

Dire Dawa.

List of Buildings will be sent later.

Debre-Tabor.

Haile Selassie I Hospital (Adventist).

On January 16th, this list was communicated for information to the Italian Red Cross, which was requested to bring it to the notice of the Italian Government; it was emphasised that the said list is not exhaustive.

Correspondence concerning Bombing from the Air.

The damage done to fixed establishments and ambulances of the Red Cross by air bombing was referred to in our Circular No.323.

We were anxious to make no comment upon the letters thus published, leaving the National Red Cross Societies, and, in particular, those which have sent medical units to Ethiopia to draw the conclusions which ensue from this statement from the Italian point of view.

The International Red Cross Committee sent the Head of the Italian Government, on January 23rd, 1936, an acknowledgment of the receipt of his letter dated January 16th.

As for the letter of the General President of the Italian Red Cross, dated January 11th, (appended to Circular 323), this was answered by the International Red Cross Committee. That body stated that by the publication, in Circular 323, of the correspondence exchanged with the Head of the Italian Government, it had taken note of the assurances given.

From these assurances it may be inferred that, if an Ethiopian or foreign ambulance should be attacked from the air, this could only be due to a combination of exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the Italian Government which, deploring any such contingency, has been good enough to declare that it would make every effort to prevent its materialising.

The telegrams sent by the International Red Cross Committee to its mission in Ethiopia have been interpreted in this way. The heads of Ethiopian and foreign ambulances, who were inclined to abandon the use of any distinguishing signs, decided, with a consciousness of the great importance of the assurances received, to fly the Red Cross flag with complete confidence.

The International Committee in its letter to the General President of the Italian Red Cross took the opportunity of adding that it greatly appreciated the efforts of the Ethiopian Red Cross, recently founded under extremely difficult conditions, as well as the magnificent spirit of solidarity shown by the National Red Cross Societies, who have in various ways lent their assistance to their new sister society. It gave particulars of the composition of the Central Committee of the Ethiopian Red Cross and emphasised the results it had achieved in so short a time.