

The White Ribbon

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Thought for the Month.

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"If pleasures are greatest in anticipation, just remember that this is true of troubles also."

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THE ROYAL WEDDING



It is with feelings of pleasure and good hopes for the future, that we look forward to the great event of the month. The marriage of Princess Elizabeth to one who, from all that can be learned is eminently well fitted for the position he will occupy, and who has been a figure in the life of the Princesses throughout their younger days, is an event of major importance. Regarded as history, it will have its own place as one of the many alliances with countries other than our own. The sorrows of Greece make the figure of Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten one of peculiar interest. As one of a family whose record is fine, he is gladly welcomed to the Royal family of Britain.

Having seen the growth of the two Princesses from their earliest days,

there is a special warmth and affection in the public interest attaching to the approaching wedding. The methods employed by Their Majesties in the education and general upbringing of their children have been wholly admirable. An evident determination that a first-hand knowledge of life in other ranks of society than their own should be a part of their equipment for adult activities has been manifested again and again. The older ideas of isolation from the affairs of the ordinary rank and file have been reversed; and the pattern followed makes the outlook brighter in every way. The healthy, happy demeanour of Princess Elizabeth in the many appearances she has made in public, as the future sovereign; and her evident enjoyment of life in general, have shown that her blossoming has not

been that of a hothouse product, but of a well-tended garden flower; with the freshness and beauty of the open air, and the strength of the wind and the rain, bringing it to perfection. Character and personality are highly developed, and it will be most interesting to follow the course of events as responsibility, individual and national, becomes heavier.

In the meantime, the most loving and sincere good wishes surround her at this time. That Heaven's richest blessings may fall upon her and all whom she loves is the prayer of us here, one and all.

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