# ALEXANDRA, THE QUEEN MOTHER, MOURNED BY THE WHOLE BRITISH EMPIRE

## NO BRITISH OUEEN EVER MORE LOVED THAN ALEXANDRA

Sea King's Daughter Won British Hearts From the First

KIND TO THE POOR Prince Was Captivated at the First Sight of Her Photograph

Of the queens who have graced the pages of English history one will ever stand alone in the mellow light of tragic romance. And her descendant through three hundred years will ever be remembered as one of the most beautiful and queenly of the consorts of our kings.

Mary, Queen of Scots, and Alexandra, sea king's daughter from over the seas, and beloved consort of Edward the peacemaker, are two of the most picturesque figures in the history of England's royal family. The ill-fated Mary Stuart passed out a martyr to the jealousy of Elizabeth. Alexandra has died in peace, mourned by, a great empire, leaving the story of her life as a lasting example for her successors.

The fate of the former was the penalty for her beauty as much as of her ancestry, and it was beauty of character as well as of feature that gave to the latter her fair fame, and established her within the hearts of her husband's people.

ter of King Christian IX. of Denmark
was born at the Gule Palace, Copen-Charlotte Louise Julia, eldest daughsaid that her parents' marriage was a love match, certain it is that Prinhagen, on December 1, 1844. It was cess Louisa of Hesse lavished the love and care of a true mother on the children that were born to the royal

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she was sitting in a sunlit glade of Bernstoff Forest, near her home. "I should like to have power and influence, in order that I might do much good," wished Princess Dagmar, who afterwards became Empress of Russia and mother of the press of Russia and mother of the lil-fated Nicholas. "I would like to Cavell" home in memory of the -fated Nicholas. "I would like to Cavell" home in memory of be clever and accomplished," sighed martyred British nurse. the Princess Thyra, later the Duchess of Cumberland, and the future HAD A NARROW ESCAPE Queen of England, heroine of Primrose Day in London, recipient of a great city's annual demonstration of

tual marriage of the Prince of Wales, named the Princess Alexandra as amongst those from whom his bride would surely be chosen. young couple met for the first time on September 24 in the ancient cathedral of Speier and by a strange chance at the very foot of the alter. A romantic story is told of the dis-

### Second Danish Conquest

Judging from portraits taken at the time of her marriage, it is not hard to believe that Prince Edward was in truth in love with his royal bride. The betrothal was formally announced on September 9, 1862. The reception accorded the announcement at the time is well indicated by an extract of a contemporary news-"The first Danish conquest came with fire and sword; this one comes with the mightier power of

Of the reception of the princess in that never before or since was there such a spontaneous demonstration which in fact reached such a pitch of enthusiasm that it soon appeared quate organization to meet the huge future. crowds that gathered. The police, it is said, were powerless, and the hagen, where the prince and b Wales restored her equanimity."

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tained Deep Interest in Philanthropies

couple. A chromicle of the time says:
"She paid the greatest attention to the education of her children, and was careful, while having them instructed in all the graces and accomplishments befitting their position, to inculcate in them the love of God, the love of their fellow creatures, and the love of family and home."

Loved By English People.

Of her childhood one story may be told that to-day must have a real significance. With her two sisters

beart whole affection, wistfully confessed: "I would like above all things to be loved." And above all things was she loved by the English people.

They fell in love with the fair princess who stepped on to their shores in March, 1863, as the bride of the Prince of Wales. She retained that first hold on their affections to the end.

It was not until the princess was eight years of age that her father became heir to the Danish throne. In 1858 the Times, discussing the eventual marriage of the Prince of Wales.

### Related to Many Royal Families

Queen Alexandra was related by blood or marriage to many European royal families. She was dergraduate at Cambridge of a photograph of the beautiful princess which aroused his interest. The meeting resulted, it is said, from his expressed wish to see the living reality that appeared so fair in the portrait. killed by the bolsheviki, was her nephew, as was also the former Emperor William of Germany and King Haakon VII. of Norway. Another nephew, by marriage, is King Alfonso XIII. of Spain, hus-band of the former British Prin-cess Ena of Battenberg, the daughter of King Edward's sister. Beatrice. Oueen Alexandra's Beatrice. Queen Alexan'ira's younger sister, Dagmar, was mar-ried to Alexander III. of Russia three years after her own betroth-al to the then Prince of Wales.

