

ing "L'Administration générale de l'Assistance publique à Paris," which included the services of home assistance, and of hospitals and civil hospices. It was placed under the authority of the Prefect of the Seine, and of the Minister of the Interior, and under the supervision of a Council its administration was placed in the hands of a Director-General. With some amendments this law is in force at the present day.

### BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

The British Red Cross Society has received a cheque for £5,000 from Lady Ogle towards the organisation and dispatch of relief to the Ethiopian War Zone.

The sum of £19,000 has been obtained, and a small advance Ambulance Unit of Doctors, Transport Officers and equipment, will leave London for Abyssinia on approximately November 17th.

Further funds are urgently required for the maintenance and enlargement of this Unit, and should be sent to Sir Arthur Stanley, British Red Cross Society, 14, Grosvenor Crescent, S.W.1.

Trained Nurses would willingly offer their services to care for sick and wounded, but from England it is not considered expedient to send them.

### SUFFERING IN THE WAR ZONE.

We hear little of the suffering in the War Zone of either the Abyssinian or Italian soldiers, but that the struggle is as ever one of misery for the combatants goes without saying. We pity the combatants on both sides.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, made the first appeal for funds to equip the British Ambulance Service in Abyssinia, and since the Foreign Office has now withdrawn its objection and authorised an appeal in the Press—funds have been generously subscribed to equip a Red Cross Unit to afford medical aid to wounded in the War in Ethiopia.

Though equally at the service of any Italian wounded or prisoners, it will be primarily needed by the Ethiopians who have no field ambulance and practically no medical aid at all.

"The 'British Ambulance Service in Ethiopia' has been accorded formal 'recognition' by the Ethiopian Government and by His Majesty's Government. It is working in consultation with the International Red Cross at Geneva, and the British National Red Cross has given an assurance that any steps which they may take to help the Ethiopian Red Cross will be taken in conjunction with the 'British Ambulance Service in Ethiopia.'

"The Executive Committee has secured a tentative panel of medical men; further applications are invited. An officer had been despatched to recruit native personnel in Kenya and Uganda, for which the Colonial Office has given every facility.

"It is estimated that a properly equipped ambulance unit, consisting of one casualty clearing station and one field hospital, will cost about £35,000. Each additional casualty clearing station would cost a further £10,000.

"Further particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, 33, Alfred Place, South Kensington, S.W.7. Cheques should be drawn in favour of the 'British Ambulance Service in Ethiopia' and sent to A. W. Tuke, Esq., (Hon. Treas.), Barclays Bank, 54, Lombard Street, London, E.C.3."

A gift of £2,000 has been contributed by the Duke of Westminster.

### WORDS FOR THE MONTH:

"When a strong man armed keepeth his palace his goods are in peace." *St. Luke xi, 22.*

"To make friends is one of the greatest things in life."  
*The Duke of Kent.*

### OUTSIDE THE GATES.

So many wonderful events take place between the issues of a monthly Journal that few can be recorded—Firstly we have had a lovely although private Royal Wedding at Buckingham Palace between His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester and the Lady Alice Scott, daughter of the late Duke of Buccleuch, who received magnificent gifts, together with felicitations from all the world over.

Then the beautiful Duchess of Kent has given birth to a baby Prince in whose veins the blood of many Royal families comingles—British, Greek, Romanof, German, Dane, and who stands seventh in the succession to the English Throne as his father's heir. His advent into this world has been greeted with joy by the King and Queen and our warm-hearted people.

The King of the Belgians has purchased approximately 528 square feet of Swiss territory. This is the strip of meadow near Kuessnach between the main road and the Lake of Lucerne where Queen Astrid was killed on August 29th.

A cross is to be erected on the spot where the Queen met her death. On the opposite side of the road it is intended to erect a chapel.

Parliament has been dissolved, and a General Election is in full swing. Every Party promises all the gifts the gods can give us—let us hope they will not turn out like the proverbial pie-crusts!

Whether the Nationalists or Socialists are returned to power on November 14th it is the duty of every citizen to realise his personal responsibility to the State.

The State Opening of the first session of the new Parliament takes place on December 3rd, and Nurses will be specially interested in the proposed social legislation for the betterment of the people as a whole.

### LET US NOW PRAISE FAMOUS MEN.

In these days of expediency and compromise few men aspire to greatness. The passing of Lord Carson, the saviour of Ulster, is the more deeply deplored. The mortal remains of this valiant man were laid to rest in the Cathedral at Belfast with the honours of a State funeral. Ulster paid unstinting homage.

A mountain of wreaths had been placed on specially built stands on either side of the Cathedral steps, telling the story of the love and affection of a people for a great leader.

A tiny bunch of mauve violets, rosemary, and pansies was held together by the famous covenant badge of 1914, which was given to the thousands of men who rallied to Carson's call to defend Ulster.

It was enclosed in a small faded cardboard box, and on it was written: "To a great man from a humble member of the Union Defence League."

The Lord Primate of Ireland, Dr. D'Arcy, extolled Lord Carson in his address as one of those rare souls whose indomitable courage overcame all adversities.

He was a patriot and statesman in the true sense of both those words.

The coffin was automatically lowered into the lichen and flower-filled vault cut near the south wall of the building.

Soil from each of six Ulster counties, including earth from Derry's historic cathedral, was cast into the vault. This was carried by the Bishop of Down in a silver bowl presented by the Cabinet of Northern Ireland.

The Last Post and Reveille were sounded, and after the Primate had pronounced the Benediction, the congregation joined in singing the National Anthem.

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