

THE LATE DUKE OF SAXE-COBOURG GOTHA.

of money does not even enter into the shadows of their lives. To ordinary people such exemptions are very expressive, and mean substantial advantages; but, on the other hand, there is the publicity, the want of repose, and the feeling that one is never one's own master, that one's time is only to spend as other people ask and direct, while the sense of always being in evidence, and the consciousness of the responsibility which attaches to one's life and example must be often very irksome."

Since nearly forty years ago Tennyson sang his welcome to Alexandra the Fair:

"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!"

She has been taken to the hearts of the English people and reigned in their affections only second to the Queen. Lady Jeune continues:

"King Edward has had one great

helper in his work, and that the most powerful any human being can have, and there is no man or woman whose heart does not go out to the Oucen Consort, whom we have learnt to love with an intensity of which English people alone are capable. The day seems not so far distant when the fair, brighteved Danish girl drove through the streets of London on her way to Windsor to become the wife of the heir apparent to the English throne, and we can truly say that from that day every action of her life has endeared her to the country of her Beautiful, with all the adoption. charm of a good heart and nature in her face, ready to help, always sympathetic in sorrow and rejoicing inevery one's happiness, she has the gift of winning the love of all, and her public life by the side of her husband, aiding and helping him in his efforts for the welfare of the community, found its fuller complement in the life at Sandringham, where the happiest and simplest of English homes is found."

Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence, the eldest son of this happy mar-



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