

THE WAR.

STRONG YOUNG HANDS.

Akin to those who scale uncharted heights,
Or lose their lives in cataclysmic snow:
Though little houses in a crowded street,
Are all the world they know.

They stand dry-eyed beside a heap of stones
(For hard-earned happiness is doubly dear);
Then carry on with hearts ablaze with scorn,
Too proud to shed a tear.

They scoff at danger, while a furious foe
Finds in their fortitude his sure defeat;
—And Phoenix-like, winged victory will arise
From ashes in a street.

They shall know homes and happiness again,
This is a pledge we dare not fail to keep:
—A little kettle singing by the fire,
And children fast asleep.

—H. M. TREVELYAN-THOMSON.

The Crown Comes into Touch with the People.

Never since the spacious days of "good Queen Bess" who making progress through her lovely isle, surrounded by the flower of that manhood who helped to make England great, has the Crown come into such intimate touch with the People. Our King and Queen have seen for themselves the devastation of our great cities, and heard some home truths.

"Manchester Men," sons of women, are known all the world over for their straight qualities, and it was at Manchester that a spirited old lady, standing on the rubble once her home, said to the Queen—"The old devil hasn't got me yet." Would that this lady could come in touch with "the devil," he would meet his master.

British Empire proud of the Mother Country.

The Prime Minister assures us that "The whole British Empire has been proud of the Mother Country, and they long to be with us over here in even larger numbers. We have been deeply conscious of the love for us which has flowed from the Dominions of the Crown across the broad ocean spaces. There is the first of our war aims—to be worthy of that love and to preserve it."

Nurse Haile Selassie.

One of the most dignified figures who have passed in the light of recent years is the Emperor of Abyssinia, Haile Selassie, who has been with us for several years, but who is again in his native land inspiring his people to throw off the Italian yoke. Some time ago we reported that his eldest daughter, the Princess Tsaia, had entered the

Children's Hospital, Great Ormond Street, for training as a nurse, where she was known as Nurse Haile Selassie, and remained for three years.

The ardent desire of this royal lady is to become thoroughly qualified so that she may return to her native land and nurse her own people. At present, therefore, she is training in general nursing at the hospital outside London, to which part of Guy's Hospital has evacuated, and hopes soon to join an ambulance unit, which will be in charge of an Australian surgeon, to care for Abyssinian soldiers.

The organisers of the unit are hoping that it may be possible to supply an air ambulance to overcome the difficulties of transport in a country where good roads are few.

"I have always wanted to be a nurse," Princess Tsaia told an *Evening News* woman representative, in perfect English.

"I trained as a children's nurse first. I love children.

"I love your country. Everyone has been so good to us.

"I am, of course, longing to go back to my own land.

We are so grateful for all that is being done, though we need still more money, for the ambulance is not ready yet.

"We have to think of our troops' needs, and the Ethiopian Women's Work Association, of which my mother, the Empress, is president, has as its object the welfare of the war sufferers. They need blankets, woollen comforts, scarves and helmets, and khaki shirts, but not socks, as our soldiers march barefoot.

"Lady Barton, wife of Sir Sidney Barton, former British Minister to the Ethiopian Court, will be glad to receive any donations

sent to her at 19, Neville Street, London, S.W.7."

We hope some of our nurse knitters may find it possible to supply some of these needs.

"Black Record: Germans Past and Present."

Have you read "Black Record," by the Right Hon. Sir Robert Vansittart, if not, get and study it without delay, and recommend it to all and sundry. It is *truth*, and that is what we *need* to stand on. "Black Record: Germans Past and Present," is, the publisher informs us, the full text of Sir Robert Vansittart's broadcasts on the German people, delivered in the B.B.C. Overseas programme, and extensively quoted in the Press. Sir Robert is Chief Diplomatic Adviser to the British Government, but in his introduction he describes himself as "a working diplomatist with his coat off." It is not customary for diplomatists to take their coats off, or to remove the diplomatic gag from their mouths, and Sir Robert's plain speaking, while it has met with wide approval, appears to have grieved certain people who find it injudicious in him to recall, for example, Tacitus' observation that "Germans



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PRINCESS TSAHIA (NURSE HAILE SELASSIE).

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