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## Editorial.

AN INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

THE International Congress has come and gone, and the memory now abides with us of a stupendous success, a lesson of the great value of co-operation amongst women, a proof of the literary ability of individual women, as well as of their talent for organization. It remains for us now to gather up the threads so that we may not lose the benefits brought to us by the assembling together of picked women from all quarters of the globe.

The most important outcome of the Congress, so far as it concerns the nursing profession, is undoubtedly the adoption by the members of the Matrons' Council assembled in Annual Conference, at which many of the Foreign Nurses attending the Congress were present, of the resolution proposed by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and seconded from the chair by Miss Isla Stewart, Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and Chairman of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, "That steps be taken to organize an International Council of Nurses."

The growth of this Council may, and indeed must necessarily, be slow, but its formation is an epoch-making event in the history of the nursing profession. Wherever there is sickness, disease, and suffering, there is the opportunity of the trained nurse whose mission it is to combat sickness, to wrestle with and conquer disease, to alleviate suffering, and to make as smooth as may be the rough places in the valley of the shadow of death. And as sickness, disease, and death are found all the world over,

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