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EDITORIAL

THE INTERNATIONAL SURGICAL SOCIETY.

We have received the following resolutions from Dr. W. W. Keen, of Philadelphia, a surgeon of world-wide reputation. He states that he has been requested, and also states that he joins in the request, that the resolutions be published. They read thus:

"It was agreed at a meeting held in Paris on November 3rd, 1917, of delegates of the International Surgical Society from Belgium, France, Great Britain, Serbia and the United States of America, that:

"1. The International Surgical Society be dissolved after the publication of the Volume of Transactions of the Meeting held at New York, April 14th, 1917. Should any money remain after the publication of the volume, such money will be divided pro rata among members. Each member of the Austro-German group will receive his share; but the money belonging to members from other nations will be retained and applied to some object of scientific reparation in Belgium.

"2. A new society will be created after the war on a similar basis, to be called the 'Inter-Allied Surgical Society'. Surgeons of neutral countries may also be elected members."

We very gladly give these resolutions the most prominent position at our command. They are most timely and in order. This movement will put the Hun surgeon and his associates from Austria where they belong, in a class by themselves. Men that belong to the great and beneficent medical profession in any of its branches, and who have not raised their voices against the guilt of Germany during this war, are not fit to associate with members of the medical profession of other nations. Let them alone. Leave them severely alone, and, after the war, mete out to them a full measure of the wrath of cold contempt.

No matter what their attainments may be, still leave them alone. A man may be highly educated and be an abortionist, a fact that would