

"BRINGER OF HAPPINESS."

Why all this excitement in London about an heir to the House of Orange-Nassau in Holland? We sought an explanation and came to the conclusion that the woman in the street knew nothing of powers and potentates, but realised that Princess Juliana's baby was a love child. That touched the heart with delightful emotion—in this age of materialism. Princess Juliana made no secret of her devotion to the man of her choice—and when it became known that she had given birth to an heir to one of the historic dynasties of Europe, "Juliana's baby" became the world's baby—and every detail concerning her was eagerly awaited.

Beatrix Wilhelmina Armgard, Princess of Orange and Princess zur Lippe-Biesterfeld, were the names under which Princess Juliana's daughter was registered by her proud father, Prince Bernhard, in the records of the village of Baarn.

The registration took place in the dining-room of the Palace, in the presence of the Burgomaster, Jonkheer J. van Reenen; the Prime Minister, Dr. H. Colijn; and Queen Wilhelmina's Chamberlain, Jonkheer Dr. F. Beelaerts van Blokland; and the official entry was written in gold letters in a book bound with blue linen. Prince Bernhard brought in Princess Beatrix, carrying her on a silk cushion, and showed her to the three witnesses, who drank her health in old Dutch wine.

The name Beatrix has not been held by any woman of the House of Orange, but was chosen because Beatrix means bringer of happiness and peace.

The two other names are those of Queen Wilhelmina and Princess Armgard, Prince Bernhard's mother. This wonderful baby will bear the styles of Princess of the Netherlands, Princess of Orange Nassau, and Princess of Lippe-Biesterfeld.

The latest bulletin states that the condition of Princess Juliana and her child "gives cause for satisfaction." A semi-official communication states that two doctors and two maternity nurses were in attendance at the birth, and that Prince Bernhard's mother, Princess Armgard, assisted the nurses. Queen Wilhelmina and Prince Bernhard were also present.

King George and Queen Elizabeth sent a basket of lovely red roses tied with our national colours. It was accompanied by a personal message of congratulation from the King and Queen, which was attached to the bouquet.

THE QUEEN'S MESSAGE.

Her Majesty the Queen sent the following message, which was read by Lord Luke at a meeting of the London Hospitals Street Collections Committee held at St. James's Palace:—

"As Patron of the London Hospitals Street Collections Central Committee, it has been a great happiness to me to learn of the splendid success attending the first combined flag day on behalf of the voluntary hospitals in Greater London.

"I feel confident that a cause so vital and so dear to us all cannot fail to win ever-increasing support from year to year.

ELIZABETH R."

Lord Luke stated the combined annual street collections in place of many individual flag days had proved successful. The London Hospitals Week, an innovation in 1937,

would become a regular feature of civic life.

The combined collections produced £32,569, £6,000 more than was raised by the individual collections in 1936. The number of hospitals combining in 1937 was 108, but 135 hospitals had agreed to participate in this year's effort.

This year, added Lord Luke, Hospitals Day would be held as follows—

For the General Hospitals in Inner London, Tuesday, May 10th.

For the General Hospitals in Outer London, Saturday, May 14th.

For the Special Hospitals, Tuesday, October 11th.

Sir Kingsley Wood, Minister of Health, associating

himself with the scheme, said that courage and common sense had been rewarded. The average London citizen had approved the idea of a single appeal. He believed that the public would respect and welcome it as they did Rose Day.

The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Harry Twyford, stated that he intended to make the part of the Mansion House in this year's appeal a record success.

The bed at the Princess Beatrix Hospital, Earl's Court, which members of the Dutch colony in London have endowed to commemorate the wedding of Princess Juliana of the Netherlands, has been handed over by the Netherlands Minister, Count John de Limburg Stirum. When unveiling the plate recording the gift, the Minister commented on the happy coincidence that the Princess was now the mother of a Princess Beatrix.



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PRINCESS JULIANA AND PRINCE BERNHARD OF
THE NETHERLANDS.
Mother and Father of "The Bringer of Happiness."

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