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EDITORIAL.

"HUMANITY CRIES OUT FOR PEACE."

"MORAL FORCE MUST ULTIMATELY SUBDUE THE LOWER INSTINCTS IN THE HUMAN RACE, AND THE LITTLE SISTERS OF SYMPATHY FEDERATED IN THE INTERNA-TIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES HAVE A LOVELY PART TO PLAY IN THE INEVITABLE EVOLUTION OF PEACE WITH presented new colours to six battalions of the Brigade of Guards, than the nursing profession. His Majesty said :

"Only a few of us on parade this morning have known the awful weight of war, with all its horrors, and yet its comradeships, during the world struggle of twenty years ago.

"With all my heart I hope, and indeed I pray, that



HIS MAJESTY THE KING ADDRESSING CANADIAN WAR NURSES BEFORE HE UNVEILED THE VIMY RIDGE MEMORIAL.

HONOUR."—The Founder of the International Council of Nurses at its Helsingfors Congress, 1925.

In the tangled politics of the world, trained nurses hold a specially privileged position, inasmuch as down through the ages their occupation has been the humanitarian work of the prevention and cure of disease. There is no nationality in nursing. Wherever in peace or in war we find sickness and suffering, there it is our duty to endeavour to heal and to comfort, be the patient friend or foe, and no members of the community of nations were more in sympathy with the sentiments expressed by the King, when he recently never again will our age and generation be called upon to face such stern and terrible days.

"Humanity cries out for peace and the assurance of peace, and you will find in peace opportunities of duty and service as noble as any that bygone battlefields can show."

Again, at the moving ceremony of the unveiling on the crest of Vimy Ridge, on July 26th, of the Canadian National Memorial to the men who died in France, but have no known grave, the King sympathetically interpreted the feelings which he knew to be in the hearts of his people when he said "Around us here to-day there is peace and the rebuilding of hope."



