

built up from frail indications to fill the gaps of our knowledge of Dunant and his life. Readers will descry the painstaking care with which the author has assembled his facts, sifting out the superfluous, to evoke, account for and bring into proper perspective the climate of Dunant's time. The informed reader might at times regret some lack of detail, but this was assuredly designed to add vividness to the account and to avoid overburdening young minds. Mr. Germond's research has in any case made a psychological contribution. Mr. Germond even confides in his readers, relating his own experience when this proves useful in recreating atmosphere. In the light of this personal viewpoint, Dunant's childhood and adolescence can be looked at from a new angle.

We must also be grateful to the author for not concealing the serious differences of opinion between Moynier and Dunant and for having shown that the fundamental character of each of these men made some divergence of opinion inevitable. The author acknowledges their individual merits: the level-headedness of the one and the dynamism of the other were equally necessary to the inchoate Red Cross. Even more than this, differences of opinion might well be valuable in the lessons which can be learned. Those arising from Moynier's reasoning and Dunant's emotive force were of that type and we can say even today that they influence new actions undertaken by the Red Cross.

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### THE RED CROSS ON STAMPS <sup>1</sup>

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or of the anniversary of the founding of National Red Cross Societies. A brief Summary is also given of the history of the International Red Cross, with notes on Henry Dunant, the founder of the movement, on the Geneva Convention and the origin and development of the American Red Cross. It can be seen that special issues are made to raise funds for the Red Cross, either as regular postage or with a surcharge, depicting the many varied facets of its activity. Supplementary information is also given on Red Cross seals.

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