

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

Date of Coronation.

His Majesty the King, at a special meeting of the Privy Council held at Buckingham Palace on May 28th, fixed Wednesday, May 12th, as the date for his Coronation next year.

The Proclamation concerning the Coronation was read the following day by the Officers of Arms with the time-honoured ceremonial at four centres—Friary Court, St. James's; Charing Cross; the corner of Chancery Lane; and the Royal Exchange.

Large crowds assembled and acclaimed the historic event, anticipating, no doubt, the glories of pageantry to be enjoyed next year.

The Liber Regalis.

It is specifically enjoined in the famous Coronation Service Book known as the *Liber Regalis*, still preserved in the Abbey library at Westminster, that Coronations are to take place only on "holy days."

It is the irony of fate that May 12th is the "feast day" of Saint Joan of Arc, the glorious national heroine of France, for whose martyrdom we have failed to do penance.

May 12th is also the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the nurses' uncanonised saint.

The Royal Victorian Order.

The King has signified his intention to alter the Statutes of the Royal Victorian Order in order to permit of the admission of ladies to the Order.

The various classes of the Order will in future be as follows:—

- I. Knight Grand Cross, Dame Grand Cross—G.C.V.O.
- II. Knight Commander—K.C.V.O.
Dame Commander—D.C.V.O.
- III. Commander—C.V.O.
- IV. Member of the Fourth Class—M.V.O.
- V. Member of the Fifth Class—M.V.O.

The description of the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Classes of the Order will be identical for both ladies and gentlemen.

His Majesty has also been pleased to command that ladies appointed to the First and Second Classes of the Order shall be entitled to use the style of "Dame" before their Christian or first names.

The Mothers' Union.

The Mothers' Union, founded sixty years ago by Mary Elizabeth Sumner, is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee at the end of June and the beginning of July by a conference at Mary Sumner House, Westminster, and a pageant at the Albert Hall.

The pageant will symbolise the ideals of the Union in upholding the sanctity of marriage, in awakening in all mothers a sense of their great responsibility in training their children, and in organising in every place a band of mothers to unite in service for the moral and spiritual welfare of the race. It will be, indeed, the expression of a mother's prayer for the world, her country, and her home, and it will move on in a vivid, stately joyous way, with winding processions, massed crowds, ballet, visions, tableaux, music and drama.

Canadian War Memorial.

At the opening of the House of Commons at Ottawa, Mr. Mackenzie King, the Prime Minister, announced that King Edward would unveil the Canadian War Memorial at Vimy Ridge on July 26th, and that the French President, M. Lebrun, would also attend the ceremony. The announcement was received with loud cheers.

WHAT TO READ.

BIOGRAPHY AND MEMOIRS.

"The Pilgrim's Quest for the Divine." Lord Conway of Allington.

"Anonymous, 1871-1933."

"The Life of Admiral Collingwood." Geoffrey Murray.

"Botha Treks." Lt.-Col. H. F. Trew.

"Haig." Vol. II. Duff Cooper.

"Lord Kitchener." Arthur Hodges.

FICTION.

"African Witch."

"A House of Women." H. E. Bates.

"Tare Harvest." Eleanor Peters.

HISTORY.

"The Oxford History of England. The Reign of Elizabeth, 1558-1603." J. B. Black.

"St. Joan of Arc." V. Sackville West.

POETRY.

"A Letter from Pontus." John Masefield.

COMING EVENTS.

June 20th.—The British College of Nurses. Council Meeting. 39, Portland Place, W. 2.30 p.m.

June 24th.—League of Fever Nurses. Annual Meeting at the United Dairies, Willesden. 2.30 p.m.

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

June 26th.—F.N.I.F. Presentation of Certificates to Florence Nightingale International Students by H.R.H. the Duchess of Kent. Bedford College for Women. 3.30 p.m.

June 29th to July 3rd.—National Council of Women. Annual Conference and Representative Council Meeting. Southport.

JULY.

July 4th.—League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. General Meeting, Lecture Room, Nurses' Home, St. Bartholomew's Hospital. 3 p.m. Social gathering in the Great Hall.

July 6th.—The British College of Nurses. Annual Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. 3.30 p.m. All Fellows and Members are eligible to attend. Tea, 4.30 p.m.

Owing to pressure on space this month's Correspondence is unavoidably postponed.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

Parental Responsibility of Parents for Probationers.

Mother writes: "So many parents think that the teaching and training of a daughter as a nurse should be entirely met by the managers of hospitals so long as they are compelled to do ward work as well as nursing."

[Nursing necessarily includes a certain amount of ward work; domestic efficiency is the basis of comfort for the sick.—ED.]

Mr. James Evans, late General Inspector of the Ministry of Health for Wales, states:—

"I should like to be allowed to express my deep regret at the death of Miss Humphreys-Roberts, and my sense of the loss which the Ministry of Health and the Poor-Law Administration in Wales have sustained at the passing, in the prime of life, of an officer whose wide experience, coupled with a sympathetic personality, has done so much to bring the nursing in the infirmaries and sick wards of our Public Assistance institutions in Wales to its present high standard."

PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR JULY.

What do you understand by Chorea? What complications may occur, and what points require special attention in nursing a patient suffering from this complaint?

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