

HUNGARY

The June issue of *International Review* mentioned the ICRC President's recent visit to Hungary at the invitation of that country's Red Cross and authorities. Mr. Eric Martin was shown various aspects of the duties carried out by the National Society and presented the Florence Nightingale Medal to two nurses.¹

He also took part in the ceremonies at Budapest on the occasion of World Red Cross Day, and attended the general rehearsal of a cantata entitled "Tribute to Henry Dunant" preparatory to a performance during a gala soirée at the Academy of Music. This work had been composed and presented to the National Society by a Hungarian poet and a Hungarian composer. The National Society kindly gave the ICRC a tape recording of this nobly inspired lyrical tribute to the Red Cross and to peace:

... You have seen, Henry Dunant,
The face of war at Solferino,
The faces of the unburied dead;
You heard
their last cries stifled by blood.

The light of your humanity belongs to all races
And we must learn that our common aim is peace.
Happy is he who in adversity befriends his neighbour.
Light begets light and
The Red Cross brightens the desolate gloom of night...

¹ *Plate.*