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Editorial.

"THE PROGRESS OF NURSING."

N another column, we have the honour to publish the full text of the important paper read, on behalf of Her Royal Highness Princess Christian, at the Eighth International Congress of Hygiene and Demography, last week, at Budapest. This valuable contribution affords another example of the interest which Her Royal Highness has graciously shown in Nursing matters, and of the accurate acquaintance which she possesses with Nursing politics in this country, of which British Nurses are gratefully aware, and of which it is well that those of other nations should also learn.

There are several points in this paper which are of the greatest importance to our readers, but especial interest will be felt in the sentences referring to the present scheme of preliminary education which the Association is about to undertake, and to the prospective development of the profession to which Her Royal Highness looks. Princess CHRISTIAN describes the courses of technical lectures, which are to be shortly commenced under the auspices of the Corporation, in the following very significant words. It "will thus perform the part of a College for the instruction and preparation of those who may be desirous of entering Hospitals as Probationers." And still more significant is the further pronouncement: "It is the hope of the Corporation that the time is not far distant when the State will see the importance of recognising a definite Diploma of Nursing, and of giving its official sanction to the maintenance of the Register of Trained Nurses."

There can be no dispute as to the present and future value of the lecturing scheme which the previous page next page