

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

Someone was saying the other day that with the British, Royalty is a passion—maybe. There is no doubt that the following announcement has been received in Canada with immense satisfaction. Many may not realise that the provisions of the Statute of Westminster providing for the independence of the Dominions united the Empire through the influence of the Crown—alone.

Thus the following announcement was issued from Balmoral Castle and not from 10, Downing Street:—

"The King and Queen have graciously consented to accept the suggestion of the Prime Minister of Canada that they should visit Canada next year.

"Their Majesties hope to arrive in the early summer and to spend about three weeks in the Dominion."

The King and Queen have not hitherto visited Canada, and this will be the King's first visit to any part of his Empire, outside the United Kingdom, since his accession, and we believe it will be the first occasion on which a British Sovereign has set foot in North America.

Then came the announcement that "the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the appointment of His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent as Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia in succession to Lord Gowrie."

Thanking Mr. Lyons, the Commonwealth Prime Minister, the Duke of Kent says:—"I shall be most grateful if you will convey to the Government and people of the Commonwealth my very great pleasure in accepting the office of Governor-General and my deep appreciation of the honour. The Duchess and I are very much looking forward to our time in the Commonwealth and to the opportunity we shall have of getting to know Australia and her people."

Nothing could be more appropriate than that the young Duke and Duchess of Kent should reign in Australia. Typical of what royalty should be, princely in person and in their sense of duty, they will be undoubtedly popular with a people of splendid qualities. Look at the picture on this page and you will at once recognise the evolution of the Australian citizen. This lovely babe and its exquisite maternal nurse attendant, breathing in glorious sunlit space, cannot fail to make a nation of great people.

The heart of the late Queen Marie of Rumania, sealed in a golden urn, was deposited recently in the Stella Maris

Chapel at Balcic. The King, with his son, the Crown Prince, his brother Nicholas, and his sisters, Queen Elisabeth of Greece, and the Archduchess Anton, were present at the ceremony.

Queen Marie was not only a personality of charm and great beauty, but possessed force of feeling and warm affections.

British Nationality and Aliens Bill.

The Council of the British College of Nurses has expressed thanks to Lord Alness for promoting the British Nationality and Aliens Bill, which provides for British women retaining

their nationality when married to an alien, of which birthright they are now deprived by British law!

In this connection we congratulate the mother of Miss Maude Courtney, the charming cabaret actress, who on learning of her engagement to Mr. Anton Walbrook, the fine Viennese actor who plays Prince Consort in the film "Sixty Glorious Years," in pointing out to her daughter that by marrying an alien she would automatically be forced to surrender her British passport and thus lose her British nationality.

"In the present state of European turmoil," this patriotic mother is reported by the *Evening Standard* to have remarked: "I dare not think of my daughter becoming an alien, being married to a subject of Herr Hitler."

When we have removed the stigma of sex inferiority as provided by Lord Alness' Bill, true love will run its course without denationalisation and the sooner the better.

Forced Marriages of African Girls.

The St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance, whose organ in the press is *The Catholic Citizen*, are organising a public meeting at Caxton Hall on Monday,

December 12th, at 8 p.m., on "Forced Marriages of African Girls." The chief speaker will be Archdeacon Owen of Kavirondo, who has spent over 20 years in Africa and has done so much to arouse public opinion in the press and elsewhere against these forced marriages. The Alliance is anxious that the Government's White Paper should not be pigeonholed, but should lead to further investigation and notice, and ask your co-operation in filling the hall. Tickets for reserved seats are 2s. 6d. and 1s., obtainable from the Secretary, St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance, 55, Berners Street, Oxford Street, London, W.1.

Conference on Child Guidance.

In order to create more interest in child guidance among



A MODERN MADONNA AND CHILD.

This picture of Sister Clifford is reproduced from that wonderful work "Nursing in South Australia" which we reviewed last month.

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