

ordinarily, would find the expense too great. Miss Hitchcock, the chairman of the District Nursing Section, and Miss Damer are arranging a very interesting programme, which will be announced in the *JOURNAL* later. There is a prospect of a large and most interesting gathering of people at this conference, and the attractions of the exposition alone will be well worth the journey.

We wish nurses realized more keenly their obligations to their profession as well as to the public and were alive to their opportunities in all the great problems of philanthropy. When the gates are opened, as they have been by the Conference of Charities, and nurses are asked to come in and work side by side with the great reformers of the age, there should be no lagging behind, but a great body should respond—not just a few. With knowledge and opportunity action should follow.

THE CONGRESS OF NURSES IN WASHINGTON

THE meetings of the Superintendents' Society and the Associated Alumnae are to be held in Washington, D. C., during the first week in May.

It is not too early for members to begin to arrange their plans to attend, and without doubt this will be the greatest gathering of nurses since the meeting in Buffalo. Both associations are arranging most interesting programmes. Washington will be seen at its very best at this date, and with the reductions in railroad transportation that will be secured a great company of nurses should be able to attend. We shall be able to give the full programme for the week in the April *JOURNAL*, and call the attention of our readers to the official announcements in this issue.

PROGRESS OF EDUCATION

IN the department of Training-School Items will be found a copy of the circular letter issued by the North Carolina State Board of Nurse Examiners to the superintendents of training-schools. We understand that the prospect is fair of establishing a preliminary nursing department, as the circular suggests, at the State Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro, as the leading educators in North Carolina are in sympathy with the movement.

California is also moving in the direction of a nursing college. The State nurses' association decided to take steps towards organizing a