OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The King's Champion.

Mr. Frank Scaman Dymolre, of Scrivelsby Court, Horncastle, Lincolnshire, the King's Champion, has received authority from the Earl Marshal, the Duke of Norfolk, to carry the Standard of England at the Coronation, a proud privilege indeed!

Mr. Dymolre is entitled to bear the Standard of England by virtue of the Manor of Scrivelsby. His family has held the office of King's Champion since 1877, and a Dymolre has attended every Coronation from that date.

In olden days it was the right and duty of the King's Champion to ride in full armour, mounted on a charger, into Westminster Hall while the Coronation banquet was being held, and challenge all who should deny the King to be the lawful sovereign. The last occasion on which this imposing rite was performed was at the Coronation of George IV.

We are reporting this paragraph on a beautiful little Queen Anne walnut table bought at a sale at Scrivelsby Court on the death of the late Sir Henry Dymolre some fifty years ago, since which time there have already been two Coronations.

Oliver Twist in the Commons.

The increase proposed of an additional £37,000 a year for ministerial salaries is only the beginning of demands by back benchers, who already cost the State over a quarter of a million annually, and who demand more. Then naturally the hard-worked proletariat will demand a doceur and that is how the apparently dumb little middle-class group is his tenured dry. It is high time the ey.

We foresee another rise in the income tax—for national work, the Diploma in Nursing of the Leeds University in her profession until her somewhat sudden death. For the Secretaryship of the newly founded College of Nursing, London, and promoted to Sister May 18th, 1917. She served at London General Hospital, T.A., but was allowed to apply for the Service owing to ill-health.

A Film of Queen Victoria.

Mr. Herbert Wiilcox will begin work at Denham next month on the production of "Victoria the Great," in which Miss Anna Neagle will be seen as the Queen and Mr. Anton Walbroolr as the Prince Consort. The film will attend all those near and dear to her with whom she had worked for so many years.

Who Cares?

Details of road accidents involving personal injury, and the number of persons killed or injured in Great Britain last year, analysed according to the class of vehicle concerned, are contained in a return issued by the Home Office (Stationery Office, 6d.).

In 1936 there were in Great Britain 198,978 road accidents in which persons were killed or injured, an increase of 3,086 accidents compared with the preceding year. Persons killed numbered 6,561, an increase of 89; and injuries numbered 227,813, an increase of 6,087.

THE PASSING BELL.

The Duchess of Bedford.

Those of us who knew her personally deeply deplore the tragic disappearance into space of the Duchess of Bedford—a very remarkable and lovable woman—who, if she had not been a Duchess, might have made a brilliant surgeon or nurse administrator. We first knew her during the Great War, when she invited our help in the organisation of her wonderful hospital for sick soldiers at Woburn. It was little advice she required, as she was an absolutely devoted nurse, working in the wards from early morning to late into the night with the rank and file with supreme devotion and instinctive skill based on scientific study of every detail.

The members of the British College of Nurses will remember her as one of their guests of honour at the Annual Dinner held at the Café Monico, in July, 1930, under the title of "The Gifted of the Gods," when some twenty-four persons of eminence in Art, Music, the Drama, Literature, and Science responded to the invitation of the Council of the College, and when the Duchess represented Aeronautics.

At our last meeting she spoke with enthusiasm of her love of aviation. "I am never so happy as when soaring towards the stars" she said. "In comparison, everything on earth is so constrained."

Almost prophetic words! We may be sure that if this valiant lady met her death in deep waters, her adventurous spirit soared to the stars.

MISS MARY S. RUNDLE, R.R.C.

There died on March 13th, 1937, at 33, St. John's Wood Road, N.W.8, Miss Mary Snell Rundle, R.R.C., D.N., (Leeds), first Secretary of the College of Nursing, London, deeply regretted by a large circle of friends.

She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital and, as the first Isla Stewart Scholar, went to Teacher's College, Columbia, New York, for a year's course in hospital economics and teaching in schools of nursing. Upon her return to England she gained other experience and was appointed Matron of the Royal Chest Hospital. During the War for a year, 1915 to 1916, she was Matron of the 1st London General Hospital, T.A., but was allowed to apply for the Secretarieship of the newly founded College of Nursing, which position she held for many years.

Miss Rundle received the R.R.C. for her years' War work, the Diploma in Nursing of the Leeds University (honoris causa), and held various positions in connection with nursing organisations. She retired from work some few years ago owing to ill health, but continued her interest in her profession until her somewhat sudden death.

Her funeral, which took place on March 17th, was attended by those near and dear to her with whom she had worked for so many years.

MISS A. E. STEEN.

We regret to record the death, at Bexhill-on-Sea, on February 25th, 1937, of Miss A. E. M. Steen, late Sister, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, after a long and painful illness. Miss Steen was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and was appointed Staff Nurse, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, January 16th, 1908, and promoted to Sister Mary 18th, 1917. She served at home and in Malta until July 1920, when she retired from the Service owing to ill-health.

"My word, my work, my heart, my hand, Still on a side together stand."

John Byron, 1692-1765.