



THE ROYAL WEDDING.

THE marriage of H.R.H. Prince George Frederick Ernest Albert, Duke of York, Earl of Inverness, and Baron Killarney, K.G., to H.R.H. Princess Victoria Mary Louise Olga Pauline Claudina Agnes, usually known as Princess May of Teck, is an event which is viewed with universal satisfaction. The lamented death of the Duke of Clarence called forth the deepest sympathy for the young Princess, whose fortitude under the specially trying circumstances commanded the admiration of all.

The Prince and Princess are greatly beloved in their respective circles, and so much of their careers as have been spent in public work have won for them a warm place in the popular esteem.

The Duke of York is the only surviving son of the Prince of Wales, and was born at Marlborough House on the 3rd of June, 1865, and baptised at Windsor Castle on the 7th of July following. He was educated, together with his brother, the late Duke of Clarence, at Sandringham and Marlborough House, the boys' tutor being Canon Dalton. When fourteen years old, Prince George and the Duke of Clarence were entered as cadets on board H.M.S. *Britannia*, at Dartmouth, where they were treated like any other cadets, except that they were accommodated with a separate cabin. After leaving the *Britannia* the Princes entered the *Bachante* as "middies," and went round the world with Lord Charles Scott. On their return, Prince George entered the Naval College at Greenwich to study for his examination as a sub-lieutenant. He was a capital student, with a real talent for scientific study and a strong capacity for grasping the salient points and bearings of any subject put before him. He became a sub-lieutenant on the 3rd of June, 1884, and a lieutenant on the 8th of October, 1885. In 1890 he was appointed to the command of a gunboat. After the death of his brother, early in January 1892, a

title was conferred on the Prince, and he received the Royal Dukedom of York.

It is said by a writer in the *Young Man*, "that Prince George, as captain of the *Thrush*, had, according to the Admiralty regulations, to read morning prayers on board after divisions each day, and himself to conduct the Sunday service. In preparation for this last he always practised on Saturday evenings with such officers and men as volunteered to take part in the singing of the chants and hymns for the next day. We are told that his favourite hymns appeared to be such well-known ones as 'Nearer, my God, to Thee,' 'O God, our Help in ages past,' 'I heard the voice of Jesus say,' 'Jesu, meek and lowly,' 'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty,' and Keble's morning and evening hymns. These and others he had been wont in his boyhood to sing at home with his brother and sisters, to his mother's accompaniment on the piano."

Princess May is the eldest child and only daughter of the Duke of Teck and Princess Mary of Cambridge. She was born at Kensington Palace on the 26th of May, 1867. The greater part of her life has been spent at the White Lodge, Richmond Park, the residence of her parents for many years. She is an excellent horsewoman, a skilled musician, and an artist of considerable talent. The Princess has taken a deep interest in the various philanthropic movements and works of mercy of which her mother is the centre; and her home training has been marked by that quietness and simplicity which are the charm of a well-ordered English household.

In common with our brethren of the press throughout the Empire, we tender to the Bride and Bridegroom our hearty congratulations; and we know that we are only expressing the sincere feelings of our readers in all ranks of life both at home and abroad, when we pray that the Prince and Princess may be "endued with the Holy Spirit; enriched with Heavenly Grace; and prospered with all Happiness."