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HIS MAJESTY'S GREAT ILLNESS.

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The Dangerous Illness of the Prince of Wales From Typhoid in 1871—A Glimpse into the Loving Home Life of Royalty at Sandringham—Empire's Anxiety—Queen Victoria's Gratitude.

The year 1871 brought many events of home interest. There was the wedding in March of the Prince's younger sister Louise to the Marquis of Argyll. The ceremony took place in St. George's Chapel. The Queen opened Parliament in person, and was attended by the Prince of Wales. In June her Majesty opened the new St. Thomas' Hospital, and was accompanied by the Prince. She paid a visit to Chislehurst in order to show her regard for the Emperor and Empress. Afterwards she went to Balmoral and on her return to Windsor rather later than was her usual custom, she heard that the Prince was far from well. The first news for eleven years, that the Prince, who had been in London, but had, nevertheless, joined a house-party at Sandringham, and then had, by the advice of his physician, gone with the Princess and his family to Sandringham. A bulletin, signed by Dr. William Jenner, Dr. William Gull, Dr. Clayton and Dr. Lovell, informed the nation on November 25th that the Prince was suffering from typhoid. The first sign of illness had been detected on the 14th of November, when the Prince of Wales, who was the guest of the Earl of Londonderry at Sandringham, the Prince's groom, Blagie, and Lord Chesterfield both manifested the same symptoms, and eventually both died of typhoid.

Fortunately for the Princess of Wales, the Prince was staying at Sandringham, and once again, as in the case of the Prince Consort, her nursing skill and clear-headed control of the situation proved of great assistance. The Princess had been enjoying the pleasure of spending her brother's birthday in his company for the first time for eleven years, and she had written soon afterwards to Queen Victoria:—"Bertie and Alice are so kind, and give me so much pleasure, showing how they like having us, that it feels quite home." She had no idea that very soon the whole nation's attention would be fixed on the Prince and the Princess, and that home at Sandringham, and that much the same strain and anxiety that she had undergone in connection with the Prince's illness, would be repeated ten years previously would be her lot, although happily not with the same sequel. Queen Victoria came with post-haste to Sandringham, during all the danger of infection in her maternal anxiety for her son, and she advised the immediate removal of the children and their little cousins to Windsor. The fever at first took its normal course, and the nation's hopes of a speedy recovery were high. The Queen's return to Windsor was a good sign; but suddenly, on December 8th, a turn for the worse greatly alarmed all who were in attendance on the invalid. When the news reached the Queen, she asked that special prayer be offered for her son the next day in all the churches and chapels throughout the kingdom. No one who was present at the services on that day in all the churches and chapels throughout the kingdom, can fail to remember the following note from the Princess to the Vicar of St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Sandringham, who received by the clergyman just before the service:

"My husband being, thank God, somewhat better, I am going to church. I must leave, I fear, before the service is concluded, but I may watch by his bedside. Can you not say a few words in the prayer by the part of the service, that I may join with you in prayer for my husband before I return?"

Of course this touching request was met, and amid emotion, which was painful, the congregation of neighbors and servants of the household prayed that the valuable life might be spared.

The Empire's Anxiety.

One who remembers this time of sorrow writes: "Since the day when Princess Charlotte's death blighted our nation's hope by her sudden removal, there was certainly no such universal and intense anxiety felt by everyone in the country. We used to wait for every bulletin—in those days they were not so frequent—as they were posted up at the telegraph or the newspaper offices there was a rush of men and women vying with each other to walk away in silence learning that the next would have worse tidings. All the newspapers in the country were full of the Heir-Apparent, for no hope of his recovery was held out for some days in December, and the Times had a leader commencing with these ominous words: 'The Prince still lives, and we may still therefore hope.' Some of our great trust in omens were disturbed by the news of the Prince's death drew near, and when both the groom at Sandringham, who had been struck at Sandringham at the same time as his Royal master, passed away, and Lord Chesterfield died also, there was increased fear of a fatal termination of the Prince's illness. Queen Victoria and the Princess visited the parents of Blagie, the groom, on Sunday, December 17th, and within a few hours he passed away. But as the year waned, the invalid passed the crisis satisfactorily, and all were rejoiced at the news. Having same bulletins which the physicians were able to issue, I remember hearing that the Prince was better, and the stations were stocking large quantities of black-velvet paper, in anticipation of a calamity; but both goods were fortunately not required. Several stories as to the huge number of letters received at Sandringham, suggesting remedies or ameliorating comforts for the invalid, were in circulation, and it is certain that a very large number of suggestions were made to the doctors.

This interesting extract, from a letter sent to his wife by Sir James Paget, the famous surgeon, who had been one of the medical attendants on the Prince, gives some facts concerning the illness. It is dated Sandringham, December 30th, 1871, and runs as follows: "I have just time before this morning's post to thank you for your welcome letter. It seemed very long since I saw or heard of you. Thank God, I hear now only of your happiness. I am uncertain how long I may stay here. The Princess is the sweetest nurse you ever saw (for you used not to look into the glass when I was ill). She would do everything

if she were allowed, and with all the gentleness and most loving ways. And the Prince's patience and courtesy make me very ashamed of my recollections of my illnesses—especially the last." "December 31. . . . I am happier about the Prince, though not yet seeing when the end of his trouble is to be. . . . I was at church for short service; the Prince having carefully designed that I should go. It is not, indeed, a beautiful church, yet it would be hard to find a fault in it, decorated as it is for Christmas, and with many signs of the care of the Squire and his wife. And the little Prince's grave close by the chancel entrance door, very touching with its white marble slab, and the cross at its head, on which they have put the 'Suffer little children to come unto Me.' The enclosed came to me this morning—a reasonable thing among many folios sent here, including (yesterday) a noticeable coal scum to Dr. Gull, and a proposal to import mountain air into the sick room."

