

President Frederick Bulley's account of Queen Victoria's visit to Magdalen in 1860. MCA PR/2/1

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The Queen's Visit to Oxford

The Queen visited Magdalen at one o'clock this day, attended by the Prince of Wales, the Prince Consort, the Prince Alfred, and the Princess Alice.

The Prince Lewis of Hesse Darmstadt was also of the Company, the Duchess of Atholl, General Bruce, Lord Charles Fitzroy and the V. Chancellor &c.

They were taken by the President from the Outer Gate to the W.[est] Gate of the Chapel, and from thence to the Altar, where they were shewn the Altar Picture, the late President's Brass, and the New Windows.

The Organ was played during the time the Queen remained in the Chapel.

From thence they proceeded through the Cloisters to the Library, and saw the New Buildings, the Park, and the Water Walks from the Oriel Window.

From the Library they passed to the Founder's Chambers the whole of which they visited.

The Arms of Royal Personages who had been at different times entertained at the College were pointed out to the Queen by the President, who informed her Majesty that her own Coat of Arms had been placed upon the only vacant shield at the further end of the Mantle Piece, by direction of the Prince Consort when he visited the Rooms in 1857.

From the Founder's Chambers the Royal Party descended by the principal Staircase to the Small Dining Room (in which Frederic Pocock Bulley, aged 3 years and 10 Months, presented the Queen with a Bouquet for which he was thanked,) and from thence ~~through the House~~ to

the Outer Gate. The Queen placed her signature upon the Visitors' Book in the Large Dining Room. Carpets were laid from the outer gate to the Chapel, and from the President's Lodgings to the Outer Gate. The Weather was very fine throughout the day.