

### HENRY DUNANT'S BIOGRAPHY<sup>1</sup>

We have pleasure in announcing that the biography—now a classic—written by Mr. Willy Heudtlass of the principle founder of the Red Cross has reached a fourth edition.

The first edition appeared in 1962, a few months before the celebrations marking the centenary in 1963 of the founding of the Red Cross. Mr. Willy Heudtlass was then head of the Press and Radio Service of the German Red Cross in the Federal Republic of Germany. This biography was hailed by the critics as the most significant to appear until then; it displayed the author's objectivity of judgement, contained a host of new information collected from various sources and threw a completely new light on certain aspects of Henry Dunant's life and work.

All these qualities are to be found in the new edition of the book. It is an edition which has been re-worked and added to, reproducing a quantity of original documents and containing numerous illustrations, thereby rendering the text more vivid. Thus there is a new testimony of interest in Henry Dunant's life, so dramatic and full of extraordinary contrasts. The introduction to this edition is by Prince Botho zu Sayn-Wittgenstein, President of the German Red Cross in the Federal Republic of Germany.

We are certain that all those who read German will find Mr. Willy Heudtlass's work very interesting; not only does he present us with a great man in all his complexity of character and destiny but he also brings alive once again an era which, though not far away, is already quite foreign to us and already quite forgotten.

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<sup>1</sup> Willy Heudtlass: *J. Henry Dunant, Gründer des Roten Kreuzes, Urheber der Genfer Konvention. Eine Biographie in Dokumenten und Bildern.* 4th ed. Verlag W. Kohlhammer, Stuttgart, Berlin, Köln, Mainz, 1985. 268 pp.