

† Mrs. R.-M. FRICK-CRAMER

We have learnt with deep regret of the sudden death of Mrs. R.-M. Frick-Cramer, who played an important rôle in the world of the Red Cross.

She was appointed a member of the ICRC in 1918, but already in 1914 she had participated in the establishment of the International Agency in Geneva and together with Mr. J. Chenevière, she shared the administration of the Allied P.O.W. Service. From that time on her main preoccupation became the greater protection of prisoners of war and of civilian victims of hostilities.

When the Second World War broke out, she dedicated herself entirely to the Central Prisoners of War Agency. From 1940 to 1946, her legal knowledge and practical experience were invaluable to the International Committee which found in her a person of remarkable intelligence and active generosity. In meetings and legal or technical commissions her vast experience gave considerable authority to her opinion.

Moreover, this modest lady devoted herself to the cause of victims whom no convention protected at the time; civilian internees. With her colleagues she strove to ensure for their benefit the application of provisions relating to interned troops. She communicated to those in her environment confidence in the efficacy of the humanitarian ideal.

The *International Review* had occasion to recall Mrs. Frick-Cramer's great merit when she resigned in 1946 and was appointed honorary member of the International Committee.<sup>1</sup> In the same

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issue was published a bibliography of her publications and articles, to show the great value of Mrs. Frick-Cramer's contribution to Red Cross history and humanitarian law.

In view of the support which Mrs. Frick-Cramer has lavished on the Red Cross with wisdom and dedication for over thirty years, the International Committee will always retain of her a faithful memory as well as profound gratitude. It expresses to Mr. Edouard A. Frick, who was for a long time a delegate general of the ICRC, and to all her family, the sincere sympathy of the institution.