

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

It is announced that Queen Mary has decided to live in Marlborough House which is now being prepared for her occupation. This very fine mansion has a beautiful garden and is close to St. James' Palace. It was a great social centre in the gay days of King Edward VII when Prince of Wales, graced as it was by the loveliest Princess in the world, Alexandra of Denmark.

QUEEN MARY'S MESSAGE TO THE NATION.

A reproduction of Her Majesty Queen Mary's Message to the Nation will shortly be published by Messrs. Raphael Tuck & Sons, Ltd., and the proceeds of the sale of this Message are to be devoted to the funds of Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End, Stratford.

THE LOYAL TOASTS.

The King has approved a recommendation of the Home Secretary that the order and form of the loyal toasts to be used in future at official and public dinners shall be as follows:—

- 1.—The King.
- 2.—Queen Mary, the Duke and Duchess of York, and the other members of the Royal Family.

A WISE DECISION.

The organisers of the Mount Everest Expedition have decided to take Ovaltine as a ration during their climb.

The whole of the egg supply of the expedition, totalling 3,500 eggs, will be from the Ovaltine egg farm at King's Langley, the largest poultry farm in the world.

NIGHT-CAPS—OLD AND NEW.

How many old-fashioned night-caps with their quaint peaks and tassels are still in use to-day? Not many, certainly; for the modern generation has discovered a new and better form of "night-cap," even more successful in inducing sound, refreshing sleep.

Nowadays a "night-cap" means a hot drink before bed, and to an ever-increasing number of people it means a Bovril-and-milk, which is daily—or nightly—becoming more popular because it is so soothing and so easily digested.

But this particular form of "night-cap" is equally fashionable during the day. For a small teaspoonful of Bovril in a glass of hot milk makes an ideal "food-drink" at any time, particularly when one is a little tired or run-down. Bovril-and-milk is not only delicious and appetising—even to those who find plain milk rather dull—it is also wonderfully invigorating and strengthening, for the Bovril helps the system to assimilate the milk and adds its own unique nourishing powers.

MESSAGE FROM THE KING TO THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

The Home Secretary has sent the following letter to Major-General Sir Percival Wilkinson, Secretary-General of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem:—

I am commanded by the King to express to you, and through you to all members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade who were on duty in connection with the funeral of his late Majesty King George the Fifth yesterday, the entire satisfaction of his Majesty and of her Majesty Queen Mary with the manner in which their work was carried out. Their Majesties deeply appreciate the services which the members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade rendered to the public during the funeral procession, and they have no doubt that these services contributed largely to the comfort and well-being of the great crowds lining the streets.

HAIL AND FAREWELL.

THE PASSING OF KING GEORGE V.

Those of us who carefully kept our copies of *The Times* during "the sadly historic days" covering the period of the illness of King George V and ending with the burial of his body in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, with the purpose of making a permanent record of them, are delighted that *The Times* Publishing Company has published in book form, under the title "Hail and Farewell," the complete story of the passing of King George and of the Empire's farewell, based upon the record of events which appeared day by day in *The Times*. The book which includes many pictures, beautifully reproduced, is one to be possessed and handed on to future generations, and as the cost is only 2s. 6d. it is within the reach of all.

There is no need to stress the literary quality of the book. *The Times* can at all times command the best literary talent, and its finest writers have contributed to the narrative.

The speeches also in Parliament on the morning of addresses to King Edward VIII and to Queen Mary, are reproduced and we may fittingly conclude this notice with a brief extract from the speech of Lord Halifax in the House of Lords:

"In the hard test of war we recall how much of the will to endurance was inspired by his (King George's) leadership and example . . . Strong in his own faith, he was able to inspire others with a courage which matched his own; and so events that brought adversity to other Monarchs served only here to strengthen the foundations of the Throne, and to increase the stature of the King."

WHAT TO READ.

BIOGRAPHY AND MEMOIRS.

- "George V," Arthur Bryant.
- "Elizabeth, Empress of Austria," Count Corti.
- "The Last of the Empresses." The Passing of old China to the new. Daniele Varé.
- "General Smuts," Sarah Gertrude Millin.
- "Through 80 Years (1855-1935), The Reminiscences of Charlotte Viscountess Barrington."
- "My Country and My People," Lin Yutang.

FICTION.

- "Three Sisters Flew Home," Mary Fitt.
- "The Alchemist," M. Armstrong Payn.
- "Retreat from Death," Herbert Hill.
- "The Exile," Pearl Buck.
- "Vein of Iron," Ellen Glasgow.
- "Loss of the Vosper," Crofts.
- "Man the Unknown," Dr. Alexis Carrel.

THE SNOWDROP.

The Snowdrop is the herald of the flowers
Sent with its small white flag of truce to plead
For its beleaguered brethren: suppliantly
It prays stern Winter to withdraw his troop
Of winds and blustering storms; and, having won
A smile of promise from its pitying face,
Returns to tell the issue of its errand
To the expectant host.

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