

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The Coronation Rite.

The Rev. W. R. JOHNSON, Proctor in Convocation, St. Ervan, Cornwall, states in *The Times* :—

The Coronation rite is popularly thought and spoken of as a Coronation. But the crowning, though the dramatic moment which has given its name to the whole function, is consequential. The essential points are two: One is the anointing; the other is the reception by the Sovereign of the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. The rest of the service is preliminary or derivative. The anointing is placed, as is the ordination of priests and the consecration of Bishops, within the setting of the Eucharist, and is an act by which grace is bestowed. That it is, I think, now unique in Christendom gives it an additional interest, but its true value lies in this bestowal. Pageantry is intended to amplify and embellish the central significance, and not to obscure it.

"God Save the King."

Mrs. Close-Brooks writes in the *Times*: "Would it not now be an excellent moment to revive the old wording, 'Long Live our Lord, the King'? I understand 'noble' was substituted for the above two words when Queen Victoria came to the Throne."

It had been the ardent hope of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and its Congress Committee that a Special Service would be held in Westminster Abbey on Sunday, July 18th, 1937, to be attended by delegates from all over the world, antecedent to the opening of the Congress of the International Council of Nurses in the Central Hall, Westminster, on the following day.

The decision to close the Abbey from January 4th to the first Sunday in August will, we fear, render this service impossible, and other arrangements will have to be made. The precedent goes back to the eighteenth century.

Whether such a long period is necessary in these days of tubular steel scaffolding for the erection of galleries and other modern devices may be doubted.

The Office of Works, with which the responsibility rests, is standing firmly on tradition. The Dean and Chapter have no option in the matter.

The Abbey is a Royal Peculiar and the King, as the Ordinary, has the final jurisdiction. This he exercises through the responsible Minister.

After the Coronation, members of the public will be admitted to the Abbey to view the arrangements made for the ceremony, a visit to which will no doubt be paid by nurses from Overseas.

It is announced that the foundation stone of the new Church House, Westminster, will be laid by Queen Mary on Saturday, June 26th, 1937.

The Lord Chamberlain is authorised to announce that plays concerning the life of Queen Victoria can now be considered for production after June 20th, 1937, subject to the usual regulations for the licensing of stage plays. This date has been selected as being the centenary of Queen Victoria's Accession to the Throne.

The House of Lords rejected Lord Ponsonby's Euthanasia Bill by 35 votes to 14.

The general feeling of the House was well expressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, who refused to embody in a statute any departure from the principle that nobody should take his own life, though he was quite ready to condone the action of any doctor who decided not to prolong a life afflicted with painful and ultimately fatal disease. Lord Horder, in particular, took this view, and disliked the change in the doctor's function which the Bill would involve.

THE RESULT OF THE MIDWIFE TEACHERS' EXAMINATION, 1936. (PART 2.)

Name.	Passed.	Post.
BEARD, Florence Emily	Maternity Night Sister, Forest Gate Hospital.
BONSON, Florence Annie Deyes.	...	Sister, Maternity Department, Stepping Hill Hospital.
EDWARDS, Annie Margaret	...	District Sister, Warneford General Hospital.
EDWARDS, Sarah	Assistant Tutor, Liverpool Maternity Hospital.
DINHAM, Flora Jane	District Sister, Bristol General Hospital.
JACKSON, Ivernia	Maternity Sister, Preston Royal Infirmary.
HOLDING, Annie	Assistant Tutor, Liverpool Maternity Hospital.
JENNINGS, Gertrude Mary	...	Tutor-Sister, General Lying-in Hospital.
LOWE, Doris Eva	Assistant Matron, Cheltenham Victoria Home.
MANN, Bessie	Sister, Maternity Nursing Association.
MENNIE, Jane Slazenger Garden.	...	Teaching Sister, British Hospital for Mothers and Babies.
PARSONS, Nora Margaret	...	Extern Sister, Middlesex Hospital.
SIDDALL, Elizabeth	Assistant Matron, Ilford Council Maternity Home.
THORNTON, May	Night Sister, University College Hospital.
WILLIAMS, Margaret Elizabeth.	...	Sister, Ormond Maternity Home.

WHAT TO READ.

MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

- "When I Remember." Lady Muriel Beckwith.
- "The Life of Paul Gauguin." Robert Burnett.
- "Behind the Spanish Barricades." John Langdon-Davies.

FICTION.

- "The Croquet Player." H. G. Wells.
- "Sand Castle." Janet Beith.
- "Mary Lavelle," Kate O'Brien.
- "Mild and Bitter," A. P. Herbert.
- "Laughter in Cheyne Walk," Ursula Bloom.
- "Tales of an Empty Cabin," Grey Owl.

TRAVEL.

- "Return to Malaya." R. H. Bruce Lockhart.
- "My Legacy Cruise," Mrs. Alec Tweedie.
- "The Land I Love," Annie S. Swan.

POETRY

- "More Poems," A. E. Housman.

COMING EVENTS.

December 18th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting, 20, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

December 19th.—The British College of Nurses. Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.30 p.m. Celebration of Registration Day, 4.30 p.m. Address on "Elizabeth the Peacemaker," by Miss Isabel Macdonald, F.B.C.N., followed by the ceremony of cutting the Registration Cake.

December 25th.—Christmas Day. Hospital Festivities.
January 1st, 1937.—New Year's Day.

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