

Switzerland

The Swiss Red Cross Central Committee has given its approval to new directives for general nursing schools recognized by the National Society and for maternity and child welfare nursing schools. These directives lay down the aims of the training period and its duration, which is unchanged at three years. They also affect the organization and teaching staff in the schools, the syllabi, reporting on students' work and behaviour, examinations for graduation, and measures taken for safeguarding the health of candidates.

For admission to nursing schools, the Swiss Red Cross regulations require candidates to have had at least nine years schooling, including elementary courses in biology, physics and chemistry. In view of the heavy demands made nowadays on nurses, the age for admission is unchanged at 19 ; schools may however accept qualified candidates at 18 years of age. The aim is to prepare nursing personnel not only sufficient in number but also capable of giving the sick and the injured the most complete nursing care to which they are entitled.

Thailand

The Thai Red Cross Society has had the good idea of having translated into its country's language the final report on the World Conference of Educators which was held in Lausanne in August 1963, and whose importance and significance has been described in the *International Review*.

The National Society has now produced this report in the form of a pamphlet with many illustrations and which also contains a number of details of the events which took place in Geneva on the occasion of the Red Cross Centenary, amongst others, the International Exhibition and the official opening on September 1, 1963.