

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The Dissolution of Parliament took place October 9th, on the statement by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons that he had had an interview with the King that morning, and asked for a dissolution, and that His Majesty had empowered him to announce that he had consented.

As the Election followed on October 29th, the results are still being announced as we go to press.

Never has there been such an exhibition of class hatred as has been shown by the Communists during the present Election, which has been largely fought on the issue of the "Union Jack" v. the "Red Flag," and it is evident that those who love King, Country, and Empire must stand shoulder to shoulder, in the new Parliament, ignoring all smaller issues. In days gone by elections were fought good-humouredly, although opinions might be completely at variance.

The closing of the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley brings to a conclusion a splendid demonstration of the resources of the Empire, and many people have gained a more adequate idea of its possibilities, its extent and its grandeur. We wish that it might be possible always to have a centre where the public could have facilities for study in Imperial resources, and where they might be able to enter into business relations with the Dominions.

The Prince of Wales when he takes part in the closing ceremony on November 1st will assuredly receive a great ovation.

We hope that every one of our readers who is able will support the call for workers of Field-Marshal Earl Haig's British Legion Appeal Fund in connection with "Remembrance Day,"

on November 11th, by selling Flanders Poppies. Last year Lord Haig's Appeal Fund was the means of assisting over 240,000 cases of acute distress amongst ex-Service men of all ranks, their dependents, and the widows and children of the fallen. Motor-cars to maintain communication between scattered posts are also needed. There are many who cannot give "silver and gold" who can help to discharge their debt of honour in this way. It were shame if many willing and grateful workers were not forthcoming. Offers of help should be addressed to Captain W. G. Willcox, Secretary, Appeal Department, British Legion, 145, Piccadilly, 1.

The service of thanksgiving held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday last, organised primarily by the London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for Women (University of London) in connection with the Jubilee of the School, but also in thanksgiving "for opportunities of training, work, and service opened to women during the last fifty years," will not easily be forgotten by those privileged to take part in it. Princess Beatrice and Princess Arthur

of Connaught were present, and the space under the Dome, the North and South Transepts, the Choir, and seats back into the nave were crowded not only with medical women in academic robes of every hue, but with representatives of the nursing profession, including the Matron-in-Chief of Q.A.I.M.N.S., of the arts, music, the drama, the law, and teaching, women engineers, accountants, pharmacists, women police, girl guides, and many others. We noticed also the dark blue-braided uniform of the Registered Nurse, with which the public is gradually becoming familiar.

The Processional Hymn was the beautiful "St. Patrick's Breast-plate."

WOMEN IN SPIRIT BORN BEFORE THEIR TIME.

Most moving was the salutation of Pioneer Women spoken by the Archdeacon of London:—

"Through the ages there have been women in spirit born before their time. They had vision and faith, and by their toil and sacrifice, by their persistence and courage, opportunities for women, in work and service, have been won. Three Pioneers opened the doors of Medicine to Women. Elizabeth Blackwell, Elizabeth Garrett Anderson,



MEDICAL STUDENTS AT ST. PAUL'S AT THE JUBILEE THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

Sophia Jex Blake. With love and reverence our hearts turn to them."

PIONEERS.

Most appropriately the Bishop of Lichfield, always so sympathetic with the struggle of women for the right to enter into their heritage, was the preacher. He took for his text the words: "I beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called."

The Bishop said:—

"You are celebrating to-day the jubilee of that great school which has been the pioneer in enabling women to answer God's call in the science and art of healing. You are thanking God for what He has helped you to accomplish. You hold in grateful remembrance those first leaders to whose clear vision, intrepid courage, and dogged perseverance you owe the success which you have achieved. . . . The record of those early struggles (it is difficult to believe the date was only fifty years ago) is a thrilling romance. What is a romance to us was to them a grim, heart-breaking conflict. But they won through; they laboured, and you have entered into their labours."

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