

Red Cross in Europe, a sort of anthology of some of the achievements accomplished under our emblem.

It is, for example, recalled how prompt were French Red Cross rescue and first-aid workers during the fire which ravaged Marseilles in 1938, how assistance was given to the victims of the Fréjus disaster. Mention is also made of the splendid initiative of the Netherlands Red Cross which placed a steamer at the disposal of the disabled and the seriously sick, thus enabling those who had not left their rooms for many years to enjoy the delights of the countryside.

The book also contains many other vivid examples of active fellowship. These well illustrate, as said in the preface by Mr. H. Beer, Secretary-General of the League, "the role played by the Red Cross in the struggle against suffering, its efforts to adapt itself to the requirements of our times, its accomplishments in the practical field." This by itself is a tribute to the millions of men, women and young people in all countries who today give service to Henry Dunant's work.

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H. N. PANDIT : "HENRY DUNANT AND THE RED CROSS" <sup>1</sup>

Mr. H. N. Pandit, Assistant Publicity Officer, Indian Red Cross Society, has just published a short work which is full of interest and liveliness and appears at the right moment. It will enable readers whom we hope will be numerous to become acquainted not only with Henry Dunant's personality and thought, but also with the organization of our movement and with the principles ruling it, which have been defined by Mr. J. Pictet in his work and which, in the form of a Declaration, were adopted recently by the XXth International Conference in Vienna.

The author also devotes a chapter to the Geneva Conventions and another to the Junior Red Cross, to its activities, its deep significance for the future and its rapid development. For it will be

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<sup>1</sup> I.M.H. Press Ltd., New Delhi, 1966, 64 p.

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the Juniors who will be keeping to-morrow's Red Cross alive and growing. In India a junior branch was formed in the Punjab in 1925 which was rapidly to extend over the whole country. By the end of 1965 there were well over four million members of the Junior Red Cross.

The author completes his work with various facts and figures concerning the Indian Red Cross, its origins and constitution.

It should also be added that, from the historical point of view he draws on the best possible sources and gives a rapid sketch of the creation of the Red Cross. He describes Dunant's last years at Heiden whilst continuing his humanitarian work and obtained, together with F. Passy, the Nobel Peace Prize in 1910.

His example is also proposed to men of good will in India as shown by Mr. Pandit in his book which can effectively serve the Red Cross cause.

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### MARSHALL W. FISHWICK : " CLARA BARTON " <sup>1</sup>

A new book has just appeared on that remarkable personality, Clara Barton.<sup>2</sup> Very well illustrated, this biography of the foundress of the American Red Cross has been written with the help of historic documents and reproductions of the period, which first describe Clara Barton's childhood, then her work on behalf of the wounded in the War of Secession. This intrepid action brought her right into the front line and had such an effect that Gustave Moynier and the members of the ICRC asked her, when she arrived in Europe in 1870, to carry out in the Franco-Prussian war the same work of humanity which had earned her the name in her own country of " Angel of the battle-field ".

She possessed the same gift as Henry Dunant had of winning over those with whom she talked through enthusiasm and patient

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<sup>1</sup> Silver Burdett Company, Morristown, New Jersey, 1966, 240 p.

<sup>2</sup> The *Revue internationale* published a study on her in January 1957, paying tribute to her personality and work.