

Ladies of the Households of the Princesses of England.



HE Princesses naturally have smaller Courts than that of Her Majesty, whose Ladies formed the subject of an article in our last August number, and there are other differences.

The most noteworthy of these differences is that no Princess has a Maid of Honour. The Princess of Wales has, like the Queen, Ladies of the Bedchamber and Bedchamber Women, but the other Princesses have "Ladies-in-Waiting" who are not necessarily possessed of the prefix of Lady or even Honourable. These Ladies-in-Waiting combine the duties of Ladies of the Bedchamber and Bedchamber Women. The Princess of Wales has an "Extra Bedchamber Woman"; several of the other Princesses have "Honorary Ladies-in-Waiting," the Duchess of Connaught has two Honorary Ladies-in-Waiting, and the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) one. The Princess Christian has, in addition to three Ladies-in-Waiting, one being "Extra," three Honorary Bedchamber Women.

The following are the various ladies who

have kindly allowed us to reproduce their portraits.

THE COUNTESS OF MACCLESFIELD.

Lady Mary Frances Grosvenor, second daughter of the second Marquis of Westminster, by his wife Elizabeth Mary, daughter of the first Duke of Sutherland, was born in 1821. In 1842 she married, as his second wife, the sixth Earl of Macclesfield. The first Earl of Macclesfield was a celebrated lawyer, who was created Lord High Chancellor in 1718. Lady Macclesfield was appointed Lady of the Bedchamber to the Princess of Wales on the marriage of the latter in 1863, and has held that office ever since. Lady Macclesfield is sister to the present Duke of Westminster, and great aunt of the present Duke of Sutherland.

MISS KNOLLYS.

Elizabeth Charlotte, eldest daughter of the late General the Right Honourable Sir William Thomas Knollys, K.C.B., Privy Councillor, Colonel of the Scots Guards, and Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was appointed Bedchamber Woman to Her Royal



COUNTESS OF MACCLESFIELD.
(Lady of the Bedchamber to the Princess of Wales.)
From a Photo. by J. Thomson.



MISS ELIZABETH KNOLLYS.
(Bedchamber Woman to the Princess of Wales.)
From a Photo. by W. & D. Downey.



THE DUCHESSÉ D'OTRANTE.
(Extra Bedchamber Woman to the Princess of Wales.)
From a Photo. by Selma Jacobsson, Stockholm.

Highness the Princess of Wales about twenty years ago, and still holds that office. Her brother is Sir Francis Knollys, Private Secretary and Groom-in-Waiting to the Prince of Wales. There is a coincidence of some historical interest in the connection of two members of this family with the Court of the Princes of Wales. Only two Princes of Wales have been married at Windsor. The first of these was Edward the Black Prince, at the head of whose household was Sir Robert Knollys; the second Prince of Wales married at Windsor, after an interval of more than six centuries, was the present Prince, at the head of whose household was Miss Knollys' father, the late Sir William Knollys.

THE DUCHESSÉ D'OTRANTE.

The Honourable Mrs. William Grey (Hélène Theresa Catherine), daughter of Major-General Count Stedingk, Inspector-General of Cavalry in Sweden, married in 1858 the Hon.

William George Grey, son of the second Earl Grey, who died as an Attaché to the British Embassy at Paris in 1865. Mrs. Grey, who had been appointed Bedchamber Woman to the Princess of Wales in 1863, married in 1873 the Duc d'Otrante, when she resigned her post as Bedchamber Woman, but was appointed Extra Bedchamber Woman. The Duc d'Otrante is the grandson of the notorious Joseph Fouché, Napoleon's Minister of Police, who was created by him Duc d'Otrante. His son settled in Sweden when Bernadotte, the favourite of the French army, ascended the throne of that country, and the second wife of this son was also a lady of the house of Stedingk. The present Duke is a retired captain of Swedish cavalry, and was at one time Equerry to Charles XV., son of Bernadotte.

LADY MARY WENTWORTH FITZ-WILLIAM.

