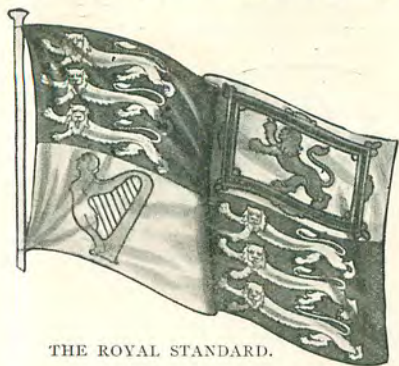


# FLAGS TO FLY FOR THE CORONATION.

By A LAWYER.

IN view of the approaching coronation, when loyal citizens are anxious to demonstrate their loyalty and attachment to the sovereign, the managers of schools and other public buildings are much exercised in their minds as to the proper flags to fly over their buildings on Coronation Day, and as to the legality or otherwise of flying a flag such as the Royal Standard.

There is a nice distinction to be drawn between flying flags on land and flying flags on water, and with the latter we need not concern ourselves at present, for the subject does not fall within the limits of this article, but so far as flying flags on land is concerned we may premise at once that the law permits anyone to fly any flag he pleases, when



THE ROYAL STANDARD.

he pleases and where he pleases. This being the case, there would be no objection to a person flying the Royal Standard, unless such a procedure could be considered an infringement of the Patents, Designs and Trademarks Act, which prohibits the use of the Royal Arms. Under this Act no one

is allowed to use the Royal Arms in such a way as to induce the public to believe that he is carrying on his business under the authority of the King or the Royal Family. It is only on this ground that exception could be taken to the use of the Royal Standard.

Apart from this, however, the Royal Standard is not the proper flag to fly on an ordinary building unless the King or some member of the Royal Family is staying in it.

The Royal Standard signifies the presence of royalty, and should not be used, therefore, unless royalty is present, or in the absence of Royal regulations such as apply to the hoisting of the Royal Standard on flagstaves and fortresses in commemoration of royal anniversaries and other State occasions.

The Union Jack is the flag which the lord lieutenant of a county flies above his residence, and owners of private houses should therefore avoid assuming his distinctive device in his immediate vicinity. Apart from this fact,

which can only affect certain localities, the Union Jack is most certainly the proper flag to fly on any public building on which it is desired to fly a flag of a national character. On private houses and other buildings bunting of any sort may be displayed, but a flag which I would suggest as extremely suitable for schools is the national banner of St. George.



THE UNION JACK.

There are also the national banners of St. Andrew and St. Patrick, which might be flown when the Scotch or the Irish form a not inconsiderable portion of the population.

Regarding the flying of flags containing armorial bearings, there is this to be said, that the use of these would undoubtedly necessitate the taking out of the licence for the use of the armorial bearings, but in other respects they are extremely suitable for private persons who are entitled to bear them.

To sum up, the Royal Standard is not a desirable flag to fly, because it is inappropriate and may lead to the infliction of a fine.

The Union Jack and the banner of St. George are both national flags, and no exception can be taken by anyone to their use.

These two flags, therefore, are the proper flags to fly on Coronation Day.



ST. GEORGE'S CROSS.

## THE VOICE.

By NORMAN GALE.

As I went down the hill I heard  
The laughter of the countryside,  
For, rain retired, the whole land stirred  
With new emotion like a bride.  
In the green elbow of the lane  
I stayed to feast on Beauty's breath,  
When from the village sounded plain—  
*Elizabeth! Elizabeth!*

It was my mother's name. A part  
Of all my spirit leapt to tears,  
And the few violets of my heart  
Shook in the wind of happier years.  
Quicker than magic came the face  
That once was sun and moon for me;  
The garden shawl, the cap of lace,  
The collie's head against her knee.

Mother, who watchest from afar  
The son to whom thy soul is lent;  
Who—aching and impetuous star!—  
Lead'st night by night the firmament,  
Deep in my breast how sure, how dear,  
The lamp of love burns on to death,  
How trembles if I chance to hear  
*Elizabeth! Elizabeth!*