

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The Imperial War-Graves Commission announce that the Memorial to the Missing at Thiepval (Somme) will be unveiled, says *The Times*, on Whit Monday by the Prince of Wales, in the presence of M. Doumer, President of the French Republic.

In this connection a suggestion was made by the French authorities, and has been welcomed by the Commission, that adjoining the memorial should be created a small joint Anglo-French cemetery to symbolise the sacrifices made by France and the British Empire in the common cause.

Dame Millicent Fawcett is about to be commemorated in Westminster Abbey by a memorial recalling her life and epoch-making work.

Visitors know Alfred Gilbert's fine monument there to Henry Fawcett, the blind Postmaster-General. The design is, most appropriately, that husband and wife shall be honoured together.

A very public-spirited woman, Dame Millicent Fawcett was a very devoted wife and mother.

The first stamp portrait of Princess Elizabeth is included in a new series that has been taken into use by the Newfoundland Post Office. Its face value is 6 cents, and the colour dark blue.

It will be eagerly secured by philatelists, as this little lady already commands the affectionate regard of the nation.

The marble bust of the late Miss Joan Procter, by Mr. George Alexander, which was in the Royal Academy Exhibition last year, has been given by a Fellow to the Zoological Society, and has now been placed in the Reptile House as a permanent memorial. Miss Procter was Curator of Reptiles to the Zoological Society from 1923 until her death last September.

The new Reptile House is admitted to be the best in the world, and its technical details are due to her artistic and practical skill and unique knowledge of the needs of living reptiles.

The Children and Young Persons Bill proposes important changes in the law affecting young offenders.

The outstanding clause proposes that "it shall be conclusively presumed that no child under the age of eight years can be guilty of any offence"; and that "sentence of death shall not be pronounced or recorded against any person under the age of 18 years." The present age is 16.

It is less than a hundred years ago that children could be hanged for stealing!

Can anyone answer these questions? Why do women dangle handbags and run the risk of personal injury in our streets, now that motorists can so easily get "away with it"?

Why do 'bus conductors (who appear to have a personal objection to picking up passengers) relieve their irritated bronchial tubes by coughing towards the passengers instead of in the other direction?

Why encourage dumping by buying matches in the street made in Scandinavia, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, and Russia? Why not advise these mendicants to "buy British"?

Largely owing to British initiative during the last assembly, the Council of the League of Nations will appoint a Committee of Experts to examine the question of slavery, on the basis of the material supplied by Governments since the adoption of the Slavery Convention in 1926. It will also deal with the problems raised by the Liberian

Government's request for assistance in carrying out the recommendations which should finally put an end to slavery in that country, and will consider the report of the Commission of Inquiry which it sent to Liberia in 1931.

The Governing Body of the International Labour Organisation at Geneva has decided to appoint a panel of experts for consultation by the International Labour Office in its study of women's work.

This panel will need watching, as recommendations concerning the work of professional nurses may come under review.

NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN.

The Home Secretary, the Right Hon. Sir Herbert Samuel, received at the Home Office, on January 29th, a deputation of women's organisations on the subject of the nationality of married women.

The spokesmen of the deputation, which was introduced by Miss Thelma Cazalet, M.P., were Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon (National Council of Women), Miss Chrystal Macmillan (Nationality of Married Women Pass the Bill Committee), Mrs. Corbett Ashby (National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship), Miss D. Elizabeth Evans (Six Point Group), Miss Chave-Collison (British Commonwealth League), Mrs. Harewood (Women's Co-operative Guild), and Mrs. Flora Drummond (Women's Guild of Empire).

The deputation urged that the Government should give practical effect to the policy that all disabilities of married women in matters of nationality should be removed, and that, in so far as nationality was concerned, a married woman should be in the same position as a man, married or unmarried, or any single woman. In particular, the deputation urged that the Government should do all that was necessary to secure the passage into law of the Nationality of Married Women Bill in the coming session of Parliament.

The Home Secretary, in his reply, gave no hope of a Bill for this reform being advanced this session—or, indeed, until the Dominions were in agreement.

Mrs. Flora Drummond must mount her white horse as she did aforetime, and lead a public protest against waiting for the Dominions or any other reactionary people. Let Great Britain stand on her own feet and manage her own affairs. A nice change it would be.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick attended by invitation to represent the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, a patriotic body of women who deeply value their splendid birthright.

COMING EVENTS.

February 9th.—Croydon General Hospital. Opening of the Charles Heath Clark Memorial New Home for Nurses by Miss Heath Clark. 2.30 p.m.

February 18th.—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Meeting of the International Advisory Committee, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, 4.15 p.m. Tea 4 p.m.

February 20th.—British College of Nurses. Monthly Meeting of Council, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2.15 p.m.

February 26th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting, 20, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

March 15th.—British College of Nurses. Lecture by Miss Evelyn Wilkins, B.A., Principal, Battersea Polytechnic, Public Health Department, on "A Stimulus to Teaching." 5.30 p.m.

WHAT TO READ.

- "The Genius of Louis Pasteur." By Piers Compton.
- "Shadows on the Rock." By Willa Cather.
- "Magnolia Street." By Louis Golding.
- "Brothers." By L. A. G. Strong.

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