



A later image showing Prince Edward,
Prince of Wales with Queen Victoria

Demonstration of Loyalty

The Demonstration of Loyalty here on Tuesday week, in celebration of the restoration to health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was most satisfactory. The shops were closed during the latter part of the day, the children of the Day and Sunday Schools were entertained at ten, the bells rang merry peals at intervals during the day, and a special thanksgiving service was held in the parish church. General and Lady Catherine Buckley, and members of their family, supplied funds whereby many of the poor of the town were provided with materials for a substantial supper in order that the thanksgiving might be observed in a manner befitting the occasion.

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OPC Note:

On the 22nd February 1872, Queen Victoria held a service of Thanksgiving in St Paul's Cathedral, for the recent recovery of her son, the Prince of Wales, who, in October the previous year, had contracted typhoid, sickened by foul drains at Londesborough Lodge in Yorkshire, where he had been visiting. Two other members of the party had died of the illness, including the Prince's groom.