

Prince, made a delightful tour up the Nile and a visit to Constantinople, the royal pair travelling as plain "Mr. and Mrs. Williams." Her health was quite re-established. Soon followed the well-nigh fatal illness of the Prince of Wales. The Princess nursed at his side for weeks with the deepest devotion. A stable groom was also smitten with the same disease.

"She visited him when she could spare time from her husband's bedside, and

affection which human beings bestow upon their friends in fur and feather. The range of Queen Alexandra's pets is very wide, wider even than the range of those of the late Sovereign, whose menagerie of four-footed pets at Windsor has frequently been described.

"Picture to yourself (and if you lived near Sandringham you might see the original picture whenever the Royal family is in residence) our gracious Princess, assisted by her daughters or her Royal husband, picking up the dusty little dots of children from the roads, placing them in her own carriage until it



QUEEN ALEXANDRA, HER DAUGHTER AND GRANDDAUGHTER.

"Mater Pulchra Filia Pulchrior."

when at last the poor fellow died, she erected a tombstone over his grave in the churchyard with the inscription, "One was taken and the other left."

Many other stories are told illustrating her kindly sympathy with the lowly and the poor.

Mr. Frank Jessop writes recently of the Queen's many pets, dogs and horses and birds, and adds:

"It is a good thing for human beings to have pets, and few things afford a better insight into character than the

is completely packed, and then duly delivering each at its own home, so that they may say they enjoyed a ride with her that day.

"Sir," says a tenant of thirty years' standing, "I have known that royal lady leave a sick labourer's bedside at ten o'clock at night, go to her own home, take delicate things from her own dinner table, and bring them back *herself* to the sick man at nearly eleven o'clock at night."

A glimpse of the mother heart of the Princess is given in the following story: