

files in the Senate House. The tutors were preparing material on the Workers' Educational Association when they came across reminiscences by an anonymous member who had attended some extra-mural lectures in Richmond, Surrey, in 1892."

"Queen Mary is certainly the first English Queen who has attended university extension lectures," he wrote. "I remember her in the winter before her marriage regularly attending with her mother, the Duchess of Teck, Professor Churton Collins's Wednesday afternoon lectures. The course was on the Elizabethan age. Princess May (as she then was) took notes, wrote papers, and was as eager to receive the lecturer's corrections and marks as any of us, her classmates. Once the royal party was late. Professor Churton Collins, after a reasonable delay, began. But in a few minutes he had to pause for their arrival. Even at the cost of greater disturbance, usual curtsies as they passed to their seats in the front row could not be forgone. The Duchess faced the audience before sitting down and said: 'I beg your pardon for being late.'

"Princess May added her bow, then away steamed the professor again, this time beginning his lecture with his usual, 'Your royal highnesses, ladies, and gentlemen.'"

There are many nurses who will remember the wedding of Princess Mary of Teck and the Duke of York at the Chapel Royal on July 6th, 1893—a memorable and brilliant ceremony.

This ideal marriage which was to culminate in 40 years of happy married life brought to our revered King George V a consort unsurpassed in her devotion to duty. Their happy family life was a lasting example to the world. In matters of constitutional monarchy Queen Mary was a gifted and wise helpmate, gracious and every inch a Queen.

A great patron of the Nursing Profession, Queen Mary had always taken a deep interest in the work of trained nurses demonstrated by her support as President of Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service and of the Army Nursing Board. Her Majesty was also Patron of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing and graciously extended her patronage to the Royal College of Nursing.

To many other organisations Her Majesty Queen Mary gave her patronage for the benefit of the nation, in which her strong personality brought to bear keen observation and practical correction for the people's good, which made her so beloved and revered.

Her profound sympathy with and affection for those of the "little streets"—is reflected in an instance related in the "Daily Telegraph":—

"When as Queen she visited one settlement which had spent most of its funds on premises for the committee, leaving the people for whom it was designed in penurious tenements, she demanded, 'Take me over them. No house which houses my subjects is too mean for me to enter.'

"At the end of the tour she declared: 'They are a degradation; if something is not done immediately, my name will be removed from your list of patrons.' In two months the houses were rebuilt."

A lover of flowers and gardens—every year she delighted in a visit to the Chelsea Flower Show, and characteristic of her love of Nature we find in our collection of Royal Christmas Cards none more beautiful than those of Queen Mary's choice of one depicting an exquisite garden in high Summer:

"Lovely flowers  
Are the smiles  
of God's goodness." (Wilberforce.)

Among her many activities, Queen Mary was a keen exponent of needlework. Her latest achievement was in the remarkable carpet which she executed in gros-point needle work, on which she laboured for eight years, a triumph of patient work and skill—to bring in dollars to the country!

On Sunday, March 29th, Queen Mary was removed from Marlborough House to Westminster Hall where she lay in State. The procession, en route, was one of moving solemnity and regal simplicity, where many thousands of people stood in silent sympathy.

In Westminster Hall a service of a private nature was held for the Royal mourners and the many Royal visitors and representatives from abroad and overseas.

The Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Fisher) paid high tribute to a great Queen, in her example for good.

There, in this centuries-old sanctuary, for the last time in her mortal presence, her favourite hymn—"Abide With Me" was rendered. Respectful and affectionate homage was paid by many thousands as they filed past the catafalque.

At 5 a.m. on Tuesday, March 31st, Her Majesty Queen Mary, was borne for the last time through the London she loved so well, to her last resting-place—St. George's Chapel, Windsor.

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