

In the British army the name of the Princess Helena, now better known as Princess Christian, has become a very popular one, and many a soldier has emphasized the characteristics of her beautiful character by transposing her title and calling her the Christian Princess. One of her projects was the erection of homes for disabled soldiers, which are used not only as residences for the permanently disabled, but as rest homes for the convalescent. Closely allied to this work is that of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society, organized by the Princess. Its object is to furnish the soldier or sailor who retires on a pension with a friend to whom he can turn for help and advice. Another work in which Princess Christian has taken great interest and has personally supervised, is the construction of a hospital train, which bears her name.

The Princess, however, has not confined her attention to soldiers and sailors. For about thirteen years past she has been the chief of a society for furnishing free nursing to the poor. She began with only one nurse, but the value of such service was so signally proved that more were employed, and in one year the free nurses paid 9,760 visits to poor homes.

The Princess Louise, now Duchess of Argyll, born 1848, is especially dear to us in Canada for her prolonged residence among us, for the womanly tact and grace with which she represented her Royal mother, not only on State occasions, but in visitations to the hospitals and ministrations to the poor.

Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught, born 1850, has reached high rank in the military profession. At the Queen's recent visit to Ireland he reviewed ten thousand troops at Phoenix Park. He

has exhibited no little military skill, and was eager to bear his part in maintaining the honour of the Empire in the field as well as in the court. Out of compliment to the Irish people he bears the name of Patrick. In 1879 he married the Princess Louise Margaret of Prussia.

Leopold, the Duke of Albany, the youngest of the Queen's sons, was born 1853. He was the least robust of the family, studious and scholarly in his tastes. He married in 1882 Princess Helen of Waldeck-Pyrmont, and two years later passed away, leaving a daughter, Alice, and a son, who bears the name and title of his father.

The Queen's youngest child, the Princess Beatrice, was born 1857. She was her mother's special solace, the companion of her walks and rides, public functions and private life. In the discharge of these filial duties she remained unmarried till 1888, when she became the wife of Prince Henry of Battenberg. The Princess is only two years older than her nephew, the German emperor. Prince Battenberg, a favourite son-in-law of the Queen, with the Princess, lived much with the Queen mother in the Royal household. At the call of duty the Prince went in 1896 to the pestilential swamps of Kumassie on military service, and soon became a victim to the white man's curse, the deadly malaria of that land of graves.

It would require a longer volume than the Book of Chronicles to record all the minor connections of the Royal family. Her children and children's children in posts of honour and dignity rise up and call her blessed, and there shall not fail, we unfalteringly believe, in the good providence of God, a man of the house of Guelph and Saxe-Cobourg Gotha to stand before the Lord for ever.