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**Editorial.**

**NURSES AT THE TUBERCULOSIS CONGRESS.**

THE Organising Council of the British Congress on Tuberculosis, to be held in the Queen's Hall, London, from July 22nd. to July 26th, have shown a wise and liberal spirit in inviting leading Societies of Trained Nurses to send Delegates to the Congress. Next to the work of medical men in combatting this disease, that of trained nurses is of the first importance, for not only are they responsible for carrying out medical directions with regard to the prevention of infection, but they have exceptional opportunities for teaching the laws of hygiene, and the every-day precautions to be taken in respect to this disease in the homes of rich and poor alike. It is, therefore, of the first moment that nurses should be educated on the subject and encouraged to take an intelligent interest in the treatment of tuberculosis, for a want of comprehension on their part as to medical directions, or failure to carry out these orders to the letter, may render useless the most carefully thought-out medical precautions against the spread of this disease.

The importance of the Congress may be gauged by the fact that the King, who is the Patron, hopes to open it in person, and that such eminent scientists as Professor Koch, of Berlin, Professor Brouardel, of Paris, Professor Mc Fadyean, of the Royal Veterinary College, and many other British and Foreign celebrities are to participate in it, while every British Colony and Dependency has been invited to send Delegates. It was fitting that the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, the only Association of Superintendents of Trained Nurses in this country should be invited to participate in the Congress, and that with its usual public spirit it should have decided to accept the invitation, and appointed thoroughly representative Delegates, namely:— Miss Isla Stewart, Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, the President; Miss Beatrice Jones, Matron of the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, E; and Miss Helen Todd, Matron of the National Sanatorium for Consumption, Bournemouth.

Thus, the Matrons' Council will be represented by ladies having a practical acquaintance with the nursing of the disease under discussion.

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