

no woman has held for centuries, and the appointment gave great satisfaction in the island. Like her sister, Princess Christian, the widowed Princess takes great interest in charitable works of all kinds, and some years ago she established a ward in the Belgrave Hospital for Children out of the profits of a birthday book which she herself designed, arranged, and illustrated. On one side of the ward is a border composed of the leaves of the book. Princess Beatrice, too, has translated "The Adventures of Count George Albert of Erbach," a story of a knight of the seventeenth century, to whom Prince Henry of Battenberg was related. But her chief interests are domestic, and it is in doing nobly "the trivial round, the common task," that the Princess wins the affection of those who know her.

More public is the work of Princess Christian, Princess Beatrice's sister Helena. Princess Christian is the philanthropist of the royal household, and she has the business capacity which makes her help of the utmost value to whatever cause she interests herself in. She was born in Buckingham Palace a day after the Queen's birthday, and was the first of the Queen's daughters to make her married home in England. Princess Christian was fifteen when Prince Albert died, and after the marriage of Princess Alice, which followed rapidly on the death of her father, she became the chief companion of the Queen, being the eldest of the three sisters then at home. When the Queen opened Parliament for the first time after the death of Prince Consort, the engagement of Princess Helena to Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein was announced. The Princess was nineteen, and in the following year she was married, the Queen giving her away. For two

years the Prince and Princess lived at Frogmore House, and in 1868 went to Cumberland Lodge, in the heart of the great park at Windsor. Here the Princess has lived for over thirty years, and to-day there is not a more beloved woman in the royal borough.

Though no woman in humbler life could be more womanly in the home, and more devoted as a mother, the Princess has busied



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herself in all kinds of good works in Windsor and London. At her Infant Nursery in Grove Road, Windsor, from a dozen to twenty babies are cared for daily while their mothers are at work, and the Princess takes an active personal interest in the institution. Years ago, when free dinners were given in the Town Hall twice a week, Princess Christian attended and served food for the hungry little ones. It was she who started the idea of trained nurses for the poor at Windsor. Many a poor sufferer