

the Red Cross ; they are divided into fifteen teams and perform useful service for the agricultural co-operative and in a small health centre.

In the course of this trip of unflagging interest, Mr. Gonard had an interview with Mr. Skoda, Vice-President of the Czechoslovak National Assembly.

Missions in Central Europe

During the summer, Mr. H. G. Beckh, delegate of the ICRC, carried out missions in Rumania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, the German Democratic Republic and Czechoslovakia.

As in previous years, the purpose of these journeys was to exchange views on questions of common interest. This time it was a question of discussing problems connected with the resolutions of the XXth International Conference of the Red Cross, amongst which was that of the reuniting of families.

IN GENEVA

Central Tracing Agency

The Central Tracing Agency at the headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva has received from Napier, in New Zealand, the following letter from a former prisoner of war.

" At this late date and however inadequately, may I try and express heartfelt thanks to your organization, those who were its founders, and those who have carried it on.

In April 1941, I was captured with several thousand others at Kalamata, Southern Greece . . .

No words of mine can adequately thank you and your organization for the help, the mercy and the assistance received."

One minute was enough to trace in the vast records of the Central Tracing Agency—formerly the Central Prisoners of War Agency—which includes over 45,000,000 index-cards, the one relating to Mr. O. D. W., a veteran of the New Zealand 2nd Expeditionary Force and former internee at Corinth, before being transferred to Stalag XVIII A, not far from Linz in Austria.

New ICN headquarters

From 1925 to 1934 the headquarters of the International Council of Nurses was in Geneva. It was transferred to London, then to New York, then back again to London which it is leaving, after twenty years, to settle in Geneva. It has had offices in this town since August 1 of this year. It will therefore have the advantage of proximity to the other international organizations interested in nursing.

To mark the occasion several officers of the League and of the ICRC organized a reception at the League headquarters for Miss Helen Nussbaum, the ICN Executive Directress, accompanied by her main colleagues. The *International Review* adds its welcome to the wishes of the Red Cross international institutions which will be pleased to co-operate more closely still with this organization which shares the same humanitarian ideal.
