

## BOOKS AND REVIEWS

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This book, which bears the subtitle *Essai bio-bibliographique*, has been published in the "*Etudes et Perspectives*" series of the Henry Dunant Institute. The author has set out to compile as complete a collection as possible of documents relating to the promoter of the Red Cross, what he wrote and what has been written about him. All the documents mentioned—books, pamphlets, articles, manuscripts, etc.—are clearly listed and easily accessible.

As the author points out, while the works are dealt with in notes, the purpose is essentially to inform and guide readers. The notes provide information on Dunant's life, the events which impelled him to write, and the political and social context of the period in which he lived. Yet the notes, which are often lengthy in the case of the lesser known publications, contain no value judgements.

Never before has a complete list of Dunant's writings been compiled. Nor, for that matter, has there been a complete list of what has been written about Dunant. As already mentioned, here each title is accompanied by notes, a valuable source of hitherto unpublished information.

This bio-bibliographical book thus fills two gaps. A further reason for welcoming it is the fact that it is illustrated with all known pictures of Dunant, which for the first time have been assembled and published together. Lastly, it contains an index which is very useful and allows of reference to any passages on the same subject. All students, research workers and others interested in the life and work of Dunant will find in this book a particularly rich source of references prepared with care and competence.

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<sup>1</sup> *Editions L'âge d'homme*, Lausanne, 1971, 126 p. The Book, which is published in French, is on sale at bookshops at Sw. Frs. 15, but members of the Red Cross can buy it at the reduced price of Sw. Fr. 12.50.