

Family he liked best, said, "I think I like the Princess Louise best, because she's so jolly to talk to." The Princess, as is well known, is a talented artist, and her statue of Queen Victoria opposite Kensington Palace, facing the room in which she was born, is well known, and admittedly a work of genius. So also are her statues of the Queen at Montreal and Toronto. As a girl she was the sketching companion of her mother, and we come across frequent references to their sketching excursions in the Queen's diary. Her Majesty spoke of "those quiet breakfasts with dear Louise, who was amicable, attentive, and cheerful," and there are many little touches which reveal the affection of mother and daughter.

The Princess, though she married a marquis, is publicly known as Princess Louise, it being understood that this was insisted on at the time of her marriage. The Princess and the Marquis of Lorne were friends in their childhood, and a strong affection grew up between the young Marquis and the Queen's daughter, who made the union the more simple by her emphatic declaration that she would never marry a foreign prince. Princess Louise is one of the most attractive of all our princesses; even Carlyle found her fascinating, for, after meeting her when she was about twenty-one, the Sage of Chelsea wrote of her to his sister: "Decidedly a very pretty young lady, and clever, too, as I found out in talking to her afterwards."

Of the Princess who for nearly forty years has been, next to Victoria herself, the most beloved woman in England, our beloved Queen Alexandra, nothing need be said in this brief personal survey. No woman could better fill the high place to which has been called. Her only unmarried daugh-



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ter, Princess Victoria, has inherited the simple tastes of the Danish princess, and it is not long since, under an assumed name, she won two prizes at an exhibition of book-covers in the metropolis. Neither the judges nor the then Prince and Princess of Wales knew that "Miss Matthews," whose work was so much admired, was really the Princess Victoria. The Princess, who is an excellent designer, has deliberately turned her gifts into humble channels. A few years ago she fitted herself for the position of a trained nurse, and desired to enter a London hospital, but was persuaded by her parents to relinquish her purpose.

Princess Victoria's married sister, Princess Maud, may one day become Queen of Denmark, her mother's native country. Princess Maud, now Princess Charles of Denmark—having married the son of the Danish Crown Prince in 1896—is quite a democratic and "ordinary" person. Before her