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A splendid suggestion of another way to help has been made recently, which we feel will appeal to the ladies of our colony. We wish to ask our fair compatriots to knit socks and pullovers for men; babies' clothing, cardigans, mittens, etc. Every contribution, no matter how small, is greatly appreciated. Please forward such goods to : Mrs. W. Schmid, P.O.Box 386, Wellington, C.1.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SWISS CONSULATE AT
WELLINGTON, P.O.BOX 386.

NACHRICHTEN DES SCHWEIZERISCHEN KONSULATS IN
WELLINGTON, P.O. BOX 386.

The Swiss Consulate at Wellington is greatly interested in receiving clippings of any New Zealand newspapers and magazines, bearing on any Swiss topics, not including, of course, cable and radio news which appears through the whole New Zealand press.

The members of the Swiss Benevolent Society of New Zealand and other readers are requested to kindly mail any clippings of the described nature to the Consulate of Switzerland, which will greatly appreciate such help. Postage will be refunded by return mail.

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Das Schweizerische Konsulat in Wellington ist den Mitgliedern des Schweizerischen Wohltaetigkeitsgesellschaft in Neuseeland sowie anderen Landsleuten und Lesern dankbar fuer die Zustellung von jeglichen Zeitungsartikeln in neuseelaendischen Tages-, Wochen- und Monatszeitungen und Zeitschriften ueber die Schweiz oder schweizerische Dinge, fuer welche es grosses Interesse hat. Ausgenommen sind natuerlich die ueblichen Telegramm- und Radionachrichten aus der Schweiz, welche in allen Tages-zeitungen erscheinen. Portospesen werden den Einsendern umgehend verguetet.

ONE OF THE MANY HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES OF SWITZERLAND.

The International Committee of the Red Cross
at Geneva.

During the last war, a learned French writer, Rémy de Gourmont, asked in one of his articles what was the meaning and origin of the mysterious sign of the Red Cross - about which nobody knew anything.

The work of the Red Cross, the 75th anniversary of which was celebrated this year, was founded by the first Convention of Geneva (22nd August 1864). The first steps had been taken by a resident of Geneva, a plain citizen who had chanced to be present at the battle of Solferino in 1859 and had seen the frightful state of the wounded, who died of thirst and infection in that hot countryside. Dunant had published in 1862 his "Souvenir de Solferino", a small volume written for a few chosen readers. (Dunant personally sent it to a few European sovereigns). In this he related simply what he had seen after this deadly battle, what he had done, with ridiculous material to help the unfortunate sufferers, and what should be done to improve the medical service with the help of doctors and civilian helpers. The Swiss Commander-in-Chief, General Dufour was a member of the first committee of five persons, all from Geneva, which organised the two international conferences which were the genesis of the Convention of Geneva held in 1864. Gustave Moynier was for 47 years the