

movement on the part of American Nurses towards those things, not yet attained, an attitude which has placed them in the proud position of being further advanced in organization than the nurses of any other country.

Ever, dear Madam,  
Yours sincerely,  
A CONSTANT READER.

### Notices.

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### Comments and Replies.

*Miss W. Hereford.*—You will find all necessary information about the various training schools in the "Nursing Directory," which is issued under the authority of the Matrons' Council, and may be obtained from the offices of the NURSING RECORD, 11, Adam Street, Strand. Your best plan of procedure is, after you have studied the regulations, and have made up your mind which hospital you would like to enter, to write to the Matron and ask her when

there will be a vacancy, and if she will grant you a personal interview. You should enclose a stamped envelope for a reply.

*Charge Nurse.*—In the early stages of small-pox strychnine and digitalis are now frequently prescribed. Baths will cause collapse if given at the onset of the disease, but are often ordered and found useful in the pustular stage. A mask of lint soaked in boracic lotion is sometimes applied to the face, and found to give relief. An ointment which is prescribed for use on the faces of small-pox patients is compounded as follows: Ichthyol, 10 parts; oil of sweet almonds, 60 parts; lanolin, 20 parts. The drugs often used to relieve local symptoms are salicylate of soda for backache, and antipyrine for acute headache, while inhalations of tinc. benzoin co, are given to relieve sore throat, and relief has been afforded by syringing the nose and throat with liq. sodæ chlorinatæ. We learn also that an anti-streptococcus serum has been used in treating this disease, but we do not know with what result.

*Observer, Gloucester.*—Nurses are slowly beginning to learn that in their three years' hospital training they are taking out an educational course, and that the proper basis for a nursing as for a medical school is the collegiate one. This being so it is evident that the course of nursing education should be defined by a central body, representative of the various interests involved, answering to the General Medical Council in the Medical Profession, and that all institutions which act as training schools for nurses should conform to the standard which this body lays down. But when nursing is established upon an educational basis the question as to whether pupil nurses should not be required to defray the expense of this valuable professional training must necessarily be considered.

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