Ever Be Regarded as an Ideal of Noble

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During the visit of the prince and During the visit of the prince and bolic of the race. Simplicity and combolic of the race.

refinement and powers of love and endurance. Her appeal was always to the heart, not to the head, and by her delightful personality and by her life as wife, mother and Queen, and by her unfailing sympathy and devotion to her people, she firmly established herself in their affections.

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Sorrow and pain did not pass her by, and that she could endure protracted mental strain was proven during her husband's long illness in 1871 when she waited and watched by the Prince's bedside, and again in the anxious days preceding his corothe anxious days preceding his coro-

nation.

Ever since she arrived on Britain's shores she represented something outside the bustle of daily life. Though she never shrank from facing the stern realities of life or the rethe stern realities of her high position, her pleasures were not those of the crowd, sought in gay festival and merry assemblies. Her happiness was rather found in the sound of children's laughter, and in the quietude of home life.

Of Open Alexandra it may be

Of Queen Alexandra it may be Of Queen Alexandra it may be truly said that she had "an infinite capacity for doing good." In thousands upon thousands of British homes for generations to come fond mothers will gather their daughters around them and "by the evening fire repeat Alexandra's story."

### Was Trained in All Domestic Arts Large Family Shared Small Income EVER ANGEL OF MERCY

When Alexandra was born her family resided, the establishment father was still a prince, impecuni- could have served as a model for any burgher's household.

prince, and his marriage to the Prin- only attended to the various domescess Louise of Hesse-Nassau brought tic duties such as cooking, cleaning tic duties such as cooking, cleaning tic duties such as cooking, cleaning to the Princess Louise of Hesse-Nassau brought tic duties such as cooking, cleaning to the Princess Louise of Hesse-Nassau brought tic duties such as cooking, cleaning to the Princess Louise of Hesse-Nassau brought tic duties such as cooking, cleaning to the Princess Louise of Hesse-Nassau brought tic duties such as cooking, cleaning to the Princess Louise of Hesse-Nassau brought tic duties such as cooking, cleaning to the Princess Louise of Hesse-Nassau brought tic duties such as cooking, cleaning to the Princess Louise of Hesse-Nassau brought tic duties such as cooking, cleaning to the princess Louise of Hesse-Nassau brought tic duties such as cooking, cleaning to the princess Louise of Hesse-Nassau brought tic duties such as cooking, cleaning to the princess Louise of Hesse-Nassau brought tic duties such as cooking, cleaning to the princess Louise of Hesse-Nassau brought tic duties such as cooking, cleaning to the princess Louise of Hesse-Nassau brought tic duties such as cooking, cleaning to the princess Louise of Hesse-Nassau brought tic duties such as cooking, cleaning to the princess Louise of Hesse-Nassau brought tic duties such as cooking, cleaning to the princess Louise of Hesse-Nassau brought tic duties such as cooking, cleaning to the princess Louise of Hesse-Nassau brought tic duties such as cooking, cleaning to the princess Louise of Hesse-Nassau brought tic duties such as cooking, cleaning to the princess Louise of Hesse-Nassau brought tic duties such as cooking to the princess Louise of Hesse-Nassau brought tic duties such as cooking to the princess Louise of Hesse-Nassau brought tic duties such as cooking to the princess Louise of Hesse-Nassau brought tic duties such as cooking to the princess Louise of Hesse-Nassau brought tic duties has her name been associated. Each gling hospitals, much to the aid of children destitute and bed ridden, and their teet in the crush. At one point even, a man became caught in one of the wheels of the carriage and for a stricted and he and his family sparts on his pands. In the was afflicted and he and his family sparts on his pands. In the was afflicted and he and his family sparts on his pands. In the was afflicted and he and his family sparts on his pands. In the was afflicted and he and his family sparts on his pands. In the was afflicted and he and his family sparts on his pands. In the days of his extreme your density of children destitute and bed ridden, and it is safe to prophesy that their part, and from that day on the their part and real p the wheels of the carriage and for a moment the young princess lost bey moment the young princess lost her wife was an excellent manager, and delightful days at his summer palace caustic he had sought to banish these until they had utterly vanished. In Lo poise, but as the chroniclers say, 'a although there were but few ser- a Bernstorff a white onds, with miles of deer forest be-

