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"ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN."

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MEMOIR OF THE PRINCESS
HENRIETTA CAROLINA LOUISA,
OF ANHALT-DESSAU.

*(Written by herself, and translated
from the German.)*

Eminent piety and usefulness in the female sex has often been recorded in the page of sacred history; and the names of not a few distinguished individuals adorn the annals of the Christian Church. It is still our happiness to witness the pious and affectionate zeal, the gentle but powerful influence of the female character displaying the graces of the Holy Spirit, aiding to advance the Kingdom of the Divine Redeemer.

To the attention of our female readers, to whose profitable amusement and edification we desire to contribute, we present the following memoir, written by the Princess and translated from the German by the Rev. John Hartley Minister of the Moravian settlement at Grace Hill, in the County of Antrim, Ireland, who left this vale of tears June 17, 1811 and to whom the illustrious subject of this memoir was personally known. This excellent body commences her own history in the following devotional manner:

'Thou holdest thy hand over me!'*
This, I the poorest among all the worthless of the poor of the Saviour's flock, must confess to the praise of

* Psalm cxxiii. 5. (German translation.)

his grace. For whither should I have been cast, or what would still become of me, if he did not continue to hold his hand over me! On this account my daily sighing to my beloved Lord and Saviour is,

O may thy hand, whereon engraven
My poor and worthless name doth stand,

Support me, till I in the haven
Of endless bliss shall safely land!

I was born Feb, 17, 1753 at Weissenfels, in the county of Lippe, in Westphalia, an estate belonging at that time to my father, Ferdinand, Count of Lippe-Biesterfeld. My mother, Countess of Salms-Baruth, dedicated me to our blessed Saviour at my baptism, in a prayer, which she noted down as follows:—'Lord Jesus! preserve this child, safe-sheltered in thee! Let her soul be bound in the bundle of life with thee! Preserve her from the present evil world, and, according to the will of thy Heavenly Father, let no power prevail to draw her aside from thee. Let the mark of thy blood be ever found upon her, that the enemy may see that he has lost his right to her for ever: and thus present her, on thy great day, in the robe of righteousness, with joy before the glorious presence of thy Father in Heaven! Hear me, Jesus, in mercy. Amen!'

It was the principal concern of my parents that their eight children, of whom I was the youngest, might prosper in the Lord; and they often, in our presence, interceded with him