

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The King's Wishes.

The King, as patron of both the British Legion and King George's Jubilee Trust, has been graciously pleased for the former to organise a sale of emblems on the day of his Majesty's Coronation, the proceeds of which shall be divided equally between the Prince of Wales's British Legion Pension Fund and King George's Jubilee Trust.

Coronation Pottery.

Four million pieces of Coronation pottery will be made in North Staffordshire from a design selected as a result of a competition recently instituted by the British Pottery Manufacturers' Federation. The King has promised his autograph for the pottery, and the manufacturers will give a royalty on each piece to the King George's Jubilee Trust for the benefit of the youth movements of the country. It is expected that £10,000 will thereby accrue to the Trust as a special Staffordshire gift.

Beginning of a New Era.

Centenary celebrations of the University of London have been of a most enthusiastic nature.

The King sent the following message through the Chancellor, the Earl of Athlone, to a luncheon over which he presided.

"I take this opportunity of sending, as Visitor, my sincere congratulations to the University of London on the occasion of its centenary. I am glad to hear of the progress of the new buildings on the Bloomsbury site, which marks the beginning of a new era as well as of a new century in the life of the University. Please convey my good wishes to the visiting delegates, not only from other British Universities and learned societies, but also from the Empire Overseas and from abroad, who have come to celebrate with you this landmark in your history."

Tribute to Queen Astrid.

The memorial chapel erected at Küsnacht, on the Lake of Lucerne, on the spot where Queen Astrid was killed in a motor accident on August 29th, 1935, was dedicated on June 28th.

The ground on which the Chapel stands has been presented by Switzerland to the Belgian people. Among the nine beautiful stained-glass windows is one representing the late Queen.

At the most solemn moment of the Mass the congregation in the fields and by the roadside knelt in prayer and the Belgian standard-bearers lowered the regimental colours.

Vicomte du Parc, representing the King of the Belgians, and ecclesiastical and diplomatic representatives from foreign countries placed wreaths before the roadside altar below the chapel.

The bell to be installed in the steeple of the small chapel was consecrated. It was draped in bridal white and adorned with myrtle buds.

It is engraved with the Latin inscription: "Astridam Plango Belgarum Reginam Quae Hic Perit A.D. 1935 Aetate 29." This in English reads: "I mourn for Astrid, the Queen of the Belgians, who perished here in 1935, aged 29."

Distinguished in English Literature.

Alas, No. 50, Wimpole Street, the house in which Elizabeth Barratt lived for the four years preceding her marriage to Robert Browning (1842-1846), is in the hands of the house-breakers. Seriously ill as she was then her literary work had gained distinction, and here it was that Robert Browning came to see her, with the result as all the world knows, that an ideal marriage resulted. It is hoped that the

building which takes its place will bear an L.C.C. plaque notifying that in a former house on this site dwelt one distinguished in English literature.

A Well-deserved Honour.

The Royal Humane Society's Stanhope Gold Medal for 1935 has been awarded to Miss Evelyn Graham Irons, a journalist on the staff of the *Evening Standard*, who rescued a woman from drowning in a rough sea at Tresaith Beach, Cardigan Bay, last July. Miss Irons was swimming about 50 yards away from her friend, Mrs. MacSweeney, when the latter was caught in a cross-current while bathing and swept seaward. Miss Irons at once went to her aid and supported her while calling for assistance. A small boat which was launched capsized, and attempts to launch a larger boat failed. Mrs. MacSweeney became unconscious, and Miss Irons continued to support her, the waves breaking over them continuously.

"At this stage," the report states, "there was small prospect of any rescue. Miss Irons, who could then probably have saved herself, decided to stay by her friend and save her, or perish in the attempt.

"After about an hour the current changed. A strong swimmer put on a line and succeeded in swimming out to them, others on the beach holding the line and forming a human chain close to the breakers, and all were hauled ashore."

This is the first time the Stanhope Medal has been awarded by the Society to a woman, and it is just on a hundred years since it awarded any gold medal to a woman. In 1838 one was bestowed on Grace Darling for her heroic part in the rescue of one woman and four men from the s.s. *Forfarshire*, which was wrecked on the rocks off the Farne Islands.

Votes for Women in France.

An interesting indication of the evolution of French politics, says the Paris Correspondent of the *Sunday Times*, is the growing advocacy of votes for women among the Radicals, Socialists and Communists. Hitherto, women's suffrage has been baulked by the Radical-Socialist Senators, who feared that the women's vote would be influenced primarily by the clergy and therefore would be ultra-conservative.

The Left parties apparently have changed their views, for they are now talking about a National Feminist Council. A mass meeting is to be held, under the chairmanship of Mme. Louise Weiss (the modern Mrs. Pankhurst of France), to outline a law for presentation to the new Chamber of Deputies granting votes to women.

Norwegian women with "career" leanings have been sadly disappointed by the rejection by the Norwegian Parliament of a Bill which would have made them eligible for all Government posts on an equal footing with men. Women cannot, therefore, hold posts as members of the Government or the diplomatic service, nor can they become ministers of religion.

Annual Memorial Service for Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst.

The Annual Memorial Service for Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst will be held on Thursday, July 16th, at 1.30 p.m., at St. John's Church, Smith Square, Westminster.

The Right Hon. and Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of London will preach.

At the close of the Service, members of the congregation will proceed to Mrs. Pankhurst's Statue in Victoria Tower Gardens, where flowers will be laid.

To thus honour the memory of so great a woman will, we feel sure, appeal to many Nurses who largely owe their citizenship to her valiant struggle upon their behalf.

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