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Japan

The Japanese Red Cross has just brought out a complete translation in Japanese of the illustrated Handbook of the Geneva Conventions, edited jointly by the League and the ICRC, and has published this book with exactly the same presentation and format as the French edition.

This work, the German and Spanish versions of which are being prepared, has also been translated into Finnish and has been published in English and French by the two International institutions of the Red Cross, so that it is becoming increasingly an instrument of work for the purpose of disseminating the Geneva Conventions.

We reproduce below, a photocopy of one of the illustrated pages of the Japanese edition ¹, as we think, this will be of interest to the Red Cross world. These photographs were taken during the Korean war; the top one shows a wounded North Korean being cared for by Americans, and the lower one shows a wounded American being cared for by North Koreans. This page could therefore be called a symbol of the Red Cross spirit: aid to anyone, friend or enemy, if he is suffering and needs help.

Lebanon

The National Red Cross Society is at present making a special effort to make its work better known in the Lebanon. It is availing itself of this opportunity of ensuring a wider dissemination of the Geneva Conventions and of reminding the general public of the

¹ Plate.