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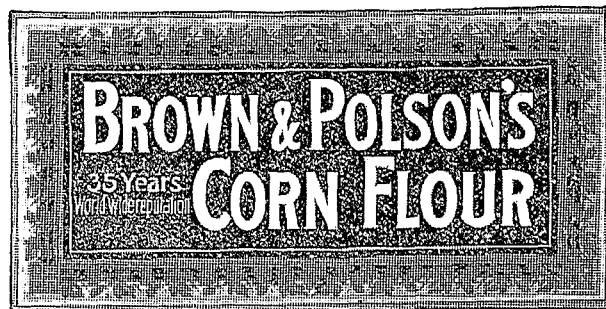
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Editorial.

WE shall be excused for regarding it as most auspicious that we should be able to commence a new volume of the NURSING RECORD by an announcement of progress in the Nursing world, outside the United Kingdom, which has been brought about, in some measure, by the influence of this journal ; and, furthermore, that we should be able to bring before our readers, to-day, important and interesting communications from different parts of the world. No better proof could be given, were any requisite, not only of the necessity for a journal conducted by Nurses for Nurses, but also of its great value to the Nursing profession, than that it should be able thus to focus, so to speak, the news of the Nursing world upon its pages.

In another column, will be found an account of the Dutch Nursing body, which has now been firmly founded on the lines of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and which owes its inception, as some have been kind enough to say, to the interest excited in that Association by the many accounts of its work and progress which have appeared in these columns ; for we are pleased to know that the NURSING RECORD numbers a large circle of readers in Holland. In the name of our readers, we feel sure we may tender their thanks to the very distinguished lady whose communication appears in another column, and who has graciously undertaken to send us news of that progress of Nursing in her land, which she is eminently qualified to understand and to relate.

It is obvious that our Dutch sisters have considerably improved upon our methods, or rather,

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