

our measures already established by law permits me to be optimistic as regards results.

Your Royal Highness, Ladies and Gentlemen,—The Italian Government and the Italian people will follow with interest and attention your labours which realise an absolute harmony between science and human solidarity. In the name of the Italian Nation I desire for this great Congress, which you have been good enough to convene in Rome, the most fruitful results. I hope that you will make another long step forward on that march which is fine because it is difficult, which is necessary, and which stirs one's imagination because there are at stake the numberless young lives which must be saved, and which you must save. (Loud and prolonged applause.)

RECEPTION BY THE GOVERNOR OF ROME.

Immediately following the Solemn Opening of the Congress a Reception was given to the Delegates by Prince Boncompagni, the Governor of Rome, who thus had the privilege of seeing the priceless bronzes, statuary, pictures, frescoes and tapestries, and other art treasures, in the wonderful palace.

The Capitol, which has been the seat of the Municipal Government of Rome since 1143, owes its present form to Michael Angelo, who was charged by Paul III. (1538) with the systematization of the Piazza of the Capitol and who designed the three palaces surrounding the square on three sides. The equestrian statue of Marcus Aurelius, Emperor and Philosopher, A.D. 161-180, is, we are told, one of the rarest

works of art in metal which had come down to us from antiquity, as nearly all the others were fused, and the metal employed for other purposes.

The hospitality shown to the Delegates, and the thoughtfulness of arranging for their reception in such beautiful and historic surroundings, where they were permitted to wander at will and leisure, will long be remembered by them.

Specially notable was the bronze statue of the "Wolf of the Capitol," which dates back to the sixth century B.C., and is of Etruscan workmanship, though the figures of Romulus and Remus were added afterwards. Other lovely works of Art, well known from reproductions in statuary and photographs are the Dying Gladiator, and the Boy with the thorn in his foot.

THE INAUGURATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL REUNION OF NURSES.

On the afternoon of September 25th, in connection with the Sixth Congress convened by the International Union against Tuberculosis, there was inaugurated in the Exhibition Palace, in the Via Nazionale, Rome, the Nurses' International Reunion, under the Patronage of the Queen of Italy.

The arrival of S.A.R. the Duchesse d'Aosta (President of the Committee of Honour), who, from the first to the last meeting, followed the Conference very closely, was attended with enthusiastic applause. S.E. Augusto Turati (Secretary of the Fascist National Party), in opening the meeting, recalled that the Duce had defined the anti-tubercular

fight as a "national and State duty," and turning to the nurses said that they made up the army which was fighting and which intended to fight in the battle against tuberculosis. The long road illuminated by those heroic figures who have always given freely, without thought of any reward, is, he continued, the guarantee of the efficiency of their work. He expressed devoted words of homage to the Duchesse d'Aosta, who had always been, he announced amid much applause, the inspired guide of this army.

The Marchesa di Targiani Giunti then read a telegram from the Duchesse delle Puglie (Vice-President of the Committee of Honour), expressing her disappointment at not being able to be present at the Congress, and then accorded in the three

official languages—Italian, English, and French—a greeting of welcome to all present in the following words: "I need not emphasise my greeting to this great meeting of nurses, attached to the International Congress on Tuberculosis, but I desire to say how proud I am to see you, my sisters, in Rome. Welcome to you all, welcome." The Marchesa also said that this was the first time that an International Meeting of Nurses had been attached to a Medical Congress, and she related how the invitation had come from the International Union for the fight against Tuberculosis.

The hall was well filled by an interested audience, including nurses from the following countries: Italy, France, Great Britain, The Irish Free State, Luxembourg, Poland, and the United States of America.



HIS EXCELLENCY BENITO MUSSOLINI AND HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUCHESS OF AOSTA LEAVING THE CAPITOL.

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