

## THE ROYAL BETROTHAL.

All the world loves a romance, and that of the Prince George, K.G., G.C.M.G., the fourth son of the King and Queen, whose betrothal to the Princess Marina of Greece, was recently announced in the Court Circular, with the intimation that the King has gladly given his consent to the union, has caused widespread pleasure. Especially is this the case in the hospital world, in which the Prince is well known and very popular. Like all members of the Royal House, His Royal Highness takes an active interest in hospital work, and as President of St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner, has given it invaluable support.

The Princess Marina is also much liked in this country, and well known and even were this not the case she would be assured of a place in the hearts of its people, for, as a granddaughter of King George I. of Greece, the favourite brother of Queen Alexandra, she is her great-niece, and this connection will be a direct passport to the affections of the British people, while the charm and beauty of the Princess herself are undoubted.

Her father, Prince Nicholas of Greece, is, besides being a distinguished soldier, an author and artist of distinction. Her mother, Princess Helen, is a granddaughter of Alexander II. of Russia; and the late Queen Sophie of Greece, who was a daughter of the Empress Frederick of Germany (a daughter of Queen Victoria and Princess Royal in this country), was her aunt by marriage. Queen Sophie's interest in hospitals and nursing and all she did to foster them in the country

of her adoption both during the Græco-Turkish War and subsequently, is well known, as well as her appreciation of British nurses, and we may hope that Princess Marina is conversant with this work, and shares this interest.

Princess Marina's elder sister is the wife of Prince

Paul of Yugoslavia, and Prince George and Princess Marina were their guests at Prince Paul's summer residence on Bohinisko Lake when the betrothal took place.

When Princess Marina, with her father and mother, Prince and Princess Nicholas of Greece, arrive in London, as they are expected to do shortly, she is assured of a

real British welcome, and it is expected that after a short stay in the metropolis the Royal party will go to Balmoral as the guests of the King and Queen. Her welcome on Deeside, renowned for the loyalty and personal affection of its inhabitants, young and old, for their Majesties and the members of the Royal House, will, we may be sure, be deep and sincere.

Prince George and Princess Marina have several tastes in common, notably a love of music, for Prince George is an accomplished musician, and both the Prince and the Princess are fond of dancing and shooting, and of outdoor sports.

Prince George has had a varied experience to equip him for the duties of his high station. He served as an officer in the Navy for eight years. Later the King decided that he should be attached for a time to the Foreign Office, in which position he gained considerable knowledge of the administration and work of a Department of State. It was understood that these duties were undertaken by His Royal Highness in order that he might fit himself for the position of Governor-General of one of the Dominions. In this event there is no doubt that such an appointment would be most popular, for when, at the beginning of this year, on the invitation of the Government of the Union of South Africa, the Prince paid a visit to

that country he was most enthusiastically received, notably by the native population, and from first to last the visit was an unqualified success.

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING offers to Prince George and the Princess Marina heartfelt wishes for an ideally happy marriage.



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