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### Editorial.

#### NURSING PROGRESS IN HOLLAND.

IT has been a sincere pleasure to us to chronicle in these pages, during the past few months, the progress which has been made in Holland in the organization of the Dutch Nursing profession. We have shown how its members, following the example of British Nurses, have banded themselves together into an Association to obtain uniformity of training, and registration of trained Nurses, and benefits for those who have thus proved themselves to have received a satisfactory education.

To-day, we have the pleasure to bring to the notice of the Nursing profession in this country, an account of the important meeting of leading medical men and hospital matrons, which took place last month in Amsterdam. It is a significant fact that this meeting, like the previous gatherings of the same body, arrived at conclusions almost identical with those to which the Royal British Nurses' Association has given its sanction. In discussing the question of the curriculum, through which a Nurse must pass before she can claim to be considered thoroughly trained, the difficulty has arisen in Holland, as it has arisen in this country also, as to whether children's hospitals can be recognised as general hospitals, so far as the training of their Nurses is concerned. And it is a curious fact that precisely the same arguments which are quoted in another column, as advanced at the Amsterdam meeting in favour of, or against, such recognition, were, and still are, advanced in England on the same debated question. The matter is naturally one of extreme importance, not

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