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QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

"Sea-king's daughter from over the sea,
Alexandra!
Saxon and Norman and Dane are we,
But all of us Danes in our welcome of thee,
Alexandra!

"The sea-king's daughter as happy as fair,
Blissful bride of a blissful heir,
Bride of the heir of the kings of the sea—
O joy to the people and joy to the throne,
Come to us, love us and make us your own;
For Saxon or Dane or Norman we,
Teuton or Celt, or whatever we be,
We are each all Dane in our welcome of thee,
Alexandra!"

NEVER had princess warmer welcome than when our beloved Queen Alexandra came as a bride to the shores of England. The nation took her to its heart at once, and her beauty, her graciousness, her thoughtful kindness and wise beneficence, have maintained their place in their affections ever since. And now in the hour of their sorrow for the loss of the beloved sovereign, they transfer their love and loyalty to the sweet and gracious lady whom God's providence has called to be the Queen Consort of our rightful sovereign King Edward VII. We all wish to know as much as we may of the life story of the new Queen. We have pleasure, therefore, in gleaning from varied sources the following tributes to her character and descriptions of her home life and training in her native Denmark, as well as of her more public English life.

Up till 1815 the Danish kingdom wielded also the sovereignty of Norway. On the reorganization of Europe, after the Napoleonic wars, it was obliged to cede that country to Sweden. In 1864 it lost one-third of its most fertile territory, the Schleswig-Holstein provinces, which were annexed to Prussia, an exaction which was keenly felt and strongly resented by the Danish royal family, and especially by the Princess of Wales. The country was dreadfully exhausted by the war with Prussia, but has since been gradually recovering from its prostrate condition.

The Danish royal family, though one of the most inconspicuous in Europe, has given sovereigns, actual or presumptive, to several of the greatest powers. Christian IX., the reigning monarch, was the fourth son of the late Duke Wilhelm of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glucksburg, and of Princess Louise of Hesse-Cassel. Their eldest son, Prince Frederic,