

BOOKS AND REVIEWS

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 " ¹

A new book has just appeared on that remarkable personality, Clara Barton.² 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

¹ Silver Burdett Company, Morristown, New Jersey, 1966, 240 p.

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

tenacity. She obtained the unreserved support of those to whom she showed the necessity of humanitarian intervention, such as the Grand Duchess Louise of Baden, the Empress of Germany and Austria, the Czar, Bismark and many others. It was due also to this determination that a National Society was created in the United States after seventeen years of effort. She also succeeded after a noble struggle in obtaining the signature in 1882 to the Geneva Convention by the United States Senate. She proudly announced the great news to Gustave Moynier several weeks later.

Both in the text and the illustrations, the author has thrown light on the events with which Clara Barton was connected in the desire which she always had of bringing aid, not only in disasters in the United States but also during conflicts or catastrophes elsewhere. Finally, he describes in moving fashion the last years and death in 1912 of one of the shining examples of the Red Cross movement.

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GERTRUD SPÖRRI: "UR-OFFENBARUNGEN DER LIEBE IN
WERDEN DER MENSCHHEIT" ¹

After her philosophic and social studies, the author engaged in Red Cross work before devoting several years to research work on a subject than which there is none more difficult, namely, love of one's neighbour and its evolution throughout the ages. She rightly considers that "at a time when human rights are better known and universally recognized, a clear knowledge of love and love of knowledge are necessary". This statement is taken from Mrs. Held's foreword to this well illustrated book; she concludes: "As the Generaloberin of the Bavarian Red Cross, I am pleased that Gertrud Spörri also studies the fundamentals of the International Red Cross in the framework of the law of nations. The unselfish spirit of the Red Cross, in thought and deed, represents the acme of love for humanity, both friend and foe".

¹ Rose-Verlag, Munich, 1966, 282 p.