

Training Of Future Queen Less Formal

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LONDON (CP) — Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor is a princess in the modern manner. Almost from infancy, her training and education have been influenced by a 20th-century concept that members of the Royal Family should enjoy greater freedom and informality.

One incident illustrates the new approach. On one of the Victory entries in 1945, Princess Elizabeth whispered a few words to her father, threw a scarf over her head and with sister Margaret left the balcony of Buckingham Palace to mingle freely with the happy crowds.

It is said the sisters joined in the sort of knocking off hats—something that would have been a sensation in Queen Victoria's day.

But the human touch has not been wanting in Elizabeth's training. There has been no lack of emphasis on her responsibilities. The possibility that she might one day succeed to the throne has been recognized from the feverish days of her father's coronation. Even before that the Duchess of York, soon to become Queen Elizabeth, sought to instill in her daughter a sense of the duties demanded of royalty.

EDUCATED PRIVATELY

Her studies covered a wide range. As Louis Wulff writes in the book, "Queen of Tomorrow," she was never "forced precociously in a hothouse of royal learning, nor circumscribed in her studies and entertainment when she grew older."

Elizabeth's first lessons came at her mother's knee in a nursery on Piccadilly. When she reached school age it was decided she should be educated privately. For years she kept regular school hours in an upstairs room of the Piccadilly residence, studying under Marion (Crawley) Crawford, a graduate of Edinburgh University who became one of the Princess's closest friends.

Her favorite subjects were history, literature and languages. She disliked arithmetic and algebra. She became fluent in French and enjoyed the works of Moliere, Racine and Corneille. One of her early favorites was Alphonse Daudet's "Lettres de Mon Moulin."

But for the Second World War Elizabeth probably would have been the first British Princess to go into residence at a university. Instead it was decided to entrust her advanced studies to Sir Henry Marten, provost of Eton College. Her curriculum covered such relatively abstruse subjects as the theory and law of land tenure and the history of British agriculture. Controversial questions were not shirked and among other things Elizabeth received instruction on the French problem in Canada.

WAR-TIME ACTIVITIES

Elizabeth sought few special privileges. During the war, she registered at the labor exchange for pre-service training and at

18 insisted on joining the Auxiliary Territorial Service, although the King had directed she should not be called up compulsorily. Her course of training qualified her as a driver of heavy army trucks.

Before she even came of age an Act of Parliament stipulated that she would become regent of Great Britain in event of her father's disablement and that she would act as one of five Counsellors of State, who discharge the sovereign's functions when he is absent from the realm.

One of her first major public duties was Nov. 11, 1945, when as representative of the youth of the Commonwealth she placed a wreath on the cenotaph in Whitehall. Two years later, on her 21st birthday, she recognized the extent of her duties in a moving speech dedicating herself to the service of the peoples of the Commonwealth.

As a child Elizabeth was quickly aware of her royal status. On daily drives through Hyde Park, she precociously waved to cheering crowds on the streets. As

Church Urges Sex Discipline

LAFAYETTE, Indiana — "We definitely feel that when a proper program of Christian education is provided in sex, marriage and family life, the divorce rate will be lowered," said a report of the National Conference of U.S. Methodist Youth here. The report was adopted.

"Sex, as God gave it to us," the report went on, "is sacred. It should be understood that when a person makes a Christian decision he does not lose his sex passions. But it should also be understood that there must be full possession of all essential discipline."

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Schellenberger from Washington, D.C., were in the city, accompanying the Buffalo Evening News party yesterday. Mr. Schellenberger is connected with the Northern Pacific Railway.

early as her fourth birthday she took the salute from the Scots Guards. But her grandmother, now Queen Mother Mary, soon pricked the bubble of Elizabeth's self-esteem. When the child wanted to leave a public function, insisting that a crowd outside was waiting to see her, Queen Mary sent Elizabeth out the back way and bundled her off home in a taxi.

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