

BOOKS AND REVIEWS

ESSAYS ÜBER DAS ROTE KREUZ¹

The book entitled "Essays on the Red Cross" contains ten studies and articles written in German at different times by prominent persons of the German Red Cross Society, several of whom are known to the readers of our review. These essays were gathered and published by Dr Walter Gruber, in honour of Dr W. Bargatzky, president of the Society, on his 70th birthday.

Among the contributions which are particularly relevant to the German Red Cross, some will be of interest to a wider audience: "Jean Henry Dunant, a Believer, an Apostle, a Prophet..." by Willy Heudtlass, the indefatigable researcher, whose article contains hitherto unpublished document on Dunant; "On the Resolutions", a study by Dr. K. Wagner on the resolutions of the International Red Cross Conferences; "German Contributions to the Development of the Red Cross", by Dr Walter Gruber, the editor of this book, who reveals a number of little-known and curious facts on the "early history" of the Red Cross, i.e. on the International Conferences of Berlin in 1869 and Karlsruhe in 1887. In quite another vein, there is also "The Red Cross is Worthy of Confidence" by Alfons Kirchner, memoirs of the work done for prisoners of war in the years following the Second World War.

This small book gives a conspectus of the multiple aspects of the work done by the Red Cross and of the enormous efforts which had and still are to be made every day if the movement is to fulfil its mission. The book is a mine of information on events and prominent persons who contributed to establishing the Red Cross in Germany. It is an eminently readable and extremely interesting collection of essays.

¹ *Essays über das Rote Kreuz*, edited by Walter Gruber, Druckerei Hachenburg, Hachenburg, 1980, 126 pp.