

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The King's Birthday Honours last year almost entirely omitted women, naturally they did not like it, and said so. This year recognition has been more representative.

Five Dame Commanders of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire are included in the List, namely:—

Madge, Mrs. Kendal-Grimston, for services to the drama and charity; Miss Agnes Gwendoline Hunt, R.R.C., founder and supporter of the Shropshire Orthopaedic Hospital; the Hon. Maude Agnes Lawrence, Director of Women Establishments, H.M. Treasury; Jessie Percy Butler, Mrs. Wilton Phipps, J.P., for services to education; and Mary Ann Dacomb, Mrs. Scharlieb, C.B.E., M.D., M.S., consulting gynaecologist, Royal Free Hospital.

Interesting recognition has been given of women's work in politics, education, the Civil Service and philanthropy, but only one Registered Nurse is honoured.

KAISAR-I-HIND MEDAL.

Miss Florence Amy Hodgson, S.R.N., Chief Lady Superintendent, Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association has been awarded the above Medal.

Miss Agnes Scott, M.B., Chief Medical Officer, Women's Medical Service, and Secretary Countess of Dufferin's Fund, has been similarly honoured.

Miss Amy Sayle, Chairman of Women's Sanitary Inspectors and Health Visitors' Association gets an M.B.E.

The coming-of-age celebrations of Sheffield University which opened on July 1st were given a splendid start by the presence of Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, when the degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon her.

Before the opening of the Congregation the Chancellor (Lord Crewe) presented an address of welcome to her Royal Highness. In acknowledgment she said:—

"It has always been among my happy inclinations to follow in the footsteps of my grandfather, my father, and my brother, and to become associated with this important university in the county in which I have my home. In congratulating you on this auspicious occasion in the corporate life of the university, I trust it may be blessed with every prosperity and success."

In the House of Lords Lord Astor's Bill enabling peeresses in their own right to sit in the Upper House was rejected by 125 votes to 80. The motion for rejection was moved by Lord Banbury, champion blocker of Bills. The Debate was very discreditable to "Their Lordship's House."

We have always loved windmills, because one must climb to the summit to be even with them and enjoy lovely vistas, and another thing, the part they have played in the health of the nation is inestimable. The splendid muscle, bone, and brain power of the rural population in the past was mostly sustained by those whirling sails, and the nutritious whole-meal flour baked into home-made bread in red hot brick ovens, was veritably the "staff of life."

We have often had an impulse to plead for the care of the picturesque timber-built mills—but alas! who cares? Even those built of stone have been razed to the ground. Evidently Mr. W. E. Mitchell, M.P. for Saffron Walden, also deploras the loss of our windmills, and in the House of Commons pleaded for their care. The Under Secretary to the Home Office offered a crumb of comfort in the following reply:—

"One windmill at Chesterton, Warwickshire ascribed to Inigo Jones, and dated 1632, has already been scheduled under the Ancient Monuments Act. If there are any others with historic or antiquarian associations their claims will receive due consideration."

We once knew a stately six-sailed mill, a landmark for miles in the Vale of Belvoir, to the very steps of which a

carpet of cowslips grew. Not a stone now remains, and the children in that Vale are fed no longer on home grown, home-ground flour, and muscle, bone and brain have deteriorated in consequence.

It is a marvel the Americans have not packed up a few of our fine old mills before it was too late. We deserve the reproof!

NATIONAL BABY WEEK, 1926.

MESSAGE RECEIVED BY THE NATIONAL BABY WEEK COUNCIL FROM HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, PATRON OF THE COUNCIL, JUNE 10TH, 1926.

The following Message from Her Majesty The Queen has been received by the National Baby Week Council:—

"The first week in July having been fixed for National Baby Week, and this being the tenth anniversary, I, as Patron of the Council, desire once again to place on record the very deep interest I take in the invaluable work of the Members of the Council, and to express to all the workers of this movement my keen appreciation of their untiring efforts on behalf of the welfare of the mothers and babies of the nation.

"It is with pleasure I learn that the Council has received requests for assistance in the organisation of local propaganda to the extent of 50 per cent. in excess of similar demands last year, and I sincerely trust that the activities of the Council may continue to prosper in the future as they have done in the past."

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In this connection, the National Baby Week Council, 117, Piccadilly, London, W.1, draw prominent attention to the following special aspects of the maternity and child welfare problem, each of these being of particular moment at the present day:—

(a) Problems affecting the Mother—her care before the birth of her child, during, and in the early days after the birth. This is important because the death rate of mothers in childbirth has shown very little decrease since the maternity and child welfare movement was inaugurated, while the infant death rate has been lowered by 50 per cent.

(b) Care of the Toddler. Once infancy is passed the young child is subject to peculiar perils very largely due to imperfect management.

(c) The Father's part in the Child Welfare Movement.

THE OFFICIAL STATE REGISTERED UNIFORM.

We desire to draw the notice of our readers to the fact that they can now obtain the State Uniform from Messrs. Gayler & Pope, Ltd., 112-117, High Street, Marylebone, London, W. 1. As this establishment is in the very heart of the Nursing Home district, it will, no doubt, prove a great convenience to many who appreciate the good service and reasonable terms obtained from this firm.

COMING EVENTS.

July 15th.—Meeting, General Nursing Council for England and Wales, 20, Portland Place, London, W. 1. 2.30 p.m.

July 21st.—Miss Alice Cattell "At Home," R.B.N.A. Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. 4-6 p.m.

July 22nd.—Distribution of Prizes to Probationer-Nurses at St. Marylebone Hospital by Sir John Broadbent, Bart., M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P. 3 p.m.

July 31st.—Annual Re-union of Nurses, Preston Hospital, North Shields (Tynemouth Joint Hospital Board). Presentation of Medals to successful nurses.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

July 15th-16th.—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Bazaar in support of finances of the International Council of Nurses, and the Emergency Fund of the National Council of Nurses. Conference Hall, Central Hall, Westminster. 11.30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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