

filled the royal pews, which are on a dimly lit side aisle, and separated and invisible from the little space reserved for the congregation, which was not large. The aged Duke of Cambridge made his appearance publicly among the mourners. The front public pew was occupied by Earl Roberts, William St. John Broderick, and Viscountess Gort. They were staying at Viscount Gort's East Cowes castle, near Osborne House. The royal children were placed in the Battenberg chapel, where the white marble tomb of Prince Henry still bore the flowers placed on it a week before. The entire assemblage were in plain black mourning except the children, who were in white.

The Bishop of Winchester preached a simple, touching sermon on the late Queen's worth and example. He spoke of the presence of the "great ruler of the German people, who is simply taking his place quietly as the grandson of Queen Victoria, thereby cementing by the force of sentiment, which is keener and farther reaching than any force on earth, the undying friendship of the two great kindred branches of our race. To him on this day, his birthday, all England, even in her sorrow, is paying a tribute of glad, because ungrudging, homage."

Sir Walter Parratt, private organist to the late Queen, played a special organ prelude by Chaminade, two movements from Mendelssohn's sonatas, one of Schumann's airs, and a Hebrew melody, which was a lament for the departed. He played Beethoven's Funeral March after the service.

When the church was emptied, the German Emperor and the Crown Prince drove direct to the pier and crossed the Alberta's deck and entered a small steam launch flying the flag of the German black eagle. They bowled swiftly across the rough waters to the Hohenzollern to receive birthday salutations, it being the forty-second anniversary of the birth of the Kaiser, and to prepare for the subsequent visit of English royalties and Earl Roberts.

The Kaiser's presence was made the occasion of personally conferring upon him two of the highest honors that the English sovereign has to bestow. King Edward, in congratulating the German Emperor, appointed him a Field Marshal of the British army, and also presented to him with his own hands the insignia of the Order of the Garter, set with diamonds. Had the Queen lived, she intended to present the insignia to His Majesty on his birthday. Emperor William expressed his pride in the honor of receiving both distinctions.