

of his own land. It is not a page from which he can draw much comfort, but it is a tribute to the doggedness of the race, no matter where it may be planted, for the thought that probably spurred Montgomery and Arnold on to their desperate attempt was that what had already been accomplished by an Englishman could at least be attempted by transplanted Englishmen. The futility of the attempt was perhaps best expressed in the homely phrase of the American tourist who, driving about the ancient rock, saw high up on the cliff where a goat could not hope to clamber the legend, "Here Montgomery fell," and after a short study of the matter he was overheard to remark. "Derned fool, he might a' knowed he would fall off there." Toronto Globe.

THE PRINCESS ROYAL OF ENGLAND.

The late Empress was a Liberal, in the highest sense of the word, and, in both senses of the word, a martyr to her liberalism. She attempted to liberalize the education of German women—to give them the same opportunities for higher studies that they enjoy in England, to throw open to them a career as nurses, as doctors, as teachers. In these efforts she was bitterly opposed by a horne aristocracy, the Court officialism, and by a philistine Chancellor. Endowed with every gift, intellectual and moral, save one that the evil fairy at her cradle denied her—the sovereign gift of tact—she was never fully appreciated by the German nation, and pronounced lacking in *Gemuthlichkeit*. To those who knew her in England the charge seems absurd. Here, for instance, is a reminis-

cene of her which we borrow from the Pilot:—

Not many years ago it befell that a well-known University College for Women in London (Bedford College) acquired new buildings and laboratories, and invited the Empress to open them. Nobody who was present will forget her kindly, homely, and almost motherly interest in the students and their surroundings; the entirely informal way in which she put the deliverer of a Latin address at her ease again by the smiling question: "And you can talk Greek too?" and the eagerness with which she inspected the domestic and educational arrangements, summing her impressions with: "We have nothing like this for our girls in Germany. I only wish we had."

The same impression was produced on those who attended a meeting, which the Empress graced with her presence, held in the Drapers' Hall on behalf of the Maria Grey College, then about to erect for itself a building of its own. No one can forget the friendly nod, the beaming smile, as Lord Granville, with the familiarity of an old friend, tempered by the courtly grace of an old-world gentleman, recalled scenes and incidents of the Princess' childhood. Those, too, who were privileged to read her letters on the training of teachers and on kindergartens cannot fail to have been impressed by the fine grasp of principles and the sound common sense that they showed, and to hope that so remarkable a correspondence may, in some form or other, be made public.