

out the world to come to its aid and to the aid of multitudes of helpless women and children who may otherwise be left to their fate.

The appeal of the Shanghai International Red Cross is strengthened by the services of leading residents of Shanghai which it is able and proud to command. The splendid cooperation between the Chinese and foreign na-

tionals born of adversity of one and of generosity of the other will surely lay the foundation for further cooperation when the clouds of war have rolled away and when a new Shanghai is to be in the making. So in the very midst of meaningless devastation there shines a ray of brightness, a ray that encourages one to believe that the heart of man is after all divinely kind.

## The Shanghai International Red Cross

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ON September 18 (a memorable date in the annals of China) of this year an international group, including one lady, met at the Park Hotel in Shanghai, and discussed the question of organizing an International Red Cross Committee to

meet the situation created by the military conflict between Japan and China. It was felt that such a committee would be highly useful not only in starting new hospitals and camps for tending the sick and wounded and for taking care of the very large and ever increasing number of refugees, but also in cooperating with and co-ordinating the very excellent work

already being done along these lines by municipal authorities and private enterprise. After discussion, it was agreed to study the constitution of such a body before going further into its functions. Out of those present at the meeting an executive committee was appointed to study the question. Subsequently a constitution was drawn up, as well as the form of the provisional charter to be secured from the Red Cross Society of China, and both were duly accepted by the General Committee. In this manner on October 2 the Shanghai International Committee of the Red Cross Society of China saw the light of day and formally commenced its activities.

It is believed that, as the work on hand is of unusual magnitude and the situation at Shanghai is largely international in character, such a committee can deal with it

in the most effective and expeditions manner. Local resources having been more or less exhausted, it is necessary to make an international appeal, and the committee, on account of its composition and standing, will not only reach

a larger circle of supporters throughout the world, but will also be more likely to gain their confidence.

The need of such a committee is now generally admitted, and the Chinese government has been the first to grant a large donation to the work, namely, a million dollars.

In addition to the usual officers, a number of sub-committees have been organized, such as those for

### A Worthy Cause

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THE Shanghai International Red Cross which has been recently formed by prominent Chinese and foreign leaders in Shanghai is conducting a campaign to raise \$10,000,000 for the relief of countless refugees who have flocked to the International Settlement and French Concession here as the result of Sino-Japanese hostilities.

This worthy cause sponsored by this Committee speaks for itself. The world has known only too well the extent of devastation wrought on Chinese soil by the Japanese forces on land and sea and from the air. It would be too revolting to recount the horrors which these refugees have gone through. Sufficient proof is found in the very fact that the public-spirited citizens of this metropolis have volunteered to undertake the task of relief which has proved overwhelming for government organisations alone.

As Mayor of Greater Shanghai I most heartily subscribe to the program formulated by the International Red Cross Committee, and in the same capacity and on behalf of the Chinese people I wish to convey my and their deep gratitude for the generous support which, I am sure, will be forthcoming in an abundant measure.

Finance, Appeal and Publicity, Medical (comprehending Wounded Soldiers, Civilian Hospitals, and Medical Supplies), Epidemics, and Membership, all headed by experienced and energetic chairmen, while at the same time the International Committee has been very fortunate in securing the voluntary services of Mr. John Earl Baker, of the China International Famine Relief Commission, as director of the work to be undertaken.

We earnestly hope that all those, whom it is possible to reach with this appeal will respond generously with their moral, material and financial support for the work of mercy undertaken by the Shanghai International Committee. On behalf of the sick and wounded soldiers and civilians and of the hundreds of thousands of pitiful refugees, we wish to express in advance our gratitude for public sympathy and help.