

## OUTSIDE THE GATES.

### The Queen a Lady of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

The Court Circular announces that "The King has been pleased, on the occasion of His Majesty's Birthday, to confer upon the Queen the title and dignity of a Lady of the Most Noble Order of the Garter."

Ladies of the Order of the Garter display their banners and affix their heraldic stall-plates in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, in the same way as Knights of the Order.

### WESTMINSTER ABBEY CLOSED.

Our glorious Abbey Church of Westminster is now closed, handed over to the Board of Works in preparation for the Coronation, and will not be reopened until August.

To those of us who live in touch with it the loss is great. No more silent prayers in its dim aisles, no more heartening public worship, no more heart-searching anthems floating away to the foot of The Throne. But the Coronation of a King is of such mighty quality in this our Empire, that only in this national fane is it possible to meet its spiritual demands with due solemnity.

### Coronation Commemoration Pottery.

So keen are collectors to secure the more expensive Coronation commemorative pottery bearing the portrait of King Edward VIII that some firms have sold out their stocks and have resumed manufacture.

Manufacturers are now preparing for the Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, and it is expected that the new wares will be on sale towards the end of January.

### Coronation Programme.

The prices for the official Coronation programme, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to King George's Jubilee Trust, have been fixed. For the overseas edition the cost will be a flat one of 2s. The home issue will be published in two categories, the standard edition at 1s. and a *de luxe* edition at 2s. 6d. Already the orders exceed half a million copies.

### Book of Prayer and Meditations.

It is ever a cause for rejoicing when some antique gem is saved from obscurity and placed in safe keeping. Recently the little town of Kendal, in Westmorland, has, through the Mayor, been presented with Queen Katherine Parr's "Book of Prayer and Meditations," a tiny silver-bound book, measuring 2½ inches. As last Consort of Henry the Eighth, Katharine Parr, who was born at Kendal Castle, helped to mould the life of the Princess Elizabeth, read to her this very book, and taught the future great Queen how to govern her people and make her country the greatest in the world.

### Letters of Queen Victoria.

Letters from Queen Victoria to members of the House of Hohenzollern, the first dated 1845 and the last fifty-five years later, are published in the *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung*. They are a few of a large number of Queen Victoria's letters in the Brandenburg-Prussian archives in Berlin, the most important of which are soon, with the permission of the King, to be published in book form.

### Royal Lovers United.

Princess Juliana, heiress to the Crown of the Netherlands, drove in a Golden Coach with Prince Bernhard zur Lippe-Biesterfeld to whom she was united in marriage on January 7th, at the "Great Church" of St. James, at the Hague.

The day was bathed in traditional "Orange" sunshine, and it was a day of great rejoicing for the Dutch people, and the frankly expressed affection of the happy pair was evident to the whole audience. The bridegroom gazed on his bride with adoration, and "a radiance that was almost spiritual seemed to transform Princess Juliana."

Queen Wilhelmina bestowed the title of "Prince of the Netherlands" on Prince Bernhard, who without doubt was born under a lucky star. His wife is not only a future Queen—but is a great lady who loves him dearly.

### A Ring Presented to Julia.

Julia, I bring to thee a ring  
Made for thy finger fit;  
To show by this, that our love is,  
Or should be, like to it.  
And as this round is nowhere found  
To flaw or else to sever;  
So let our love as endless prove,  
And pure as gold for ever!

Robert Herrick.

### WHAT TO READ.

#### MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

- "Young Mr. Disraeli." Elswyth Thane.
- "When I Remember: A Reflection of the Golden Age." Lady Muriel Beckwith.
- "The Man I Knew: the Intimate Life Story of Douglas Haig." Countess Haig.
- "An Ethiopian Diary." J. W. S. Macfie.
- "After Everest." T. Howard Somervell.
- "The Mind and Art of Jonathan Swift." Ricardo Guintana.
- "The Nile." Emil Ludwig.

#### FICTION.

- "The East Wind of Love." Compton MacKenzie.
- "Salavin." Georges Duhamel.
- "Together and Apart." Margaret Kennedy.
- "Shining Scabbard." R. C. Hutchinson.
- "Old Father Antic." Doreen Wallace.
- "Black Tie, White Tie." Reita Lambert.
- "Death in the Hopfields." John Rhode.

### COMING EVENTS.

January 14th.—British College of Nurses' Administration Class. Visit to the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Brockley Hill, Stanmore.

January 20th.—Congress Arrangements Committee, I.C.N. Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, 2.30 p.m.

January 22nd.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting, 20, Portland Place, London, W.1, 2.30 p.m.

January 22nd.—Royal British Nurses' Association, Lecture by Dr. Tempest Bennett, M.C., D.P.H., M.D., at 3.0 p.m.

January 23rd.—The British College of Nurses. Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, 2.30 p.m.

January 30th.—The League of Sister Tutors. Annual Meeting, Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, 3.30 p.m.

### A WORD FOR THE MONTH.

#### The Prayer of the Guild of St. Barnabas.

Almighty God, Who calledst Thy holy Apostle Barnabas to follow the steps of Thy blessed Son in ministering to the sick and suffering; Grant to us the same spirit of consolation; that by gentleness and love, in faithfulness and patience, we may serve Thy afflicted children. Support us in our work; endow us with wisdom and skill; give us sympathy for one another; deliver us in temptation, and at last bring us to Thy rest and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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