

After partaking of refreshment Their Royal Highnesses took their departure, not, however, before expressing their great satisfaction with all the arrangements made for their visit and repeating their expression of sincere hope that the Exhibition might prove the success it deserved to be

A letter received subsequently by the Chairman from Colonel Sir Arthur Bigge, the Secretary to His Royal Highness reiterated this expression of approval

After the many months of work and anxiety which the preparation of the Exhibition had entailed it was a source of considerable gratification to your Committee that their labours had at all events been rewarded with Royal favour and more especially as this expression of satisfaction on the part of Their Royal Highnesses found a ready echo in the London and Provincial Press, whose representatives had ample opportunity for forming a correct judgment having been invited to a Private View before the admission of the Public

To quote only one example - "The Times" recorded its opinion as follows:-

"The undertaking has been such an emphatic success as far as the public is concerned that we hope that the Exhibition will not be followed by as long an interval as separated it from the last important Exhibition of the kind - that, namely in connection with the Inventions Exhibition of 1885"

The Lectures with musical illustrations which were such an interesting and unique feature were carried out on a scale which has never been attempted at any other Exhibition held here or abroad. We venture to think that judging from the crowds who flocked daily to the Lecture,