

## OUTSIDE THE GATES.

Already the whole nation is bubbling with enthusiasm to make the King's Accession Day, May 6th, and the Silver Jubilee Celebrations to follow, a never-to-be-forgotten time. And London, of course, is giving the lead in expressing its joy and thankfulness for a reign of great achievement.

An appeal on behalf of King George's Jubilee Trust has been issued from St. James's Palace by the Prince of Wales. The scheme is for a National Thankoffering to be devoted to the welfare of the rising generation.

The appeal points out that there are over a million boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 18 who have no opportunity of enjoying the games and chances of self-development to which they are entitled. Existing voluntary organisations do much to help these boys and girls, but lack of money prevents them covering the whole field, and the Thankoffering Fund will help voluntary organisations to extend their work and also to start similar movements in areas at present untouched.

Thousands of pounds are pouring in in response to the Appeal. Who would not be young!

The King's birthday will be celebrated at home and abroad on June 3rd, excepting at the Customs and dock companies, where celebrations will be held on June 8th.

Queen Marie of Roumania will preside at the 145th anniversary dinner of the Royal Literary Fund in London on May 2nd.

The Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, who made this announcement at the annual meeting of the Fund, said that during the year 59 grants, totalling about £4,000, had been made. It was the largest number of beneficiaries for nearly 20 years.

Those of us who have recently read the three volumes of "The Story of My Life," by Queen Marie, realise that this brilliant Royal Lady will preside at the Dinner by right and not by courtesy.

The Bishop of Namur recently blessed the primroses planted on the rocks at March-les-Dames where the late King of the Belgians met his death. These primroses were sent to Belgium by the Anglo-Belgian Union last October.

### SWEET PEACE.

My soul, there is a country  
 Far beyond the stars,  
 Where stands a winged sentry  
 All skilful in the wars.  
 There, above noise and danger,  
 Sweet Peace sits crowned with  
 smiles,  
 And one born in a manger  
 Commands the beauteous files.  
 He is Thy gracious Friend,  
 And—O my soul—awake!—  
 Did in pure love descend  
 To die here for thy sake.  
 If thou canst get but thither,  
 There grows the flower of Peace,  
 The love that cannot wither,  
 Thy fortress and thy ease.  
 Leave then thy foolish ranges;  
 For none can thee secure  
 But One who never changes—  
 Thy God, thy life, thy cure.

HENRY VAUGHAN.

## WHAT TO READ.

### BIOGRAPHY AND MEMOIRS.

- "The King's Grace," John Buchan.
- "The Story of My Life" (vol. 3), Queen Marie of Roumania.
- "Phantom Crown," Bertita Harding.
- "Farewell to Fifth Avenue," Cornelius Vanderbilt.
- "Brighton," Osbert Sitwell and Margaret Barton.
- "The King's First Ambassador"—A Biographical Study of the Prince of Wales, Basil Maine.

### FICTION.

- "February Hill," Victoria Lincoln.
- "Coronation Baby," Robert Gathorne Hardy.
- "The Stars Look Down," Cronin.
- "More than Kind," Caroline Seaford.
- "Cat Across the Path," Ruth Feiner.
- "The Little Wench," Philip Lindsay.

### HISTORY.

- "The Letters of Charles II," Arthur Bryant.
- "Garibaldi, Man and Politician," Paul Frischauer.

## COMING EVENTS.

April 13th.—British College of Nurses. Council Meeting. 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

April 24th.—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Meeting of Executive Committee. 39, Portland Place, London, W. 4.30 p.m. Tea (by invitation of the President). 4 p.m.

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

### MAY.

- May 6th.—Accession Day. Silver Jubilee Ceremonies.
- May 6th.—Ball at the Albert Hall in support of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. President, Her Royal Highness Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone.
- May 13th.—Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

*Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.*

### A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Your correspondent "One who pays" will be pleased to learn that I have for the first time received from the General Nursing Council for England and Wales a list of the probationers trained in this Nursing School, who have successfully passed its examination—which list when posted on our green-board was eagerly scanned by the whole school. This is a step in the right direction, so let us hope the expenditure of that £300 in interesting the public in our scholastic triumphs, and instructing them in the fact, which few appreciate, that the qualification of "Registered Nurse" has a real professional value, may be expended and added to the £20,000 consumed in the remuneration of our examiners!

Yours sincerely,

A MATRON WHO HELPS TEACH PROBATIONERS.

### KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

Good Retiring Pension Needed.

State Certified Midwife writes: "I am glad to see that the Joint Council of Midwifery in their Report draw attention to the continuance in practice of women over 70 and even 80 years of age as a serious blot on the present system. If there is any occupation which demands women

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