

nated in 1854, the year in which he concluded his well-known Treaty of Reciprocity with the United States. Returning to England His Lordship entered the administration of the day, and with his subsequent brilliant career in China and India, down to the day when dying on the Himalayan hills from exhausted vitality, he sent his last message, expressive of love and devotion to the Queen, our readers are doubtless familiar. He was but 52 when called away. Colonel Bruce re-joined his regiment, and, in 1859, attained Major-General's rank ; but in the previous year, Her Majesty, whose entire confidence and sincere regard and esteem he seems to have won, together with that also of the lamented Prince Consort, was pleased to appoint him to the charge of the Prince of Wales as Governor, a trust, we are assured, he fulfilled with a fidelity, good judgment, tact and kindness that have rarely been equalled. In the capacity named General Bruce accompanied His Royal Highness on his visit to Canada and the United States, in 1860, the full political significance of which event the Prince Consort was the first to recognize ; on his tour in Germany, in 1861, when the young Prince met for the first time his future wife ; and, again, on his interesting journey through the Holy Land, in the year following. He was also with the Heir Apparent at Oxford and Cambridge. While at Constantinople, returning from the East, the General contracted a fever, from the effects of which he died, suddenly, soon after reaching England, his death occurring at St. James' Palace, the scene also of his wife's demise. The Queen, it is reported, was plunged in grief over the sad event, as was also the Prince of Wales, whose faithful guide, counsellor and friend the departed officer had proved himself to be. Realizing from her own sad experience, not long before, the full force of the blow sustained by the bereaved widow, Her Majesty extended to her every consolation in her power, and in further proof of her consideration and sympathy was pleased, as before stated, to appoint Mrs. Bruce to an important position in her personal service. In this office, in close and frequent attendance upon her Royal Mistress, Mrs. Bruce—the friend of many in Canada in other times—passed the remainder of her days until her own call came not many weeks ago. Like her husband and other prominent members of the family in official life before her, Mrs. Bruce died at the post of duty, thus further sustaining the opinion advanced by the chief of the Bruces in his last moments—that it was well to die in harness ! She passed away not unrecognized for her useful and important services in the Queen's household, Her Majesty having, some years before, enrolled the name of the lamented lady in the Royal Order of Victoria and Albert.

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