

wishes to all those who in any way give us their co-operation and support.

I would like to remind all my compatriots that their Red Cross will always be in keeping with the support and confidence which it will find with them.

May they help to enter this second centenary of activity with increased efficiency and by action worthy of their great task.

Let our new Review form the link enabling these bonds of friendship and mutual confidence to be still further strengthened."

Mr. Boissier and Mr. MacAulay then voiced the good wishes of the ICRC and the League for the complete success of this quarterly publication and whose appearance coincides with a great date in the history of the Belgian Red Cross, the centenary of its foundation.

Colombia

The Colombian Red Cross Review of December 1963 contains some interesting details on the Society's Second National Conference held last year in Bogotá. It relates how the Red Cross has developed in Colombia and describes its present activities.

Resolutions adopted in the course of this National Conference concern the protection and welfare of children, which the Red Cross wishes to intensify in co-operation with governmental, religious, and private institutions dealing with these social problems of capital importance, as well as cinema, radio and television programmes in connection with which the Red Cross wishes to focus the attention of the appropriate authorities in order to exercise control over the subjects presented to youthful audiences.

Among other activities, we may mention the organization of mental health courses intended for parents, teachers and university students. There are also courses in first-aid and home welfare. The Junior Red Cross is to carry on its mission with special emphasis on the development of its operations in various sectors of the national

territory. Illustrated pamphlets will be distributed to popularize the Red Cross principles of neutrality and solidarity.

The National Society's nursing school, set up twenty-five years ago by Mrs. Blanca Marti de David'Almeida, who is its present director, is carrying out an increasingly important activity which has ceaselessly developed in spite of many difficulties. The establishment of this school was one early step on the road to female emancipation and one of its merits was to stimulate confidence among the parents of young women who previously were unable to leave their families for the purpose of higher education. The objects of the school from the outset were :

- a) to co-operate in solving the immense problem of relief action and social assistance by forming qualified personnel.
- b) to offer youth the opportunity to be of service in the social field, by giving courses leading to qualification as health visitors.
- c) to implement the humanitarian ideal of the Red Cross by the alleviation of suffering, the prevention of disease, and the protection of health on first a national scale and secondly at the international level, within the framework of world-wide Red Cross activities.