

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

"A King is he that has no fear."

His Majesty the King is to spend a month's holiday cruising in summer seas, surrounded by personal friends. We all wish him a refreshing time. In the past six months he has proved himself worthy of the great traditions of Monarchy.

Independent Nationality.

A petition to the King to give married women independent nationality was taken to the Home Office on July 18th by the Women's Freedom League. The petition bears the signatures of 3,000 women in England, Scotland, Wales, Australia, Bermuda, Ceylon, and South Africa.

The League of Nations has persistently opposed this measure of justice to women. Let us hope that its indefensible policy may now go the way of "sanctions"!

Stanhope Gold Medal.

The Duke of York, the president of the Royal Humane Society, has presented the Stanhope Gold Medal to Miss Evelyn Graham Irons for the bravest deed of 1935. Miss Irons rescued a woman from drowning under very courageous circumstances at Tresaith Beach, Cardiganshire. She is the first woman to receive the Stanhope Gold Medal and the first woman since Grace Darling to receive the gold medal of the society.

In Memory of Jane Austen.

A tablet has been placed in Steventon Church, Hampshire, to the memory of Jane Austen and to mark the fact that she worshipped there for the first 25 years of her life.

Jane Austen is buried in Winchester Cathedral, on which fresh flowers are often to be seen. The stone which covers her grave contains this sentence:

"The benevolence of her heart, the sweetness of her temper, and the extraordinary endowments of her mind obtained the regard of all who knew her and the warmest love of her intimate connections. Their grief is in proportion to their affection."

Keep Swimming Around.

The French Chamber has adopted by 488 votes to one a Bill granting women's suffrage. It is, however, anticipated that the Senate will reject the measure, as they have done on three previous occasions.

All India Women's Manifesto.

The first women's manifesto for the coming elections has been issued by the All-India Women's Conference at Vizagapatam.

Affirming that the educated women of India are fully alive to their duties and responsibilities, it demands the removal of sex disqualifications and wide measures of social and educational reform.

Village Group Units.

We commend to the attention of Public Assistance Committees of County Councils the proposals contained in a report from the Public Assistance Committee, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and approved in principle by the County Council. It is proposed to erect a series of village group units, whereby aged people shall be able to live almost as if in their own homes, the unit being a house accommodating 12 inmates, divisible into two sub-units. The Chairman of the Public Assistance Committee Miss Margery Taylor, deprecates the present method of housing aged people in communal buildings.

IN MEMORY OF EMMELINE PANKHURST.

On Thursday, July 16th, the yearly Service to the Memory of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst was held at St. John's Church, Smith Square, Westminster, where the funeral service took place eight years ago. The Church was crowded with women who had been her fellow-suffragettes—many of them who with Mrs. Pankhurst had been imprisoned during the great uprising in demand of the vote before the War.

The Service opened with fine music on the organ and by the Choir.

The Sentences, the Psalm, the Reading of Scripture, the Thanksgiving and Prayers, were soothing and fearless.

"Fear not: I am the first and last: I am he that liveth and was dead; and behold I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of death and of Hades.

"I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

The Reading of Scripture was taken from the 21st Chapter of the Book of the Revelation:

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new."

Mrs. Pankhurst's favourite hymn: "Sun of My Soul," was sung.

THE ADDRESS.

The Address was given by the Right Hon. The Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of London, who referred to the goodness and sincerity of Mrs. Pankhurst as he knew her. He spoke of her valiant support of great causes, and said that the present generation of women had not inherited the political ardour of the generation that won them the vote. He mentioned the better protection from violation of little girl children, and other matters of vital importance to the community.

If they made themselves heard and used their votes conscientiously, as they should do, these abuses would be swept away.

The Service ended with The Blessing followed by the National Anthem, splendidly rendered by this congregation of loyal women.

Dame Christabel Pankhurst led the procession from the Church to the Victoria Tower Gardens—all carrying lovely bouquets of flowers and plants, which were reverently laid at the foot of the lifelike Statue of Emmeline Pankhurst, who many times, torn and breathless, was dragged past the unique site where now her gracious presence radiates and appears alive.

We met many old friends there, notably Nurse Pine, who nursed Mrs. Pankhurst through her hunger strikes, a dozen "bars" shining on her breast, and as full of fun and contentment as ever.

Of the younger generation of nurses—Never a one; we fear heroines do not emanate from hospitals in these days!

The Spirit pays dearly for the life of the Soul.

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