

in Windsor has been comforted on her sick-bed by Her Royal Highness, who has so interested herself in the relief of suffering that chiefly through her efforts a permanent home has been established for nurses since 1892. So well has the scheme succeeded that the home has since been enlarged, and there are at present over twenty nurses in the institution, all at the disposal of the poor people of Windsor. Princess Victoria, the daughter of Princess Christian, is said to have remarked some time ago that "I



PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG.

believe mother would like to live at the nurses' home," and those who are intimately connected with the home speak of the Princess as being simply unwearying in well-doing. The Princess arranged the whole of the decoration for the institution, and discussed such matters as papering and painting with the tradespeople.

For twenty years, too, she has been the life and soul of a local school of needlework, of which somebody has said, "She is the President and everything."

Princess Christian is probably the

only royal woman who has been a parish visitor. She had at one time charge of twenty-one houses in Trinity parish, which she regularly visited; and she has assisted actively in the parish work by helping with penny readings, concerts, bazaars, etc. She is a patron of the local branch of the Young Women's Christian Association, and takes a personal interest in the Eton Boys' East End Mission.

Like Princess Beatrice, she has considerable literary talent. She has written a beautiful biography of her late sister Alice, but most of her literary work consists of translations of works concerning nursing. She has written papers on the same subject. The Princess reads a great deal in French and German as well as her own tongue.

Princess Louise, the third daughter of the Queen, was brought more directly in touch with public affairs than most of her sisters by her marriage with a politician and member of Parliament, and her position as Duchess of Argyll is likely to bring her more to the front than ever. Princess Louise is the one English princess who has made a reputation away from home. In Canada, where, as wife of the Governor-General, she lived for five years, the Princess made herself very popular, although her first year's residence in the Dominion was clouded by the sorrow of Princess Alice's death. The Princess was fond of rambling alone when in Canada, and on one occasion she found herself begging a glass of water from a cottager. The old lady was busy ironing, and while she went to the well the Princess took up the iron and finished the work.

There are many such stories told of Princess Louise, and one can understand the spirit of the boy on the Balmoral estate, who, when asked which member of the Royal