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TO HER ROYAL HIGHNESS
PRINCESS CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN.

MADAM,

The Report of Philanthropic Work, promoted or originated by Englishwomen, which it was the desire of your Royal Highness that I should prepare, is now completed. The difficulty of even an approximately just record of this work will be by no one better understood than by yourself, familiar as your Royal Highness is, not only with its more salient evidences, but with those undercurrents, which, whether through giving or receiving, sweeten and refresh the daily life of nearly every Englishwoman. In reflecting over the methods within my reach in order to carry into effect your behest, two only seemed to offer any feasible means of obtaining reliable information upon a subject embracing, necessarily, besides home organizations, all those missionary, religious, or social efforts undertaken, often under difficult surroundings, by Englishwomen for the benefit of distant and alien races, or on behalf of their own kith and kin settled in foreign countries.