

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

TO HONOUR ST. JOAN OF ARC.

"Divinest creature Astræa's daughter."

King Henry VI.—Shakespeare.

When St. Joan of Arc was burned alive at the age of nineteen, five hundred years ago this coming May, one of the English soldiers cried in remorse: "We have burned a Saint!" To-day, we all feel like that. And, as Rouen is this year celebrating her martyrdom, an English Committee has been formed, with the support of many eminent men and women, who appeal for an English contribution, by way of reparation, to the Church that Rouen is building in honour of St. Joan, in the Old Market Place of the Norman Capital, on the very spot where she died, chained to a stake. There will be a Golden Book containing the names of all English contributors of 5s. and over. It will be placed on the foundation stone which the Archbishop of Rouen will lay on May 30th, and afterwards left for ever in the Church.

All contributions should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Miss Sheila Kaye-Smith, c.o. St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance, 55, Berners Street, London, W.1.

The English Committee, which has been formed under the Presidency of His Eminence Cardinal Bourne, after consultation with the Memorial Committee, at Rouen, has decided that the gift from England shall take the form of the main door of the proposed Memorial Chapel, or of a stained-glass window, either of which will bear a suitable inscription.

A PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE.

Many will wish to be present at this great act of Recognition on the spot where the heroic Maid won her deathless crown of glorious martyrdom.

The Catholic Association has therefore organised a Pilgrimage to France, visiting scenes associated with St. Joan of Arc, and to participate in the Stone Laying Ceremony of the Memorial Chapel in Rouen, and a leaflet can be procured from the Association's address at 6, Buckingham Street, Strand, London, W.C.2.

Section A provides for a Seven Days' Pilgrimage, including visits to Tours, the Chateau de Villandry, Azay le Rideau, Castle of Chinon, where St. Joan recognised King Charles VII, and received command of the French Army, the Castle built by Henry II, and a visit to the place where Richard Cœur de Lion died. From Paris to Compiègne and Pierrefonds, it was at the former place St. Joan was taken prisoner by the Burgundians, and very basely sold

to the English Army. At Rouen, the great Gothic Cathedral, the abbey church of St. Owen, and that gem of later French Gothic, St. Maclon, the tower of the Norman Citadel, in which St. Joan was imprisoned, and put on trial; also the site of her martyrdom.

The inclusive cost of this thrilling tour is £12 12s.

Section B provides for a week-end pilgrimage to Rouen, to attend the Foundation Stone celebrations inclusive cost £5 5s.

The closing date for bookings is May 4th, 1931.

The simplicity of St. Joan's character, the holiness and beauty of her life, the wonder and achievements and her extreme youth, make her a unique figure in the annals of the human race.

To this generation has come the opportunity of giving expression to the sorrow of the people of this country for their share in her tragic death.

The centenary celebrations of the revival in Great Britain of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem will be observed from June 22nd to 27th. The King will hold a special Investiture of the Order at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, June 23rd.

A centenary appeal is being made for £100,000 to be subscribed by the members of the Order and their friends for the provision of headquarters worthy of the prestige of the Order and adequate for its work.

Lord Bessborough, the new Governor-General of Canada, took with him a new Flag for State occasions, the design of which has been approved by the King. Lord Bessborough's flag bears what is known as an Imperial crown as distinct from a Royal crown. It is blazoned in the centre, and is surmounted by an heraldic lion. Beneath the crown is the word "Canada." No other emblem appears on the flag, which is of a deep blue.

In the streets of the Metropolitan Police area in the three months ended in December 1930, 377 persons were killed and 13,323 injured. There were 30,286 accidents to persons and property. In the cases of pedestrians, it is stated 108 were killed through crossing the street without care, 55 through hesitancy or faltering, and 42 through passing between, behind, or in front of stationary vehicles.

The truth is that so little time is given to pedestrians to trip from one pavement to another, and so constantly is the crossing blocked by huge vehicles—and what with the intolerance of drivers of the very existence of pedestrians, the wonder is any escape with their lives.

It is a great blow to these unfortunate people that the Minister of Transport has failed to insist upon his excellent proposals for the safety of the public—and saving of life.



CATHÉDRALE DE REIMS—JEHANNE D'ARC "LA SAINTE"
par P. d'Epinay

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