



THE LATE DUKE OF CLARENCE.

prominent a position that but for great tact and discretion he must have usurped some of the outward functions and attributes of the Sovereign. In his capacity of Prince of Wales he always observed the limits of the position, and never trespassed beyond them, and while acting in any capacity as representing the Queen, he always effaced himself, and in a dignified and admirable manner acted as her mouthpiece and representative. To have lived for forty years before the public in such a position as the Prince occupied and to be so universally appreciated, is the greatest tribute that perhaps can be paid him, and the most complete evidence of how perfectly he has filled a difficult rôle.

"The Prince of Wales carefully studied the art of pleasing, and never by look or word seemed bored or weary at the work he had to perform. He was always kind,

interested, and full of enthusiasm and energy in carrying out whatever he had undertaken. We all know how wearisome such things are, and how often does a feeling of profound pity and admiration fill our minds at the forbearance and kindness of the Prince!

"King Edward's life has been a perpetual education from the moment when, under the wise advice and guidance of the Prince Consort, he was prepared for the life of responsibility which lay before him. To the last days of his life, and as long as health lasts, he must always be more or less in harness. We often express a feeling of jealousy that the everyday life of Royalty is bereft of the worries and anxiety of ordinary mortals, and the sterner worries of existence are smoothed away for them. Everything is prepared and arranged to make the wheels of life go round easily; they have no arrangements to supervise as to the small details of household matters, no anxieties as to whether they may miss their train, and the want

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AND YORK.