

graduate of Christ Church College in 1859, passing his examination readily. Accompanied by his tutor and three equerries, the Prince lived at Frewen Hall while pursuing his studies at the University. Later he studied at Cambridge, where he was enrolled a member of Trinity, and had his establishment at Madingly Hall, two miles from the town. During the University summer vacation he studied military duty at the camp of Curragh, Kildare.



If the King was very systematically trained, probably few had a happier boyhood than he. The Queen and the Prince Consort provided their children with abundance of healthy amusements. At Osborne each had a garden plot to cultivate, and in the summer-house there the barrow and tools used by the King may still be seen, marked "Bertie." There also stands a mimic fort built by himself and brothers—even to the actual making of the bricks—which was the scene of many stirring battles. While the young Princesses learnt domestic arts in the kitchen of the Swiss Cottage at Osborne, the Princes were instructed in useful trades, that selected by the King being shoemaking. They were paid journeymen's wages for the work they turned out. Abundance of outdoor fun, frolic and sport were indulged in by the Royal children, and on birthdays and festive occasions they enacted little plays before their parents and the Court.

The King is credited with having been a mischievous boy, and the story is told that one day while walking along the shore at Osborne he saw a lad gathering shellfish, and, waiting until his back was turned, ran and upset the basket. The injured owner, on seeing his laborious "haul" scattered around, ran for the culprit with a will and struck him. The young Prince returned the compliment, and was soon engaged in a spirited fight with the fisherboy. Ultimately the combatants were separated by one of the Osborne gardeners, and "Princey," in a rather

battered condition, was led to his father, who had viewed the scene from a distance, and received proper punishment.

On another occasion, when riding with his father along a country road, the young Prince of Wales either from thoughtlessness or boyish naughtiness, neglected to return the salute of a labouring man. "My son," said the Prince Consort, "go back at once and acknowledge that poor man's civility;" and "Princey" rather crestfallen, had to turn his pony's head, follow the humble wayfarer, and make him a bow. By such wise training was he taught that the meanest of his future subjects was entitled to his polite consideration.

While travelling about the country and at college the same rule was enforced; the Prince was never permitted to presume on his rank. An amusing incident happened when he was going about the provincial towns. A local hotel-keeper, having heard that the Prince and his tutor were in the vicinity, prepared an elaborate guest-chamber. In the evening a gentleman and a smartly-dressed youth asked for lodgings.

"Certainly, sir," said the beaming landlord, and led the way to the prepared apartments, perfectly sure that it was the Heir-Apparent *incognito*.

An hour later two gentlemen and a quietly-dressed youth drove up, and asked for rooms for the night.

"I am so sorry," replied mine host effusively, "but my best rooms are already occupied; the hotel is very full and I can only offer a small room for two and a shakedown on the sofa for the young gentleman." The offer was accepted, and the landlord's feelings can better be imagined than described when in the morning he discovered that he had given his finest room to "Master Jones," and a shakedown to the Heir-Apparent. The tutor was well aware that in permitting his charge to experience the ordinary vicissitudes of travel he was acting in accordance with the wishes of the Queen and the Prince Consort.