# BRITISH CROWN NEVER WORN BY MORE COMELY QUEEN

## Queen Alexandra was ever beloved by the British nation for her beauty of character, no less than for the personal beauty and charm which she retained to the very end. As a queen she shared with King Edward the honor of being a real leader in European royal circles and during her long widowhood devoted her life in a quiet way to the many philanthapping in widowhood devoted her life in a quiet way to the many philanthropics in which she had always been interested. UPPER LEFT: A portrait of the Queen Mother, taken on her 78th birthday, UPPER CENTRE: As she appeared shortly after the death of King Edward. UPPER RIGHT: A recent peared snortly after the death of King Edward. UPPER RIGHT: A recent photo. LEFT CENTRE: Marlborough House, London, where her majesty spent over thirty years of her married life before King Edward came to the throne. RIGHT CENTRE: Sandringham Palace on the King's estate in Norfolk, where the royal family always spends Christmas. BELOW: A rare photograph showing Queen Alexandra and King Edward (then Prince of Wales) in their wedding robes.

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visit his father's home at Dublin

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By Queen Mother

Privilege Previously Exclusive
Right of Ruling Monarch

Amongst the privileges extended to the queen by King Edward was the right to fly the royal standard, hitherto the exclusive right of the ruling sovereign. Upon his death a special standard was designed for the widowed queen. It measured 24 feet by 12 feet, and consisted of the British standard on the right. It was quite a remarkable flag from a zoological standpoint, including as it did seven British llons, two horses, a winged dragon, a swan, a falcon, a goat and a seated bear, with six more quaint llons in the Danish section.

December 14, 1861, and in spite of the beloved prince consort had died on December 14, 1861, and in spite of the beloved prince consort had died on December 14, 1861, and in spite of the passage of time, her Majesy still retained the deepest mourning and enveloped herself in an air of utter desolation. She viewed the wedding from a scelluded closet, clad in some there are devised that both the Queen and the Prince Consort were in favor of the marriage, having been entirely satisfied by the account given them by the Princes Royal.

During the first year of their marriage the Prince and Princess only serving to increase the popularity of the young bride. On January 8, 1864, the princess gave birth to her first to fly the view of the young bride. On January 8, 1864, the princess gave birth to her first the Duke of Clarence. Her second som, our present king, was born on Saturday, June 3, 1865, Princess a winged dragon, a swan, a falcon, a goat and a seated bear, with six more quaint lions in the Danish section.

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families. Thus did the widow of Edward the Peacemaker hoist to the masthead a standard that symbolized Europe's most striking example of Europe's most striking example of Their reign was, however, one of the shortest in English history, only the shortest in English history.

# REIGN OF KING EDWARD

### Princess Greeted With Flowers; Flowers Were Linked With Name extensively through the European continent, India, Egypt and other

Sea King's daughter from over the sea, Alexandra Saxon and Norman and Dane are we. But all of Danes in our welcome to thee, Alexandra Welcome her, thunders of fort and of fleet. Welcome her, thundering cheer of the street. Welcome her, all things youthful and sweet, Scatter the blossoms under her feet. Break happy land into earlier flowers. Make music, A bird, in the new-budded bowers.

Thus was Princess Alexandra drove through the streets of the As an angel of mercy Queen of human suffering, she examined of human suffering, she examined greeted by England's poet laureate, metropolis, receiving the acclamate heart, helpfulness and humane symmetry and heart As an angel of mercy queen the grimy, wart-marred hands with Alfred, Lord Tennyson, when she tions of the people and bestowing her pathy.

future.

He was extremely poor for a prince, and his marriage to the Princess Louise of Hesse-Nassau brought

Frincess Alexandra and her sisters times, but only once did she appear times, but only once did she

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## LIKE KING EDWARD OF ROYAL CIRCLE

Was Princess of Wales 38 Years, During Queen Victoria's Reign

KEPT EARLY STYLES

Went Home to Denmark Every Year to Scenes of Her Childhood

Since the day that she first set foot on British soil, Alexandra was prob-ably the most popular figure of the Royal family.

