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What achievements are due to Gustave Moynier! By proposing a strategy for the implementation of the ideas of genius expressed by Henry Dunant on the final pages of his book *A Memory of Solferino*, he made a decisive contribution to the foundation of the Red Cross. The Geneva Convention of 22 August 1864, which was the starting point for contemporary international humanitarian law, came largely from his pen. As President of the International Committee of the Red Cross from 1864 to 1910, Moynier gave the organization the doctrinal framework and the basic guidelines for its work until today. He was also one of the founders of the Institute of International Law and a forerunner of an international system of criminal justice.

And yet, after his death, his name was soon forgotten.

Written in a simple, straightforward style, this short biography sets out to recall the main stages in the life and work of Gustave Moynier. It also endeavours to shed light on the importance of the legacy that he has bequeathed us, without which humanity would not be what it is.

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