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Friedrich Wilhelm

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*A Biographical Sketch Dedicated to His Memory*

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*WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY*

HER MAJESTY THE EMPRESS FREDERICK

"He was as full of kindness as of valour,  
Princely in both."

LONDON

DAVID STOTT, 370, OXFORD STREET, W.

1888

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SCHLOSS FRIEDRICHSKRON,

*August 18th, 1888.*

DEAR MR. RODD,

I think you are aware that my beloved husband, the late Emperor Frederick, when in England last year, visited the Throat Hospital, and was full of compassion for the patients. His ailment caused at that time but little inconvenience, and his kind heart felt deeply sorry for those who had more to bear from the state of their throats. I had then a great wish to help the Hospital in some way, and had intended to make some little drawings, and collect some pretty and amusing stories to

form a small book which could be sold for the benefit of the Hospital funds. Alas! I never found leisure or peace of mind to carry out this plan.

As I have witnessed how much can be done by medical skill and careful nursing to alleviate the condition of those who suffer, I feel doubly anxious that as many as possible of those who have to struggle with sickness should be able to gain admission to a Hospital where they can find care and comforts which they could not have at home, and the best chance of being cured. Now that I have seen the kind and sincere sympathy with which my own countrymen followed the course of my beloved husband's illness, and the true feeling they showed in mourning his loss, I feel emboldened to take up under another form my idea of helping the Hospital. Not my own drawings or writings would I offer, but I ask you to pen a short account of the life of my beloved

husband, who was so soon taken away from us. As you knew him in sunny days when he was the picture of life and health, as well as in the last sad year when that life was overshadowed by sickness, I thought none would be better able than you to undertake the task of writing a short biography suitable for popular reading, which may make his name better known to the English Public, and give him a place in their affections beside that of my father, for whom he had so great a love, admiration and veneration, and with whose views and aims he so truly sympathized. I feel sure that the life of a good and noble man must be interesting to all, and that an example so bright and pure can only do good.

Those in humbler walks of life who are denied many of the blessings enjoyed by the rich, to whose lot fall the so-called good things of this world, are often apt to imagine that their burden is the hardest to bear, that