

## NURSING ECHOES.

The Princess of Piedmont, Crown Princess of Italy, formerly Princess Marie José of Belgium, and sister of the present King, sailed on March 26th in the hospital ship *Cesarea* for East Africa, where she is to work for some time in the military hospitals, first at Asmara and then at Mogadishu.

Recently the Crown Princess obtained her diploma as a nurse at the Tropical Diseases Clinic in Rome, the head of which is Sir Aldo Castellani, and she will inspect the tropical diseases section of the Army Medical Corps.

Queen Elena came from Rome to see the Princess off and, with the Prince of Piedmont, was received at the port by the Dowager Duchess of Aosta and the civic authorities. After bidding farewell to the Princess on board, the Royal party returned to the quay and stood in a heavy downpour of rain waving to her. As the vessel left the quayside cheers broke out from the crowd, bands played the Royal March and *Giovinazza*, and a squadron of seaplanes circled overhead. In acknowledgment the Princess, who was dressed in her Red Cross uniform, gave the Fascist salute.

The *Cesarea* is being escorted to Port Said by three submarines.

The daughter of the sympathetic Elisabeth, Queen of the Belgians, will, we feel sure, use her influence to mitigate the terrible sufferings of the defenceless people in Abyssinia from poison gas, sufferings which are arousing horror throughout the civilised world.

We know the Italian people to be humane and kindly. Their Crown Princess will have public opinion in warm support of a demand for a cessation of asphyxiating gas as an instrument of war on defenceless women and children.

*The Fondation Edith Cavell et Marie Depage*, a school of nursing, was inaugurated in Brussels on March 29th. The institution is the outcome of a scheme supported by the city of Brussels, the Public Assistance Commission, Brussels University, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the successors of Dr. Depage.

The inaugural ceremony was held in the St. Pierre Hospital. M. Paul Hymans paid a tribute to the memory of Miss Cavell and Dr. Depage and his wife, and recalled their work and heroism during the War.

Thus out of the martyrdom of Edith Cavell will arise

a legion of nurses specially trained to carry on her noble influence in her love of humanity and sympathy with those who suffer.

Dr. Nicoles Paus, President of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Norway, has invited the Foundation to select an English nurse to visit his hospital this summer, to give a short course of lectures on Nursing in England. Miss Lucy Ottley, Assistant Matron of the Croydon General Hospital, has been selected, and will be in Tonsberg during the first two weeks of June. Miss Ottley was a student of the International Course at 15, Manchester Square during the year 1931-1932, and will no doubt enjoy the contact with Norwegian colleagues—especially coming into association with their leader, Sister Bergljot Larsson.



HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS OF  
PIEDMONT, CROWN PRINCESS OF ITALY.

On the Hospital Ship "Cesarea."

The Right Hon. The Lord Snell, Chairman of the London County Council, presented in the Conference Hall at the County Hall at 4 p.m., on March 12th, 1936, one gold medal, two silver medals and distinction certificates to the nurses successful in the central final examinations for 1935. Of the total number of nurses (934) who entered for the examinations 797, or about 85 per cent., passed and 55 obtained distinction certificates. The Gold Medalist was Mr. Arthur J. Claydon, of Hackney Hospital, and the silver medals were won by Miss Rose Hobbs of St. Andrew's Hospital, Devons Road, Bow, and Miss C. M. Allen of the Grove Hospital, Tooting.

Mr. Claydon entered the Hackney Hospital for training in May, 1932, and was registered by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales on the Supplementary Register for Male Nurses in June, 1935. He is now working as a staff nurse in the same hospital.

The Hospitals and Medical Services Committee of the London County Council recently reported to the Council that an oxygen tent has been devised which is of great value in the treatment of pneumonia patients and other cases. Two such tents are at present in use in the Council's hospitals, and the Committee state that more will be delivered shortly. They recommend the employment of a physical therapist for a total of 100 visits during a period of twelve months, to explain the details of working the tent to the medical and nursing staff in charge of the cases for which it is

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