Lady Mary Grace Louisa Butler, born in 1846, is the daughter of John, second Marquis



LADY MARY WENTWORTH FITZ-WILLIAM.
(Extra Lady of the Bedchamber to the Duchess of Saxe Coburg-Gotha.)
From a Photo. by E. Uhlenkuth, Coburg.

of Ormonde, by his wife Frances Jane, daughter of the late General the Hon. Sir Edward Paget, G.C.B., of Peninsular fame. The Marquises of Ormonde are descended from Theobald Fitz-Walter, who accompanied Henry II. to Ireland. He was created by that King Chief Butler (sometimes called *Le Boteler*) in Ireland, and his son assumed in consequence the surname of Butler. The sixth of the race was created Earl of Carrick in 1315. Among the other ancestors of the Marquis of Ormonde was the great Duke of Ormonde, who played so conspicuous a part in Irish history during the seventeenth century. Lady Mary married in 1877 the Hon. Henry Wentworth Fitz-William, son of the sixth Earl Fitz-William. He was M.P. for Wicklow 1868-74, for the Southern Division of the West Riding of Yorkshire 1880-1885, and for the Doncaster Division 1888-92; and has just been elected for it for the present Parliament. The family of Fitz-William date back to the eleventh century. One of the early heads of the family erected, in the High Street of Sprotborough, a cross bearing the following quaint and hospitable inscription:—



MRS. COLIN KEPPEL.
(Lady-in-Waiting to the Duchess of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.)
From a Photo. by Debenham, Southsea.



LADY EVA DUGDALE.
(Lady-in-Waiting to the Duchess of York.)
From a Photo. by Alice Hughes.

Who so is hungry and likes to eat

Let him come to Sprotborough
to his meate,
And for a night and for a day
His horse shall have both corn
and hay,
And no man shall ask him
when he goeth away.

Lady Mary was appointed Lady of the Bedchamber to Her Imperial and Royal Highness the Duchess of Edinburgh on her marriage in 1874. Lady Mary resigned in 1876, when she was appointed Extra Lady of the Bedchamber to Her Imperial Highness.

MRS. COLIN KEPPEL.

Henrietta, daughter of Major-General Richard Blundell, married, in 1889, Lieutenant Colin Richard Keppel, R.N., Equerry to His Royal

Highness the Duke of Saxe-Coburg - Gotha. She is Lady-in-Waiting to Her Royal and Imperial Highness the Duchess of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. Lieutenant Colin Richard Keppel is the son of Admiral of the Fleet the Hon. Sir Henry Keppel, G.C.B.

LADY EVA DUGDALE

is the daughter of the fourth Earl of Warwick by his wife Anne, eldest daughter of the eighth Earl of Wemyss. The Grevilles—the family name of the Earls of Warwick—trace their ancestry back to the reign of Edward III. and the Barony of Brooke to 1620. The first

Baron Brooke caused to be inscribed on his monument in the great church of Warwick:—

Servant to Queen Elizabeth,
Councillor to King James,
And friend to Sir Philip Sidney.

The Grevilles ought to be an opulent family, for they have four times married heiresses or co-heiresses. Indeed, the first Lord Brooke married a lady who was supposed to be one of the richest heiresses in England. Lady Eva was an intimate friend of the Duchess of York, and when the latter married, Lady Eva was appointed Lady-in-Waiting to Her Royal Highness. On the 20th July last year she married Frank Dugdale, Esq., second son of the late James Dugdale, Esq., J.P., D.L., of Wroxall Abbey, Warwickshire.

LADY ADELA MARIA LARKING.

Lady Adela is the daughter of the second Earl of Listowel, by his wife Maria Augusta, second daughter of Vice-Admiral William Windham, of Felbrigge Hall, Norfolk, and widow of Thomas Wyndham, Esq., of Cromer Hall, in the same county. Lady Adela married, in 1864, Lieut. - Col. Cuthbert Larking, D.L., J.P., who was formerly an



LADY COLLINS.
(Lady-in-Waiting to the Duchess of Albany.)
From a Photo. by Lombardi, Pall Mall East.



LADY A. LARKING.
(Lady of the Bedchamber to the Duchess of Connaught.)
From a Photo. by Maull & Fox,

officer of the 13th Light Infantry and 15th Hussars, and in 1877 appointed Lieut.-Col. of the West Kent Militia and Equerry to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn. He is the eldest son of John Wingfield Larking, D.L., J.P., of The Firs, Lee, Kent. Colonel Larking is, in addition to being Equerry to the Duke of Connaught, also Gentleman Usher of the Privy Chamber to Her Majesty. In 1879 Lady Adela was appointed Lady of the Bedchamber to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught, which post she still holds.

LADY COLLINS.

