

Little Princess Widely Beloved

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Outside of the King and Queen themselves, it is doubtful if any of the great personages will attract more attention of the Coronation crowds than the little girl who is next in line for the throne.

Princess Elizabeth has just passed her 11th birthday, celebrated at Windsor with the make-believe coronation in which a patient nurse played the role of the congregation. She received a special birthday, salute at the colorful changing of the guard.

The elder of the two little princesses is becoming used to public appearances and she will be keeping an eye on six-year-old Margaret Rose during the weeks in May. In July the two little girls will accompany the King and Queen to

Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh, and may also visit Wales with their parents immediately afterwards.

In a comfortable but not pretentious house in Bruton Street the child, destined for so exalted a station, was born April 21, 1926. The sidewalk across the street was thronged for days with feminine optimists hopeful of getting a glimpse of the small white bundle which held the fourth lady in the land.

She was only eight months old when her parents embarked on the Australasian tour and it is doubtful if returning parents ever brought a child such an extraordinary collection of gifts—canaries, sawawking parrots, and three tons of toys. The care of the baby was undertaken affectionately during their absence by Queen Mary.

Queen Mary desired that her infant grand-daughter should be

reared on the simplest lines possible and it was unfortunate in this respect that from her babyhood the interest displayed in little Elizabeth's personality should thwart these aims. London was captivated by the baby with blue eyes and golden hair; excursions in the pram to Kensington Gardens had to be abandoned because of the crowds of admirers.

On Aug. 21, 1930, a sister was born to Elizabeth, at Glamis Castle, the chief home of Queen Elizabeth's parents. To Margaret Rose, called "the most perfect of her playthings," Elizabeth has always been the most affectionate and

protective elder sister imaginable.

TO BE HOME-TRAINED

The princess will be brought up at home and although the King and Queen have now moved into Buckingham Palace from 145, Piccadilly, arrangements have been made for the continuance there of the same daily life of the small princesses. The larger grounds, of course, give opportunities for pony-riding and other such diversions on an extensive scale. As for book-learning there is no "set" pattern. The children will be encouraged to follow their instinctive learnings within reasonable limits.

So far the little girls have received most of their teaching direct from their mother. Elizabeth has made rapid progress in languages, it is understood. Her mother could speak French readily as English when she was only 10—but in music or drawing they are not particularly talented. Both children are intensely fond of domestic animals, Elizabeth's special pets being two Welsh ponies named Janie and Dookie. They have a large dolls' house and any other children get a great deal of satisfaction in looking after Princess Elizabeth has also shown special aptitude for a camera.



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