Queen Victoria's Gratitude.

On Boxing Day, Queen Victoria wrote this touching letter to her people, expressing thanks for their sympathy: "The Queen is very anxious to express her deep sense of the touching sympathy of the whole nation on the occasion of the illness of her dear son, the Prince of Wales. The universal feeling shown by her people during those painful, terrible days, and the sympathy evinced by herself and her beloved daughter, the Princess of Wales, as well as the general joy at the improvement of the Prince of Wales' state, have made a deep and lasting impression on her heart, which can never be effaced. It was indeed nothing new to her, for the Queen had met with the same sympathy when, just ten years ago, a similar illness removed from her side the mainstay of her life, her eldest and kindest of husbands, The Queen wishes to express at the same time, on the part of the Princess of Wales, her feelings of heartfelt gratitude for the care and sympathy of the nation, and to express her deep sense of the great and universal manifestation of loyalty and sympathy. The Queen cannot conclude without expressing her hope that her faithful subjects will continue their prayers to God for the complete recovery of her dear son to health and strength."

The Thanksgiving Service.

By January 14th, 1872, the Prince was out of the doctor's hands so far as the issue of bulimia was concerned, though for some weeks further care had to be exercised in his convalescence. When the invalid was well enough to move, he and his devoted wife went on a short visit to the Queen at Windsor, and then recruited their health for the Princess had suffered much by the long strain of nursing in Osborne. When they and the Crown Prince of Denmark returned thence privately for the Prince's recovery at a special service conducted by Dean Stanley one afternoon in Westminster Abbey. The Dean wrote of the service the following account: "I kept it a great secret, except from the Canons. We met them at the great Western door, the nave was empty, and the choir was filled in with me, and took their places on my right, I preached on Psalm xxxviii, 'Be not moved, when they revile thee, nor when they buffet thee.' The Prince of Wales heard every word, and he decided that it shall be published, which it will be, and you shall have a copy. It was one of those rare occasions on which I was able to say all that I wished to say, and departed." After considerable discussion with the authorities as to the exact form which this unprecedented thanksgiving service should take, it was settled that on February 27th the Queen should drive with the Prince and Princess of Wales and other members of the Royal Family from Buckingham Palace to St. Paul's Cathedral. It was a wonderful sight, and the crowds were extraordinary in their size and also in their good behavior. It was stated at the time that the pickets of the metropolis had agreed not to ply their thievish tricks on that day, and certainly there was an astonishing absence of such conduct. The Archbishop of Canterbury, the eloquent and revered Dr. Tait, preached a fine sermon from the appropriate text of 'Members one of another' (Romans 12:5) as exemplifying the union which sympathy created between the highest and the lowest.

At night the whole city gave itself to rejoicing, and the illuminations surpassed anything hitherto attempted in London.

Work and Travel.

During the year 1872 the public interest was chiefly centred on the Tichborne case, and the Prince was no less eager to read the reports of this remarkable case. Other incidents were visited to Austria to be present at the opening of the great International Exhibition in the capital; the death of Dr. Norman Macleod, who was a sincere friend of the Prince; and the final settlement by arbitration of the Alabama claims, in which question the Prince showed a special interest, his visit to America having increased his desire that goodwill should exist between us and our cousins. In 1873 he had to welcome the Shah of Persia, who stayed for about three weeks in this country and was the subject of several extraordinary stories, more or less true. It is said that he was concerned to see so many noble men of tenor of friendship with the Prince of Wales, and said he should order a few of them to be beheaded if he were the Prince, in case they should dispute his succession to the throne! The betrothal of the Prince's brother Alfred to the Grand Duchess Marie of Russia was announced in July, 1873, and in the following January the Prince and Princess went to Russia in order to be present at the wedding. By the special request of the Queen, Dean Stanley went also, and sent a special account of all the ceremonies to her Majesty. The wedding presents of the British Royal Family were very fine, and the Prince and Princess of Wales had a most friendly reception at the Russian Court. In March the wedded pair made their entry into London in a heavy snowstorm. Nature paying this compliment to one who came from a land where snow was a matter of course in the spring of the year. A return visit was made by the Prince and Princess to the Prince and Princess of Russia, and the friendship between them and the Prince was thus renewed. A social event in July was a splendid far-dress ball, given by the Prince and Princess on a very brilliant scale. The Prince was 'Charles I.' and the Princess looked very charming in a Venetian costume, given by Mr. Dierckx did not disdain such frivolities, which must have appealed to his love of spectacles. If he came in the not very picturesque attire of a Prince Councillor, and surveyed the scene with a quizzical air through his eyes.

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