

than B. Hodgkin and Joseph Bevan Braithwaite as the composers of the Address, the Queen holding her hand for a similar salutation, bestowing a specially gracious smile on our venerable Friend, as he stooped to receive the royal greeting.

Immediately after the Friend's withdrawal the deputation from the Royal Society, including Lord Lister, Lord Kelvin, and others, in full court dress, entered the Queen's presence.

The deputations of Nonconformists were requested to appear in ordinary morning dress, so that no difficulty arose such as was presented to our friend J. Allan Baker when appearing as a member of the London County Council. The military element which invariably prevails in the precincts of royalty was greatly minimized; save for the fact that all the officials wore swords, we saw no military display, beyond the habiliments of members of the Court.

The countenance of the Queen wore traces of her past sorrows, whilst bearing with cheerful dignity the weight of a reign of over sixty years. The visit will doubtless have left on those privileged to be present, as it has on the writer of these lines, ineffaceable memories, and a feeling of deepened interest in the Sovereign who has reigned so long and so worthily over this wide-reaching Empire.—[*British Friend*].

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