

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The King and Queen have come to town, and the Royal Standard, thanks be, is floating over the Palace. "That's a bit of all right," said a Boy Scout, as together we watched it from St. James's Park Bridge. We were both rejoicing at the recovery of the King.

The Premier is also on duty after his trips and talks across the Atlantic. "Parity" and the "Freedom of the Seas" may be questions which cannot be ignored, but we were pleased to note that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald did not omit to allude to the fact that in Britain we are all more or less "salts," and pride in our "Royal Navy" and gratitude to our "sailor men" is in our blood. A straw shows which way the wind blows, and on "Trafalgar Day" never have we seen, in half a century, Nelson's statue more gloriously decorated. "Splendid," we said to a nippy cadet, admiring his own handiwork. "Yes," he replied, with a grin from ear to ear, "*We're showing them.*" Good.

The Prince of Wales is to represent the King at the Armistice Day Service on the 11th inst., and will lay a wreath at the Cenotaph on his behalf.

The proposal to supersede Remembrance Day by a Peace Parley has found no favour whatever with the man in the street—or the woman either. "Honour to whom honour is due" is the national demand—and must be obeyed.

No fewer than 37,000,000 poppies and 20,000 poppy wreaths have been made at the British Legion poppy factories in preparation for Armistice Day.

Activities of the British Legion have had to be curtailed during the past year in spite of the generous response of the public to the appeal in 1928, when £579,000 was collected. This year it is hoped that the total will reach £750,000. We hope our nurses will take an active part in the sale and purchase of poppies to help to swell the receipts.

Those of us who are privileged to live within touch of the Abbey Church of Westminster and Houses of Parliament may pass daily beautiful Memorials to the brave dead and pay them homage. We all know that erected near the Admiralty "In Memory of the Officers and other ranks of the Royal Naval Division—who gave their lives for their country—Antwerp, 1914; Gallipoli, 1915, 1916; Salonica, 1916; France and Belgium, 1916-1918." The inscription is the most heartrending and lovely to be found on any War Memorial:—

BLOW OUT YOUR BUGLES, OVER THE RICH DEAD.
THERE'S NONE OF THESE SO LONELY AND POOR OF OLD,
BUT, DYING, HAS MADE US RARER GIFTS THAN GOLD.
THESE LAID THE WORLD AWAY; POURED OUT THE RED
SWEET WINE OF YOUTH, GAVE UP THE YEARS TO BE
OF WORK AND JOY, AND THAT UNHOPED SERENE,
THAT MEN CALL AGE; THOSE WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN
THEIR SONS, THEY GAVE, THEIR IMMORTALITY.

The National Council of Women of Great Britain at its Annual Meeting in Manchester last month passed the following resolution, moved by Mrs. Stocks, of the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship, and seconded by Mrs. Mott, by a large majority:—

"That this Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women calls upon the Ministry of Health and upon Local Authorities to allow information with respect to methods of Birth Control to be given by medical officers at Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics in receipt of Government grants, in cases of which either a married mother asks for such information, or in which, in the

opinion of the medical officer, the health of the parents renders it desirable."

By a judgment delivered recently the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council hold that women are eligible to be summoned to and become members of the Senate of Canada.

Had the decision been adverse, the Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, states that the Government intended to introduce an amendment to the Constitution enabling the Government to appoint women to the Upper Chamber.

There is at present only one woman member of the Canadian House of Commons, and as there are five vacancies in the Senate now is the time to appoint at least one woman.

A large section of the Nationalist Party in the Transvaal has started an intensive agitation against the passing of the Women's Enfranchisement Bill in South Africa during the next Session of Parliament. The Prime Minister has promised to introduce such a measure, but it will be left to the members of the House of Assembly to decide whether it shall be translated into law.

It is known that the new Enfranchisement Bill will not include native women in its scope.

COMING EVENTS.

November 11th. Remembrance Day.

November 20th. The Matron-in-Chief and Members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Service At Home, Edward VII Rooms, Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, S.W. 3.30-6 p.m.

November 27th. United Nursing Services Club, Ltd., 34, Cavendish Square, London, W. Meeting of the Shareholders, 2-30 p.m.; General Meeting of Members, 3 p.m.

November 28th. Meeting of the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, The Medical Societies' Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W.1. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting, 5 p.m.

November 29th. General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting, 20, Portland Place, London, W., 2.30 p.m.

The British College of Nurses,

39, PORTLAND PLACE, W.

Lectures.

November 8th. Address on the Memorandum of the British Medical Association outlining a National Maternity Service Scheme for England and Wales. Speaker, Dr. W. H. F. Oxley, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. 8 p.m.

November 11th, 18th, 25th and December 2nd. Lectures on Dietetics by Professor V. H. Mottram, M.A., appointed Teacher in the University of London. 5.30 p.m.

November 29th and December 13th. Two lectures on Bacteriology by Dr. Arthur Rosher, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. 5.30 p.m.

All the Lectures are free to Fellows and Members. Admission to non-members 1s.

Those wishing to attend Lectures must notify the Secretary, B.C.N., 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

Other Events.

November 23rd. Council Meeting. 2 p.m.

November 23rd. Dance for Fellows and Members, by invitation of Miss Isabel Macdonald and Miss Dorothy Graham, at the House of the Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7. 8-12 p.m.

December 3rd. Portrait of Sir Richard Barnett, late M.P. for South-West St. Pancras, to be placed in the Club Room of the College in the presence of Sir Richard Barnett and those closely associated with him in promoting the Nurses' Registration Act, and Fellows and Members of the College.

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