

FROCKS FOR TO-MORROW.

BY "THE LADY DRESSMAKER."

THE much-lamented death of Princess Mary Adelaide, Duchess of Teck, threw a gloom over the first days of the winter season, and no doubt will have a bad effect on the shopping. So many people will be obliged to wear mourning, at least for a time, that a royal death at the beginning of any season is an event to be prayed against, as meaning

much worldly loss to many deserving people; and when the death is that of a truly amiable and popular princess, the tendency to wear black is of course intensified. In spite of much colour, this winter has all along promised to be one in which black would be a popular hue, so let us hope that the trouble will not be so great. Would it not be pleasant to

adopt some other colour for mourning? We have not always worn black in England as such, judging from history. It was rather an arbitrary thing, and many people say now that, although they wear it, it does not seem consistent with the lofty and happy hopes of the Christian.

So far as colours are concerned this autumn



PLAID SKIRT WITH RUSSIAN BLOUSE.