Royal family.

"Magnetic charm is her chief characteristic." wrote one of her biographers, "that indefinable something that is not beauty, though beauty so that is not beauty, though beauty so helps in making it; that is not merely kindness and benignant graciousness, though without these it cannot exist; that is certainly not intellect, though it includes a fine tact that belongs to the higher mental faculties; but that is a combination of so many gifts and graces that it can be neither defined nor taught. This charm Alexandra has in full meaneither defined nor taught. This charm Alexandra has in full mea-

charm Alexandra has in full measure."

Her life was not always smooth and strewn with roses, but it was pure as crystal. She was a good woman in every sense of the term, devoted to her husband and family, and full of practical sympathy for human suffering in every form.

Princess Alexandra was ten years old when she made her first visit to London as the guest of the Duchess of Cambridge. On that occasion the princess obtained her first glimpse of royal splendor when she attended a party given by the late Queen Victoria at Buckingham Palace. Although the duchess' daughter, Mary, was some years older than Plancess Alexandra, a great affection sprang up between them and many visits were afterwards paid by Alexandra to Rumpenheim-on-the-Main, which belonged to Mary's grandfather, the Landgrave Frederick of Hesse.

The Royal Match-Making
All the European courts were searched when the time came to find

WAS ONE OF SHORTEST

But Also One of Most Important in British
History

It was on Tuesday, March 10, 1863, that Prince Edward of Wales and Princess Alexandra of Wales were married in St. George's Chapel at Windsor. A cloud of sadness was cast over the ceremony by the late bereavement of Queen Victoria. The beloved prince consort had died on December 14, 1861, and in spite of the princes Alix She is only 16 and a good as she is pretty.

Lady Paget therefore Hesse. The Royal Match-Making
All the European courts were searched when the time came to find a bride for the Prince of Wales. Malburga Lady Paget, then only 22 years of age, played a leading part in bringing together the Princess Alexandra and her future husband. Sir Augustus Paget, British minister at Copenhagen, told his wife, Lady Paget heard from England

goat and a seated bear, with six more quaint lions in the Danish section.

Each animal represented several pages in the histories of the two nations, whose long and enduring friendship had been consummated in the union between their royal families. Thus did the widow of Edward the Peacemaker hoist to the section.

Queen of Norway, was born in 1869

Prince Alexander, her last child, was born in 1871, and died the same year When she ascended the throne with her husband in 1901 Queen Alexandra was at the height of her popularity. The heart of the country residence at Sandringham, she had a villa on Klampenborg Bay, seven

masthead a standard that symbolized Europe's most striking example of international peace and goodwill.

HAD NEAR RELATIVES

ON BOTH SIDES IN WAR

During the war the queen mother withdrew largely from the public eye. She suffered doubly in that it was her unhappy fate to have near relatives on both sides of the struggle. Yet quietly and unobtrusively she went about doing good. spreading good cheer, when her own heart anched wearily within her, giving, aiways giving, so far as her restricted means permitted, so that on the occasion of her annual progress through the streets of London there was no lack of warmth in the greeting extended to her.

eldest son, the Duke of Clarence died. Their reign was, however, one of the shortext in English history, only five of all the long line of English history, only five of a Queen Victorias der her influence. During the tun-ty-eight years before Prince Al-bert Edward became King and Prin-cess Alexandra queen they traveled continent, India, Egypt and other oriental countries. But their happiest days were spent at home, particularly at Sandringham, their beloved Norfolk home. They took the deepest interest in their estate and in the people of their village and were proved of the model conditions. were proud of the model conditions existing in their domain. Princess Alexandra always had a warm spot her heart for Sandringham and ts people, and when she becam ueen her relations to her faithfu subjects at Sandringham remained unchanged Many stories are told

### AN ACCOMPLISHED PIANIST VERY FOND OF GARDENING

Queen Alexandra's favorite gems were diamonds, rubies and pearls, and her favorite flowers were carnations and roses. Music and photography were her chief recreations.