Mary, daughter of the Rev. Henry Wightwich, Rector of Codford St. Peters, Wilts, married in 1875 Sir Robert Hawthorn Collins, K.C.B. Sir Robert, who was born in 1841, is the fourth son of the Rev. John Ferdinando Collins, of Betterton House, Wantage, Berks. Sir Robert, a B.A. of Oxford, was called to the Bar of Lincoln's Inn in 1865. In the following year he was appointed Private Tutor to the Duke of Albany, and on His Royal Highness becoming of age in 1874, Comptroller of his household. On His Royal Highness's death in 1884 Sir Robert—he was created K.C.B. in that year—became Comptroller of the Household to the Duchess of Albany, a post which he



LADY KNIGHTLEY.
(Extra Lady-in-Waiting to the Duchess of Albany.)
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has held ever since. Lady Collins is Lady-in-Waiting to Her Royal Highness.

LADY KNIGHTLEY.

Louisa Mary is the only daughter of the late General Sir Edward Bowater, K.C.H., a most distinguished officer, who served with the 3rd (now Scots) Guards in the Peninsula and Waterloo, and was wounded at Talavera and Waterloo. Soon after the marriage of the late Prince Consort Sir Edward was appointed Equerry to His Royal Highness, and in 1846 a Groom-in-Waiting to the Queen. In December, 1861, Sir Edward died at Cannes, where he had been sent in charge of His Royal Highness Prince Leopold. In 1869 Miss Bowater married Sir Rainald Knightley, third baronet, born in 1819, and M.P. for South Northamptonshire from 1852-1892. In the latter year he was raised to the peerage by the title of Baron Knightley. Lady Knightley is and has been for many years an Extra Lady-in-Waiting to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany.

LADY AGNETA MONTAGU.

Lady Agneta Harriet Montagu is a daughter of the fourth Earl of Sandwich by his wife Susan, sixth daughter of the first Lord Ravensworth. In 1867 she married Captain the Hon. Victor Alexander Montagu, R.N., retired—now a retired Rear-Admiral—son of the seventh Earl of Sandwich by his wife, Lady Mary Paget, daughter of the first Marquis of Anglesey. The first Earl of Sandwich was killed in the sea fight off Southwold Bay in 1672, and the fourth Earl, known by his contemporaries by the nickname of "Jemmy Twitcher," was First Lord of the Admiralty in the early part of the reign of George III. Lady Agneta has been for many years an Extra Lady-in-Waiting to Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian. Lady Agneta's elder sister, Lady Elizabeth Philippa Bidulph, is an Extra Woman of the Bedchamber to the Queen; her elder brother, the late Hon. Eliot Constantine Yorke, was Equerry to the Duke of Edinburgh; and



LADY AGNETA MONTAGU.
(Extra Lady-in-Waiting to Princess Christian.)
From a Photograph.



BARONESS VON EGLOFFSTEIN.
(Woman of the Bedchamber to Princess Christian.)
From a Photo. by Aurig.



MISS LOCK.
(Lady-in-Waiting to Princess Christian.)
From a Photo. by Carl Backofen, Durnstadt.

another brother, the Hon. Alexander Grant-ham Yorke, was Equerry to the late Duke of Albany, and afterwards appointed Groom-in-Waiting to the Queen. It will thus be observed that Lady Agneta's connection with the Court is very great.

BARONESS VON UND ZER EGLOFFSTEIN.

Elizabeth, Baroness von und zer Egloffstein was, in July, 1891, appointed a Woman of the Bedchamber to Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian.

MISS EMILY LOCH.

Emily Elizabeth Loch is the daughter of the late George Loch, Esq., Q.C., Attorney-General for several years to

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. In January, 1883, Miss Loch was appointed a Lady-in-Waiting to Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian, which post she occupies at the present time.

MISS ANNE ANNETTE MINNA COCHRANE

is the second daughter of the late Sir Thomas Cochrane, G.C.B., Admiral of the Fleet, grandson of the eighth Earl of Dundonald, by his second wife, who was the third daughter of Sir J. D. Wheeler-Cuffe, first baronet. Miss Cochrane's eldest brother is the first Lord Lamington. She was appointed Lady-in-Waiting to Her Royal Highness the Princess Beatrice in 1885.



MISS MINNA COCHRANE.
(Lady-in-Waiting to Princess Beatrice.)
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