

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

Filial Affection.

On St. George's Day, April 23rd, the King, when unveiling the memorial at Windsor to King George V., erected by the people of the Royal Borough, and friends in the city of Windsor, Ontario, and bearing the proud title "George V. First Sovereign of the House of Windsor," in the presence of the Queen, Queen Mary, and other members of the Royal Family, after expressing his gratitude for the memorial, said:

"If I may speak for a moment of him in whose honour this memorial has been erected, let me only say that to me personally the memory of my father will always bring the inspiration of a high example.

"I hope that in trying to fulfil our great responsibilities, the Queen and I may be supported by some measure of that trust and affection which were so fully given to him and to my dear mother by the peoples of this country and of the Empire."

Afterwards the King laid a wreath of orchids, yellow roses, pink carnations, arum lilies and primroses on the lower step of the memorial.

Crowning the King.

Lewis Broad writes in "Crowning the King":—

"Kingship is one of the oldest of human institutions, and has continued through many centuries; it has not remained unchanged, but has been altered to meet varying needs. . . . For each Sovereign who has worthily fulfilled his responsibility on the throne of England, there has been some particular task, some special achievement to his credit. Some of our Sovereigns fought for England; some gave her good laws. King Edward VII won the name of peacemaker, and under King George's guidance difficult constitutional problems were faced and wisely solved. What will be the special contribution to England's history of King George VI? From his career as Duke of York we have some indication, some assurance, that a new achievement will be his."

Man or Machine?

Intelligent observers who owe their transport to the gay red buses which circulate in and around London, have been expecting the busmen's strike for quite a while, as "speeding up" a few years ago by command of the London Passenger Transport Board has been the determining factor, because the physical strain has been as the men anticipated beyond human endurance. The busmen are striking for shorter hours and more healthy conditions, not for higher wages. Unfortunately, human beings are created with both digestive and nervous systems which nature demands must be taken into consideration in special branches of work, and the drivers and conductors of motors in the Metropolis work under conditions which demand special consideration. Imagine the responsibility for human life in crowded streets. Constantly before his eyes life and death flit across the vision of the motor driver. In his working hours he is never for a moment free from the terrible strain and responsibility for human life. Surely this aspect of the demands made upon the nervous system of this invaluable corps of public servants demands all our sympathy. Apparently it is just this aspect of their service which is not sufficiently realised either by their employers or the public.

Those of us who avail ourselves daily of bus transport, marvel at the skill and endurance of drivers and conductors, and it is high time we urged that they must be treated as men and not as mere machines.

Transport Board declares that the cost of the men's demand, £650,000, is beyond its resources. Then let Transport Board stand down. Health is the only asset of the manual worker, and it cannot be flung in the scales as makeweight for the sake of a successful balance sheet.

WHAT TO READ.

BIOGRAPHY AND MEMOIRS.

- "King Edwards of England." Elizabeth Villiers.
- "Man of December." Alfred Neumann.
- "The Magic of Monarchy." Kingsley Martin.
- "Poor Fred: The People's Prince." Sir George Young.
- "Letters to a Friend." Winifred Holtby.
- "Bolingbroke." Sir Charles Petrie.

FICTION.

- "We Are Not Alone." James Hilton.
- "The Gardener Who Saw God." Edward James.
- "No Man's Son." G. Kent Oliver.
- "She Was a Queen." Maurice Collis.
- "Midnight in the Desert." Priestley.

A WORD FOR THE MONTH.

"But it is not only the character of the King and Queen which will help to make this Coronation a help to religion, but the fact that there will be gathered together in London for it representatives of all the nations which make up the British Empire. . . . The Coronation will be a family gathering together in the old home for 'family prayers.'" —*The Bishop of London.*

COMING EVENTS.

MAY.

May 12th.—Coronation in the Abbey Church of Westminster of King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth.

May 12th.—Birthday of Miss Florence Nightingale.

May 22nd.—The British College of Nurses. Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1., 2.30 p.m.

May 28th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting, 23, Portland Place, London, W.1., 2.30 p.m.

JUNE.

June 4th.—Royal British Nurses' Association. Annual General Meeting, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, 3 p.m.

June 5th.—Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association Annual General Meeting, Lodge Moor Hospital, Sheffield, at 3.30 p.m. Train leaves St. Pancras 11 a.m.

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 PROFESSIONAL DEMAND.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—There can be no question of the justice of the claim made by the British College of Nurses, that the names of the candidates successful in the State Examinations should be published in the public Press. This, as you have shown, is done both in Scotland and Ireland, and why the wealthiest of the three Councils should persistently refuse to extend to the nurses this recognition is incomprehensible to many. We are told that the Council is influenced by considerations of cost, but we read that it has just allocated £10,000 to add to its already very handsome headquarters furnishings. This fact risks giving to the nurses, rightly or otherwise, the impression that the Council is more concerned with maintaining the elegance of its habitation than enhancing the status of the profession at large. It is right and good that the headquarters should have dignity and beauty, and likewise all those modern appliances that make for efficient administration, but there are things less tangible yet equally important.

No one can deny that the publication of the list of successes in the State Examinations would add to the

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