

EDITORIAL

We suppose that our readers will be a little astonished in finding that the greatest part of this issue is printed in English.

They need not fear that we are planning to replace our own language by another, but for this occasion we are of opinion that there were strong reasons for doing so.

At the last session of the „Fédération Dentaire Internationale” in Geneva, August 1925, the Executive Council resolved to try to establish an international Journal, to further the aims and ideals of the F. D. I.

The undersigned, reporter of the Commission of the Dental Press, thought that it would be possible for this new Journal to appear in a few months, so that the various Commissions of the F. D. I. would be able to publish their transactions in due time.

Circumstances however, proved, that he underestimated the time, necessary for the work which goes together with the founding of an international organ, where meetings of a Committee are well-nigh impossible and correspondence takes months to settle questions which- in national affairs- would only take weeks.

Although the Committee finally succeeded in conquering the various and numerous difficulties, the first issue of this F. D. I. Journal will not appear before the last of June and so especially the Hygiene Commission could not fulfil its promise to publish before the Congress in America the articles which several prominent members had written.

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Under these conditions our Editorial Staff promised Dr. Bruske, the secretary of said Commission to give him the opportunity of publishing these articles in our Journal in English, convinced that our own subscribers will have no objection against reading a language they all understand, and that is known by the greater part of the dentists all over the world.

Holland has the reputation that it is always ready to help, when trouble in matters of international coöperation arises and in supporting this valuable work of the H. C. F. D. I., we firmly believe that we acted in the right way, assisting our distinguished colleagues, furthering the interests of the most important part of dental activities and living up to the standard of the national ideals of which we are proud!

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