

Of course, such a vast publicity campaign involves heavy expenditure. Since it is impossible to send fresh copies every year, thus enabling each pupil to take home his own handbook, for reasons of economy, the ICRC recommends that the books should remain the property of the school. In this way, teaching the Red Cross and the Geneva Conventions can be spread over a number of years.

It is to be hoped that hundreds of thousands of African school-children will become familiar with the basic humanitarian principles, without which any fostering of the spirit of mutual assistance and peace among men would be futile. The result of the experiment is, therefore, positive, and plans are already on the drawing board for a similar initiative in the countries of Asia.

RED CRESCENT HELP TO PILGRIMS

The *International Review*, in May 1967, published an article under this heading describing how Red Crescent Societies help the ever increasing number of pilgrims to Mecca. It is interesting to note that the League Secretary-General, Mr. H. Beer, on his return from Saudi Arabia, reported on this National Society activity.

As more than 1,500,000 pilgrims congregate in Mecca this month, the Saudi Arabian Red Crescent is on the alert assisting the Government with health and first-aid work among the faithful massed in a huge tent city. National Red Crescent/Red Cross Societies in countries of origin and along the annual pilgrimage route also contribute to the health education and well-being of the millions who flock to Saudi Arabia by every conceivable means of transport — even on foot. In the Mecca region, Saudi Arabian Red Crescent first-aid posts and mobile units are in action all along the roads leading to the holy places.