afternoon was rather grey. — Ld & Ly Denbigh, Ismay S., Sir Thomas Dennehy & Mrs Hallyman, Sir Harry Rawson, & Sir J. Fullerton. The Band of the XXIst Lancers, Empress of India, played very well during & after dinner. —

Journal Entry: Thursday 19th April 1900

Fine & warm. — Went out with Lenchen & Ismay S. & saw all my Jubilee Nurses, who had come from different parts of Ireland, on the Terrace in front of the house. I had previously given to Ly Cadogan, who had presented the Nurses to me, the 3rd class of the "Victoria & Albert" order. — In the afternoon drove with Beatrice & Ismay S. to Clontarf, along by the seashore. A great many people along the road cheering & waving flags. We then drove through St. Anne's, Ld Ardilaun's place which is beautiful & has a very pretty approach to it. Stopped a moment at the house where were Ld & Ly Ardilaun. The latter gave me a large nosegay of primroses, today being "Primrose Day". Returned by the Glasnevin Road. It was a very pleasant interesting drive. — Arthur, Louischen, Cardinal Logue, Ld & Ly Lucan, Sir Gerald & Ly Dease, Ismay S., Ld Denbigh & Sir A. Bigge dined. The Cardinal, who is very unassuming & pleasing in manner, though hardly in looks, is also Arch Bishop. He was dressed in his robes. He seemed to be on very good terms with our Arch Bishop of Armagh & spoke most kindly of him & Miss Alexander. who accompanied him, dined with the Household. Gottlieb's Band played after dinner, & the Life Guard's Band during dinner. —

Journal Entry: Friday 20th April 1900

Very warm. — Went with Beatrice & Ismay S., Ld Denbigh & Sir A. Bigge to the Zoological Gardens, going in my pony chair. It is close by, just across the road, beautifully managed & most interesting. The lions are the great feature & they have some splendid specimens. — In the afternoon drove with Lenchen & Beatrice in a landau & 4, but without an Escort, to the Meath Hospital, where Ld Denbigh met us & presented the authorities, Doctors & Matron, the latter giving me a lovely nosegay. There were great crowds & much enthusiasm. We then drove over Portobello Bridge through the village of Rathmines, which was gaily decorated to Rathfarnham, where we drove through the grounds to the Convent of Loreto. Here we were greeted with much cheering by a vast crowd. In front of the Convent were grouped 200 Nuns & 600 pupils, these latter all dressed in white, which made a charming contrast to the Nuns in their dark garb. The National Anthem was played by the orchestra

of the Convent. There were 6 harps, one being played by a nun. I received a beautiful bouquet from one of the pupils, also an embroidered harp & an illuminated card. Lord Denbigh presented the Mother Superior, Father Kennedy, Monsignor Fitz Patrick, Monsignor Plunkett & Canon Fricker of Rathmines. All seemed much pleased & it was an extremely pretty sight. We left amidst much cheering & returned the same way. — Ld & Ly Cadogan, the Arch Bishop of Dublin & Mrs Peacock, Ld & Ly Rosse, Ld & Ly Lurgan, the Duke of Montrose, Ismay S., Denbigh & Col: Carington dined. After dinner Arthur & Louischen came & I had an evening party. Gottlieb's Band played. —

Journal Entry: Saturday 21st April 1900

Very fine & warm. — Sat in the garden. Later we were all photographed by Lafayette. — In the afternoon, at 4, drove in the large carriage & 4, Lenchen & Beatrice sitting backwards, to the Review Ground called the Fifteen Acres. Had a Sovereign's Escort of Life Guards. We drove through enormous crowds who cheered tremendously. I received the Royal Salute on arrival, then drove slowly down the line, Arthur riding next to my carriage. On returning to the saluting point the march past took place. The Naval Brigade Field Batteries & Blue Jackets with their Maxim guns came first, then the Marines, 2,100 from the Channel Fleet, Sir Harry Rawson standing by my carriage as they passed. Next came all the troops, the little Boys of the Hibernian School bringing up the rear. At the end of the Review Arthur called for 3 cheers for me. We then drove home amidst such tremendous cheering as I have never heard. — Only the Ladies to dinner, afterwards Mme Ella Russell sang to us quite charmingly. —

Journal Entry: Sunday 22nd April 1900

Again a very warm fine day. — Service at 11, conducted by Mr Taylor, Chaplain to the Lord Lieutenant, & the sermon preached by the Dean. Out afterwards with Beatrice. — In the afternoon drove with her & Ena. A number of orphans with St. Vincent de Paul Sisters were drawn up near the gate. We went to Castle Knock, where Ld Denbigh presented the Priest, who is the head of a large school & we saw all the children. Then we went on to Lutterelstown & took tea in the carriage near a small waterfall. — Ismay S., Harriet P., Minnie C., Sir M. White Ridley, Ld Denbigh, Sir F. Edwards & Sir Walter Jenner dined. Had some conversation with Ld Denbigh about the Cardinal, who he said had been very pleased with his reception. —

Journal Entry: Monday 23rd April 1900

It rained a good deal early, but then cleared up. — Went out with Lenchen, & drove with her & Ismay S. in the afternoon to Abbotstown & Blanchardstown & then round the Phoenix Park. — Ld & Ld Mayo, the Ld Chief Justice of Ireland, the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, Mr Horace Plunkett, Ismay S., Harriet P., Minnie C., Lord William Cecil, Sir A. Bigge & Col: Carington dined. Ld Westmeath & Sir David Martin came in after dinner. Gottlieb's Band again played quite charmingly.

