

tendency to decentralise League activities, and adapt them to groups of countries united by centuries of history, common customs and language; communities differing in some respects but which have to face the same problems, have the same needs, and aspire to similar progress. The Xth Inter-American Conference of the Red Cross in Paraguay made this very clear.

The League's experiment in decentralisation, namely its formation of a regional office in Latin America, has been successful enough to remove all doubt that this example will be followed in other areas of the world, as part of Red Cross organisation and in line with Red Cross resources."

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## CANADA

The ceremony for the award of the Florence Nightingale Medal and citation to Miss Jeannette Ouellet by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, Mr. H. Lapointe, took place in July 1975 in Quebec City.<sup>1</sup> The award, described as the highest distinction for nurses, was publicized in the newspapers and on radio and television.

Miss Ouellet has served the Red Cross for thirty-four years in its voluntary service and also as a worker in blood collection centres.

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<sup>1</sup> *Plate.*