

riage, born 1865, was regarded with special interest as the heir presumptive to the British throne. With his younger brother, the Duke of York, he was carefully trained under the tutelage of the Rev. J. N. Dawson, at Sandringham. In 1877 the Duke of Clarence and Prince George were entered as cadets on board H.M.S. *Britannia* at Dartford, sharing and faring alike with the rest of the middies in study, duties, and sports. In 1879 they were appointed to H.M.S. *Peachante* for a

career in the navy. In 1890 he was appointed to the command of a gunboat; the following year he was stricken with typhoid fever, and lay at the point of death for many days. The decease of his brother, the Duke of Clarence, made him heir presumptive to the throne, and the exigencies of State demanded that he should become a benedict with the least possible delay. So it happened that within a few months after all that was mortal of the Duke of Clarence had been consigned to the mausoleum in the Royal Chapel at Windsor, His Royal Highness was wedded to the girl who had exchanged the orange blossoms for the crape.

Lady Jeune thus writes of the nation's favourites, the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York :

"That they are little known and rarely seen in public, except on errands of mercy, is the highest praise one can bestow on them. We really know very little about them, but what we do is creditable. The story of their marriage is romantic. Their union has been a very happy one, though we hear less of their lives and occupations than of most members of the Royal family.

"The position of the Duke has not been one of much publicity, for he was not expected to fill so prominent a place in the public eyes as the Prince of Wales did. He is fond of country life, and in his Norfolk home he has taken up farming, and busies himself with a variety of occupations, into which he throws himself with great zest. It is said that the Duke is a man with a very high standard of morality. The early training of all the Royal family has been liberal and broad enough, for it is as much as possible the same as that of all young Englishmen.



PRINCESS CHRISTIAN.

cruise around the world, an invaluable and educative discipline. On their return they published a diary of the voyage, which is a book of much interest.

Prince Albert finished his education at Heidelberg and Cambridge, and became engaged to his second cousin, the Princess Mary of Teck, but was cut down in his early manhood, 1892, by the Ruthless Reaper.

Prince George continued his