Journal Entry: Tuesday 24th April 1900

It was dull & cold. — At breakfast Beatrice brought in the telegram that the Duke of Argyll had died. This had been expected for some days, as he was quite unconscious. He was a good & very clever & intellectual man, whom I had a great regard for. — Before I went out with Beatrice I saw the little Balfour & Plunkett children & gave them toys & presents. We both planted trees, to commemorate my visit. — When I came in saw 7 women working beautiful Irish point lace, of which I have bought a great deal. — Drove in the afternoon with Beatrice & Ismay S. going to the large Roman Catholic Hospital called Mater Misericordia. There was a large enthusiastic crowd on the steps of the

Hospital. The lay nursing sisters as well as the Sisters of mercy were all assembled & the Mother Superior Mrs Burke & the next in authority were presented to me, also the medical staff. From there we drove to the Masonic School, through endless streets full of enthusiastic people. All the scholars, boys & girls were drawn up outside the building & a number of people were presented. — Young Arthur, Ld & Lady Cadogan, Albert Mensdorff, Ld & Ly Langford, Sir David Harrell, Ismay S. & Ld Denbigh dined. Ld & Ly Chelsea, Mr Gerald Balfour, Ld & Ly Plunkett, & Sir T. Dennehy came in afterwards. —

Journal Entry: Wednesday 25th April 1900

Dull & cold, but very bright later. — Before going out with Ismay S., saw the 3 little Chelsea girls & gave them brooches, also saw Ld & Ly Denbigh's 2 little boys. — Received satisfactory telegrams from Ld Roberts. — In the afternoon drove with Lenchen & Harriet P. & as we went out saw many school children drawn up in the grounds. We drove through the ground of Kilmainham & on the Naas road. It was very cold. — After tea saw Ly Betty Balfour for a moment. — Arthur, Louischen & young Arthur dined with us. —

Journal Entry: Thursday 26th April 1900

Fine bright morning. — Directly after breakfast I gave some souvenirs to all my people. — Went down to the smaller drawing room at 12 & there gave the Victorian Medal, which belongs to the order, to 26 of the Royal Irish Constabulary (Sergeants & men) & Dublin Police, who had ridden with my carriage. I handed the medals to each, Arthur handing them to me. They all seemed very pleased. — I left the Vice Regal Lodge with regret, having spent a very pleasant time there, though a somewhat tiring one. Lenchen & Beatrice drove with me, Arthur riding beside the carriage & I had a Sovereign's Escort of the Life Guards. Louischen & young Arthur met us at North Wall station. There were a great many people out. The line goes right round the town & stops just at the landing stage, where we got out. Ld & Ly Cadogan met us there as well as some other officials. Arthur & Louischen & young Arthur followed us on board the V. & A. & wished us goodbye, also the Cadogans, who do everything admirably & have been most civil & kind. — Had our luncheon in the Deck Saloon & left at 2, the Channel Fleet escorting us, but I unfortunately did not see much of it, as feeling very tired, I soon went below to rest. We had a perfectly smooth crossing, without the slightest motion, & I slept the greater part of the time. Came up on deck for tea. The Fleet left us just outside Holyhead. — I felt quite sorry that all was over, & that this eventful visit which created so much interest & excitement, had, like everything in this world, come to an end, though I own I am very tired & long for rest & quiet. I can never forget the really wild enthusiasm & affectionate loyalty displayed by all in Ireland & shall ever retain a most grateful remembrance of this warm hearted & sympathetic people. Even when I used to go round the ground in my pony chair & the people outside caught sight of me, they would at once & cheer & sing "God save the Queen". —

Journal Entry: Friday 27th April 1900

Had a good night on board the dear old "Victoria & Albert", which never went better than she did yesterday. — It was rather dull & chilly. — After breakfast, at 11, disembarked, before which I received Gen: Swaine, who commands this district & is going to accompany Georgie to Berlin for young William's Majority. Also received the Officers commanding the ships that formed the escort. On the platform there were numerous presentations. Then we started off at once. Everywhere, as we passed there were great crowds. We only made 2 stoppages, first at Chester where there was immense crowd & on one side 1000s of schoolchildren who sang & cheered. On the platform Lord Egerton of Tatton presented an Address & I spoke to the Mayor & Mayoress, the latter giving me a bouquet. I also spoke to Ly Olivia Fitz Patrick, whom I had known in former years, when she was

young. — Had some luncheon at ½ p. 1. The next stoppage was at Wolverhampton, where I again received a bouquet from the Mayoress, who came into the saloon to hand it to me, the Mayor & Recorder being presented at the door of the carriage. We reached Windsor before 6, everyone seemed to have turned out & I was much cheered. — Lenchen took tea with us & then left. — There arrived some satisfactory news from S. Africa. — A Ladies dinner. —