

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

Britain will accord a great welcome to the Duke and Duchess of York when they reach these shores on their return from the Antipodes, for not only have they been unsparing in fulfilling their special mission with splendid success, but personally they have by their personal sympathy and charm materially strengthened the ties between great Dominions overseas and the Throne and Empire. This is no small service and one which the members of our Royal House know well how to perform.

Great pleasure was given when the Duke at the dinner given in his honour at Parliament House, Canberra, presented on behalf of the King to the Speaker of the House of Representatives two copies of the dispatch boxes in use in the House of Commons for use at Canberra as "a personal mark of his Majesty's deep interest in the establishment of Parliament in the new capital at Canberra and an expression of his best wishes for the future," and on behalf of the Duchess and himself he presented a tortoiseshell and silver cigar box for use in the new Parliament House.

His Royal Highness struck a happy note when, replying to the toast of his health proposed by the Prime Minister, he said (as reported by the Special Correspondent of *The Times*) that his first impression of Australia was the wonderful loyalty of the people and the affectionate regard everywhere shown to the King and the Royal House. He meant loyalty in no narrow sense, but loyalty to those traditions of British determination, pluck, sense of justice, and fair play for which the Crown and Empire stood. All that was summed up in the words "British character."

The Duke also said that it was not given to many to travel to the distant parts of the Empire, and it behoved those who had had that wonderful opportunity to act as interpreters to those at home, and to try to make them realise the aims, aspirations, and difficulties of the Dominions. That would be the endeavour of himself and the Duchess to the utmost of their power when they returned to the Homeland.

The Prime Minister in his speech to 2,000 Delegates of the Women Unionist Organisations at the Albert Hall, on May 27th, speaking of the extension of the franchise to women on equal terms with men said:—

"I for one no longer look with apprehension on the enfranchisement of both sexes at the same age; I welcome it. It is through women that the institutions which build up the State can best be preserved."

And again:—

"This women's movement is no party movement. The step we propose to take is in harmony with the best traditions handed down by the best men we have had to lead us. I believe that democracy is incomplete until it is representative of the whole people, and that the responsibility rests alike on men and women."

The address of the Women's Committee of the National Memorial to Queen Alexandra, which has organised a scheme of tours of private gardens, is 58, Victoria-street, London, S.W.1.

Sir James Roberts, of Strathallan Castle, Perthshire, will earn the gratitude of many by the announcement which he made to a meeting of the Brontë Society at Leeds that he proposed to buy Haworth Parsonage, with the consent of the Trustees, subject to the approval of the Charity Commissioners and convert it into a Brontë Museum. It is specially opportune at the present time as Mr. H. H. Bonneli, of Philadelphia has bequeathed to the Society his Brontë collection of books and manuscripts.

MONOMARKS.

A USEFUL SCHEME FOR NURSES.

The scheme known as Monomarks is one which is being more and more made use of by the general public, and it has been pointed out that there are few people whom it should commend itself to more than the nurses who change so frequently their addresses and who have so little time to attend to their own personal business. Monomark will look after their affairs while they look after the affairs of others.

For the sum of 5s., a subscriber receives a very attractive marking outfit, and has allotted to her a monomark which is registered in the Central Index at Monomark House in High Holborn, London, W.C. This ensures to the subscriber a permanent address, from which letters, telegrams and telephone messages will be immediately forwarded, as well as other advantages. Anyone advertising can use her Monomark instead of inserting her full name and address, thereby insuring privacy and economy. It is, also, up to a certain extent, a useful means of securing the return of lost property, and gives the right to a reduction of premium for "All risks" insurance policies on portable property, provisions of special value to nurses.

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WORD FOR THE MONTH.

The Pioneers.

'Tis in the advance of individual minds
That the slow crowd should ground their expectations
Eventually to follow, as the sea
Waits ages in its bed till some one wave
Out of the multitudinous mass, extends
The empire of the whole, some foot, perhaps
Over the strip of sand which could confine
Its fellow so long time; thenceforth the rest
Even to the meanest, hurry in at once,
And so much is clear gained.

From the *Public Health Nurse*.

COMING EVENTS.

June 9th and 10th.—British College of Nurses. View Days at Headquarters, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30—6 p.m.

June 16th.—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, Meeting of Executive Committee, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 5 p.m.

June 17th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales, Monthly Meeting, 20, Portland Place. 2.30 p.m.

June 23rd.—Royal British Nurses' Association. Annual General Meeting, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7. 3 p.m.

June 25th.—British College of Nurses, Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 3 p.m.

July 9th.—League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, General Meeting at the Hospital. 3 p.m. Social Gathering in Great Hall after Meeting.

July 15th.—British College of Nurses. Annual General Meeting, House of Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W.1. 3 p.m.

July 15th.—British College of Nurses. Annual Dinner, St. James's Room, Hotel Metropole (entrance in Whitehall Place), London, W.C.2.

July 27th—30th.—International Council of Nurses, Interim Conference, Geneva, Switzerland.

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