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## Editorial

Before our next issue the annual conference of the N.Z.T.N.A. will have taken place. It is hoped that a successful meeting will eventuate, and that useful business will be accomplished. To attain that end it is necessary that the various branches of the Association carefully consider the remits which are published in this issue. It is also desirable that there should be a good attendance of delegates from the various branches, and that nurses will try to arrange their annual leave so as to be able to attend, and thus not only show, but cultivate, interest in their Association. Just at the time this number of the Journal is being printed, the great conference of nurses at Montreal will be sitting, and we shall look forward to hearing from our delegates a full account of all that has taken place.

The suggested programmes and the various remits show the meeting should be of great interest, and that there should

be lively discussions on the many matters brought up. The suggestions regarding the education of nurses, especially need careful consideration. In these days nurses are expected to carry out much technical work for which intelligent knowledge and skill are required, and thus intensive education is needed to fit them for this responsibility. If the term of training is not to be increased, less of the time of a probationer can be spared for work, necessary, indeed, for the hospitals, which can be done by others not engaged in the study for a profession so exacting as that of nursing. It appears to us that hospital work not of a technical nature should appeal to girls of a refined type, but not desiring to train as nurses, and that the system of "hospital aids," as now carried out in several Government institutions, might well be extended to the General Hospitals.