

missionary of Lambarene, and from that he drew noble philosophic conclusions. According to him, good consists of saving, raising and developing life; evil of destroying, abasing or preventing its development.

Respect for life is synonymous with peace. War, on the other hand, abolishes this respect for life except within the limits of the laws of war.

Peace, then, as the affirmation of human dignity and respect for life, is not "peace at any price, but the peace which safeguards the life of people delivered from fear and oppression".

Finally Mr. Coursier shows how this Red Cross vocation for developing the spirit of peace in the world by service in the name of human solidarity is true to the spirit of Henry Dunant. Humanitarian work each day implies a spirit of fraternity among men and also contributes to understanding among the nations.

The author concludes his very useful and topical work with an appendix of various documents relating to the joint mission of the ICRC and the League and he also includes the fundamental principles proclaimed by the XXth International Conference of the Red Cross.

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CONSIDERATIONS ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT
OF THE SWISS RED CROSS¹

Professor Hans Haug, President of the Swiss Red Cross has now published under this heading the address he delivered in May 1968 at the 83rd Ordinary Assembly of the National Society delegates. Three years ago in Zurich he recalled the past on the celebration of the centenary of the Swiss Red Cross. He now outlines the future development of the Red Cross in Switzerland, its certain expansion whose services coincide with so many sectors of the community.

First of all he describes the tasks which impose themselves in a world where everything evolves so rapidly and where tensions and difficulties continue to increase. He then mentions the methods

¹ Berne, 1968.

necessary for sustained action and reviews the material organization at the disposal of the Swiss Red Cross and the realizations which, it can be expected, will expand still further. By way of conclusion, he alludes to the fact that the ideal of humanity should inspire all those working for the Red Cross. "The struggle for humanity", he writes, "at a time which threatens man and the human race, the struggle for humanity in work accomplished outside and in our inner life represents the core of the task imposed on us men and especially on us of the Red Cross. If we unceasingly continue this struggle and these efforts, in spite of disappointments and the setbacks we may experience, the future development of the Swiss Red Cross will be fortunate, certain and flourishing".

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PAUL LOGOZ: « ALFRED GAUTIER »¹

The author, an honorary member of the ICRC, recalls the memory of a man who played an important part in the International Committee, half a century ago. Is not the work of our predecessors a lesson worth remembering? We quote below what the author wrote on Alfred Gautier (1858-1920), a jurist and member of the Red Cross:

Alfred Gautier bequeathed us several striking aphorisms, such as the one I have already mentioned "Hesitation is better than prejudice". He also said "Charity transcends justice", and he suited his actions to his words.

From 1888 until his death Alfred Gautier was an active member of the ICRC, then presided over by Gustave Ador. He naturally was willing to attend to legal matters. Thus in articles in the *Revue Internationale de la Croix-Rouge*, he spoke, particularly after

¹ Off-print of an article published in *La semaine judiciaire* (1968, No. 23) Geneva, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the *Société genevoise de droit et de législation*.