

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The Queen's Standard Flies over the Palace.

Following the custom of previous reigns, the Queen's standard will be flown over Buckingham Palace whenever Her Majesty is there without the King.

It shows the Queen's personal arms, the arms of England coupled with those of the Bowes-Lyon family, and indicates that her Majesty is in residence alone.

To Wear the Garter Robes.

The King George V Memorial Statue, to be erected on a £120,000 site in Abingdon Street, Westminster, will show him standing in naval uniform and wearing Garter robes. The statue, made in bronze, will stand 10 ft. high and will face the Victoria Tower.

Good Wishes from England.

The British people have sincere admiration for the sterling qualities of Princess Juliana of the Netherlands and deeply sympathise with her anxiety concerning the motor accident to her husband, Prince Bernhard. Devoted wife as she is, she is with him in the Nursing Home, where he is making good progress towards recovery. The Princess is expecting her confinement next month, and every good wish for her well-being is, we feel sure, the hope of our readers.

The Princess has requested the Dutch people not to send presents, so a National Committee is now preparing several hundred cots for poor mothers expecting babies in January.

A Compliment to England.

Dr. Hinsley, the Archbishop of Westminster, who has been made a Cardinal, opened the extension of St. Dunstan's Grammar School at Gunnersbury. He said that the reason the Holy Father had bestowed the great honour on him was as a compliment to England.

Nudity on the Stage.

The Bishop of London recently denounced nudity on the stage in a sermon at St. James's Church, Piccadilly, at a service convened by the Public Morality Council, of which he has been chairman for 36 years. He spoke of the days when the council members were regarded as "nosey-parkers," but the Lord Chamberlain had called them in, saying that their case against nudity had been made out. The Lord Chamberlain said: "I am going to call together every person responsible for the theatres in London, and tell them that this nudity on the stage must stop." The Bishop of London added that those people now realised that they put such exhibitions on the stage at their peril. "There have already been prosecutions, and I hope there will be more," he said.

Sayings of the Children.

Mr. S. (speaking of modern inventions): Now, Pearl, can you tell me one thing of importance which did not exist thirty years ago?

"Me," was Pearl's surprising reply.

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NO STIGMA ON PRISON-BORN BABES.

We have evidently got the right man at the Home Office in Sir Samuel Hoare, who is proud to follow in the humanitarian footsteps of his great aunt, Elizabeth Fry.

When recently opening the Elizabeth Fry Exhibition at Norwich, he pointed out recent changes in the prison life of women.

Each woman, he said, has her own room which is no longer described as a cell.

Distinctive prison clothes are not worn and the women dress very much like women outside; nor do wardresses wear the kind of uniform associated with wardresses in the past.

Children born in prison are always given an address that is not a prison address.

"A number of the women whose babies have been born in prison have so much appreciated the very high standard of treatment they have received that, to judge from their own statements, they would prefer to go on with the present arrangement," declared Sir Samuel.

The administrators were trying very hard to keep the women prisoners on work which was useful and profitable and which would really help them to find jobs when they left prison. They were also assisted to find work after their release.

In the prison there were educational classes, libraries and up-to-date hospitals, with pre-natal and post-natal treatment.

"The chief lesson that we at the Home Office learn from Elizabeth Fry's life and are trying to put into effect is that while society must be adequately protected against really dangerous outlaws, there are in our prisons a great majority of prisoners who will reform if they can be given a new start in life."

COMING EVENTS.

December 17th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting, 23, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

December 18th.—The British College of Nurses. Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

December 25th.—Christmas Day. Hospital Festivities. 1938.

January 1st.—New Year's Day.

January 14th.—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Meeting of Executive Committee, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

WHAT TO READ.

BIOGRAPHIES AND MEMOIRS.

- "George VI." Hector Bolitho.
- "Men, Women and Things." The Duke of Portland.
- "George du Maurier and Others." C. C. Hoyer Millar.
- "My Scottish Youth." R. H. Bruce Lockhart.
- "Maria, Lady Callcott." Rosamond Brunel Gotch.
- "Chronicles of Holland House, 1820-1900." The Earl of Ilchester.
- "Wrestling Jacob." Marjorie Bowen.
- "The Greenwood Hat." J. M. Barrie.

FICTION.

- "Winged Pharaoh." Joan Grant.
- "The Marriage Broker." Mrs. Belloc Lowndes.
- "The Tale from Bali." Vicki Baum.
- "Pepita." V. Sackville-West.
- "Enchanter's Nightshade." Ann Bridge.

TRAVEL.

- "The Road to Oxiana." Robert Byron.
- "City of Traditions." William Dodgson Bowman.

WORD FOR THE MONTH.

"God rest you, merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay; For Jesus Christ Our Saviour was born on Christmas Day."

Dinah Mulock Craik.

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