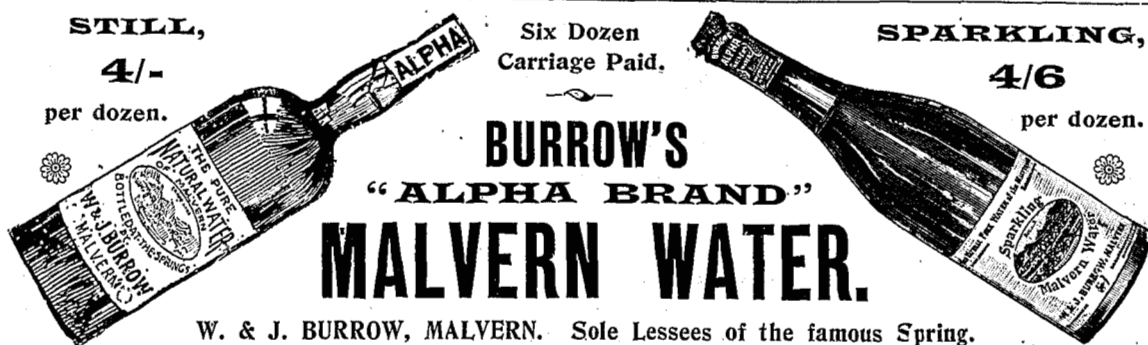


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## Editorial.

### THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

THE meeting of the Provisional Committee of the International Council of Nurses, and the formation of the International Council last week, is an event of the greatest importance to nurses, and one to which we have long looked forward with hope. To us it was an additional pleasure that the Council should have been launched in the Matron's House, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, in a room which has for ourselves many happy memories, and in which during the Matronship of Miss Isla Stewart so many good works have been inaugurated. The formation of the International Council of Nurses means no less than that, henceforth, nurses will have an articulate voice not only in their own profession but in the wider issues which concern them as women, and as citizens, for the links in the chain connecting the graduate nurse with the International Council of Women is now complete. Beginning with the graduate nurse herself we have the Associations of graduates, alumnæ as they are called in America, or leagues as in this country, where the certificated nurses of a training school may meet to discuss their professional affairs. Then we have representation of these professional societies in a National Council of Nurses by means

of delegation, and again there is provision in the International Council of Nurses for direct representation, by means of delegates, of the National Councils. Here then we have the whole organization for the representation of the Graduate Nurse in an international Council of Nurses. But further. The International Council of Nurses has grown up side by side with the International Council of Women, and is organized on the same basis. Into this International Council of Women it is now proposed that Societies founded on an international basis may be received, again by delegation, and the following resolution will be proposed at the next meeting of the International Council of Women, by the President, Mrs. May Wright Sewall:—

"That Societies of Women internationally organized, desirous of joining the International Council, may become members of the International Council, with the approval of the Executive."

In the near future therefore we may hope that nurses will, by direct representation, have a voice in the International Council of women, which is the Women's Parliament of the world. We look forward with hope to the work which the International Council of Nurses will accomplish for the efficient care of the sick, and for the honour and interests of the Nursing Profession.

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