

and the production stage had actually been reached before the Ministry of Health commenced its campaign for the collection of rose hips to make rose hip syrup. These experiments led to the production of rose hip tablets, and have been found to be a most stable and potent source of vitamin C, also to be an excellent source of vitamin P. Storage experiments have shown that, even under tropical conditions, the tablets could be kept for more than a year without losing a serious amount of their vitamin C activity. Under such conditions, other widely used vitamin C preparations would lose practically the whole of their vitamin C value.

IF YOU DO NOT MAKE A WILL.

By JOHN LYMESTER.

You need not make a will. If you have not done so, upon your death you will have died intestate, and the law provides for the division of your property.

Then should the husband, or wife, survive, they inherit the whole of the personal chattels. This includes everything of a personal nature, such as household furniture, jewellery, books and so on, but does not include any items used only for business purposes. This is to prevent the home being broken up.

The husband, or wife, is also entitled to one thousand pounds, free of death duties and costs, with interest at five per cent. per annum from the date of death until paid.

Any balance is to be invested and held on trust, unless there is no other relative when the surviving spouse takes absolutely.

If there are no children, then the survivor has a life interest in the estate—that is, he, or she, is entitled to the income from the trust during lifetime, and not until their death, does the estate pass to the next of kin.

When there are children the parent only has a life interest in half the balance and the other half is held, on statutory trust, for the children. That is, it remains on trust until they reach twenty-one years of age, or their earlier marriage, when they inherit their share absolutely.

It must be noted that if a child dies before his parent, or before attaining the age of twenty-one, or marrying, then that child's share increases the shares of the others, or the life interest of the mother if there are no other children, unless the child left children of his own, in which circumstances these grandchildren of the deceased share between them their parent's share, subject to the same conditions of it remaining in trust, if they are minors.

If the husband, or wife, is also dead then the whole estate is held on trust for the children.

Should there be no surviving spouse, or children, the estate passes to the next of kin. Relatives are next of kin in the following order, parents, brothers and sisters and their children, grandparents, uncles and aunts and their children. The reversionary interest in the estate, when the surviving spouse has a life interest and there are no children, also arises in this order.

If there are no relatives of the above relationship to benefit, then the estate passes to the Crown, Duchy of Lancaster, or Duchy of Cornwall as *bona vacantia*.

Thus there are no provisions, unless a will is made, for charities and employees, and it should be noted that, in any event, the first payments to be made must be for debts, funeral expenses and death duties.

In many instances, however, especially with smaller estates, there is probably no necessity to make a will, as the provisions for the administration are fair and those which most people would desire.

WHAT TO READ.

MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

"Now Came Still Evening On." H. A. Vachell.

FICTION.

- "The Peverills." Doris Leslie.
 "Codeword—Golden Fleece." Denis Wheatley.
 "Remember!" J. G. Sarasin.
 "A Rose of Hindustan." Major S. E. G. Ponder.
 "Muted Strings." Marjorie Livingston.
 "Freedom is the Man." Philip Rush.
 "Suffolk Madman." John Owen.
 "Bright Day." J. B. Priestley.
 "Lawrence Vane." Angela du Maurier.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- "Cross Channel." Alan Houghton Brodrick.
 "The Wind that Shakes the Barley." James Barke.
 "Victory." Speeches by the Right Hon. Winston S. Churchill. Compiled by Charles Eade.
 "London." Arthur Mee. (New edition undergoing preparation.)

THE THREATENED BEAUTY OF OUR COUNTRYSIDE!

HOW CAN WE HELP TO SAVE IT?

It has been said that the unique charm of Britain's countryside is the envy of the world!; but let us make no mistake, this goodly heritage is no accident; it is the result of centuries of nurture and enterprise bestowed by large and small landowners on their property—visible in stately parks, and the homely charm of our agricultural country.

Alas! for many years now, the devastating effect of high death duties and exorbitant taxation has compelled owners to part with their lands, to the detriment of agriculture and scenic beauty and frequently to their ultimate despoilation.

The National Trust.

The National Trust, a voluntary organisation, was formed 50 years ago, its objects being to preserve lands and buildings of historic interest and natural beauty; since its inception the Trust has saved, for the enjoyment of the public, many thousands of acres; frequently estates were rescued from speculators at high cost. Probably few realise that the Trust is now in great need of funds, and it is therefore of very great concern to all who love our country that Dr. G. M. Trevelyan, chairman of the Trusts' Estate committee, tells us "The crisis is a grave one" . . . "we simply cannot carry on unless adequate funds are available." It is not wished that the Trust should come under State control, and the State does not wish to take that course, but the Chancellor of the Exchequer has, however, to give, within limits, one £ for every £ subscribed by the public.

Surely, it is a proud privilege for us *all* to share in the high endeavour of passing on this great heritage of our countryside in all its beauty to posterity.

The call is especially for many thousands to become new members, by subscribing 10s. annually, but for those who cannot do this, donations large or small will be greatly appreciated to help tide over this very difficult period.

This action of the Exchequer should encourage us all, whatever our means, to do our part to preserve a national possession which, once destroyed, could never be recaptured.

Please do help! and send to NATIONAL TRUST FUND, The Secretary, 7, Buckingham Palace Gardens, London, S.W.1.—ALICE S. BRYSON.

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