

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The Duke and Duchess of York had not only a triumphant homecoming from their wonderful tour through British Dominions, but a really human time. What could a grandmother do more than our regal Queen Mary did, when she held an umbrella over mother and baby on Buckingham Palace balcony? Such a scene makes us all realise the charm of family affection by which our Royal Family are so closely united, and which sweetens lives so devoted to public duty.

For the first time the Newdigate prize for English verse at Oxford has been won by a woman. She is Gertrude E. Trevelyan, of Lady Margaret Hall.

Congregation of Oxford University carried by 229 votes to 164 the preamble of the Statute limiting the number of women students in residence.

The Principal of Somerville (Miss Margery Fry) who concluded the debate said that she was "weary of the discussion of the position of women, and that women did their best work when they were allowed to do it, not as women, but as human beings. To urge the rejection of the Statute was quite different from questioning the right of the University to pass it. The opposers never questioned the right; they did question the expediency. For herself she was, in opposing the Statute, conscious of no division of loyalty; all loyalties, whether to the women's Colleges, to the University, to the cause of national education, urged her in the same direction. She felt that the women's Colleges were bound to resist an encroachment, not indeed upon their rights, but upon their privileges, and to hand them on to their successors.

She opposed the proposal also from the point of view of the University; the passing of it would mean the continuance of the 'women's question' and the strengthening of what was avowedly a 'women's party,' which did not make for the peace of the University. There should not be such a differentiation by sex. If, again, there was alarm at a change in the social life at Oxford, that was no more than a pale reflection of a marked change throughout the country. And from the national point of view it was Oxford's duty to justify its benefactions and its use of the taxpayers' money by spreading the ideas it stood for throughout the body politic. The proposed Statute was an attempt to apply rule-of-thumb legislation to a very difficult and delicate problem, and as such was regrettable."

The decoration of St. Stephen's Hall in the House of Commons by eight new superb mural paintings, completes Sir Charles Barry's design, and symbolises the principal forces that went to "the Building of Britain." They were unveiled by the Prime Minister on June 28th, and should be seen by as many nurses as possible. These great works of art are calculated to inspire patriotic reverence for those who have sown that we may reap.

By the generosity of the Goldsmiths Company, which has more than once been extended to the British Museum, the trustees have acquired perhaps the most brilliant example in existence of Italian medallic art of the 16th century.

In 1554, on the marriage of Mary Tudor to Philip II, of Spain, Jacopo da Trezzo, of Milan, one of the King's favourite artists, was employed to make a marriage medal, and it is the gold specimen of Mary's Medal, incomparably finer than any other modern specimen, undoubtedly an original casting, chased and finished by the artist's own hand, which has been secured for the nation. Once in the British Museum no amount of gold can wrest it from us.

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A satisfactory arrangement has been arrived at in the legal action taken by J. G. Ingram and Son, Ltd., of the London India Rubber Works, Hackney Wick, against W. G. Ingram, a firm in Old Ford, before Mr. Justice Tomlin, in the Chancery Division on Tuesday, June 14th. The action has terminated amicably with a perpetual undertaking on the part of W. G. Ingram not to use on or in connection with their business in surgical rubber goods, whether as part of their trading style or otherwise, any name or phrase containing the word "Ingram," without adequately distinguishing such business and goods from those of J. G. Ingram and Son, Ltd.

This company take the opportunity of thanking publicly all who have so willingly assisted, both by evidence and by moral support.

COMING EVENTS.

July 4th.—Mothercraft Training Society. Annual Meeting, Cromwell House, Highgate Hill, London, N.6. 3.15 p.m.

July 5th-8th.—National Conference on Maternity and Infant Welfare. Great Hall, British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.

July 7th.—British College of Nurses. Opening of Members' Room for Tea. Fellows and Members able to be present are asked to notify the Secretary, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 3-6 p.m.

July 8th.—Royal British Nurses' Association. Meeting of General Council, 194 Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7.

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 11th-16th.—Congress of the Royal Sanitary Institute at Hastings. Inaugural address by the Rt. Hon. Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Bart., P.C., M.P., Secretary of State for Home Affairs. White Rock Pavilion, July 11th. 5 p.m.

July 12th.—Presentation of Certificates to the students completing the International Courses held at Bedford College for Women, under the auspices of the League of Red Cross Societies, by the Right Hon. Neville Chamberlain, P.C., M.P., Minister of Health. Bedford College, Regent's Park. 3.30 p.m.

July 15.—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 15.—British College of Nurses. Annual Dinner, St. James' Room, Hotel Metropole (entrance Whitehall Place), London, W.C.2. 7.45 p.m. (See page 160.)

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

July 23rd.—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Official Party for the I.C.N. Conference, Geneva, meets at Victoria Station (Continental departure platform) at 1 p.m. Note change of time.

July 25th.—International Council of Nurses. Meetings of Board of Directors, 9.30-12 noon, and 2.30 to 5 p.m., and thereafter at any time convenient to the members, on Tuesday, July 26th, Wednesday, July 27th (morning and afternoon), and Saturday, July 30th (afternoon). Conference Room, International Headquarters, 1, Place du Lac, Geneva, Switzerland.

July 27th-30th.—International Council of Nurses. Interim Conference. Salle Centrale, 10, Place de la Madeleine, Geneva.

August 6th.—British College of Nurses. Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 3 p.m.

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