

EMPRESS SHÔKEN FUND

A FURTHER GIFT

The Empress Shôken Fund, created in 1912 by the generosity of H. M. The Empress of Japan for the promotion of relief work in time of peace, has recently received a substantial additional contribution from the Japanese Government.

At the beginning of this year, a contribution from the Japanese Government of 119,232 Swiss francs brought the inalienable capital to a total of 508,313 Sw.frs. A further donation from that source now brings the capital to 628,202 francs.

The Fund is administered by a Joint Commission of the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies. Each year on April 11, the anniversary of the death of H. M. The Empress of Japan, the Joint Commission distributes the revenues amongst National Red Cross Societies which have submitted applications for allocations by December 31 of the preceding year, such allocations bearing exclusively on relief work in time of peace.

This further generosity will enable more adequate response to be made than hitherto to the numerous appeals which the International Committee and the League of Red Cross Societies receives each year from National Societies, and to continue with greater effectiveness the important mission devolving upon the Empress Shôken Fund.