

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

Orders have been issued by the Home Office in regard to the Register of Electors which will come into force on May 1st, 1929. The notice issued is as follows:—

"The Secretary of State has come to the conclusion that, on the present occasion, when the franchise is being extended to so large a number of persons, all occupiers should, so far as practicable, be required to complete the appropriate form of return. It is obviously important if an occupier is not at home at the time of the canvasser's visit, and the particulars are obtained from some other resident, that the particulars should be verified from a signed statement by the occupier or householder in the prescribed form, but it appears to the Secretary of State that a return in all cases will facilitate the complete and accurate preparation of the register. Accordingly, the Secretary of State directs that the appropriate form of return shall be delivered in the course of the house-to-house inquiry at all premises, and that the Registration Officer shall make arrangements for the purpose.

"It will be borne in mind that persons who fail to give the required information or who give false information are liable to proceedings under Rule 35 in Schedule 1 to the Act of 1918. If in any case failure to make a return appears to be due to wilful neglect on the part of the occupier or householder, it may be desirable to repeat the service of the form with such formalities as will in the event of continued non-compliance be sufficient to support proceedings for enforcement of the statutory penalty.

"In England, Wales, and Northern Ireland the date for the publication of the electors' lists will be January 24th, 1929, and for Scotland, February 16th, 1929. The last day for notice of objections to electors' lists in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland will be February 9th, and for Scotland March 2nd. The last days for claims will be respectively February 16th and March 2nd.

"A further circular on certain other matters connected with the preparation of the register will shortly be addressed to the Registration Officers."

The Annual Meeting and Conference of the National Council of Women of Great Britain will be held in the Assembly Rooms at York, from October 15th to 19th.

On Monday, October 15th, there will be a Young People's Meeting at 8 p.m., when the Chairman will be the Bishop of Whitby, and Miss Winifred Holtby will speak on "The new partnership," and Sir Alfred Pickford (Boy Scouts), on "A little about the British Empire."

On Tuesday, October 16th, there will be a special service in York Minster, at 9.45 a.m., when the preacher will be the Archbishop of York (designate of Canterbury). The morning and afternoon sessions will be occupied by meetings of the Representative Council and in the evening there will be a public meeting presided over by Mrs. Edwin Gray, J.P., when the speakers will be Mr. B. Seebohm Rowntree, on "Economic Conditions in Industry"; Miss A. D. Muncaster, on "How to lighten the work in the Home"; and Mrs. Rutherford Crockett, on "Domestic conditions and the creative worker."

On Wednesday, October 17th, the meeting of the Representative Council will continue with consideration of resolutions, and in the afternoon there will be an Arts and Crafts Exhibition, arranged by the Hull and York Branches, which will be formally opened by the Countess of Chesterfield. The Chairman will be Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, D.Sc., Ph.D., F.L.S., J.P., who will give a short account of the Work of the National Council of Women in this connection.

In the evening there will be a reception to Delegates by

the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress of York in the Assembly Rooms.

On Thursday, October 18th, the Representative Council meeting will continue with consideration of resolutions, and Public Meetings in the afternoon and evening, presided over respectively by the Hon. Mrs. Franklin, Vice-President, and the Lady Emmott, President.

Friday, October 19th, will be devoted to visits to places of interest in and around York, and York is so beautiful and interesting a city, and its surroundings so lovely, that the only difficulty of the Members of the Conference will be to know what to choose.

Tickets for the Conference may be obtained from the Hon. Conference Secretary, Mrs. Angelo Raine, Dringhouses Vicarage, York.

An interesting account of the recent opening of the old Haworth parsonage as the Brontë Museum and Library is given by *The Times*, which states:—

"Before the opening of the door by Lady Roberts with a golden key presented to her for the purpose, Sir James Roberts, of Strathallan Castle, Scotland, who as a boy worked in a Haworth mill, and to whom the society and the public are indebted for the gift of the property, handed over the deeds of the house to Sir Edward Brotherton, the president of the Society.

"Sir James Roberts said he was one of the fast-narrowing circle of Haworth veterans who remembered the parsonage family. He heard Mr. Brontë preach in the pathetic blindness of his old age. Mr. Nicholls frequently visited the schoolhouse when the scholars were at their mid-day meal, while Martha Brown was still to him a remembered figure. Above all, there rose the frail and unforgettable figure of Charlotte Brontë, who more than once stopped to speak to the lad, who now stood, a patriarch, before that assembly. Referring to the literary works of the sisters, he observed that the gifts matured within the walls of that old parsonage and under the wide horizon of the Haworth moors had made the village a shrine for pilgrims from many lands, so that when the necessity of finding adequate accommodation for the Brontë treasures arose it seemed to him that here, and here alone, where for 40 years the family had its hearth and home, was their true resting place."

WORD FOR THE MONTH.

Adam and Eve came back to Earth,
And looked at the fashions as shown by Worth;
Said Eve to Adam, "I think, my dear,
There isn't much change since we were here."

ANON.

COMING EVENTS.

September 8th.—The British College of Nurses. Council meeting. 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2 p.m.

September 25th—29th.—International Congress on Tuberculosis and International Nurses' Reunion at Rome.

September 26th.—Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association. Meeting at the Borough Isolation Hospital, Derby. 3 p.m.

September 28th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly meeting. 20, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

October 5th.—First of a Course of Nine Lectures on Psychology in Sickness and in Health. By Miss Mary Chadwick, S.R.N., F.B.C.N. 48, Tavistock Square, W.C.1. 6—7 p.m.

October 5th—19th.—National Council of Women. Annual meeting and Conference. Assembly Rooms, York.

October 18th.—British College of Nurses. The First of a Course of Lectures on Gynæcology, by Miss Gertrude Dearnley, M.D. 6.30 p.m. 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

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