progress? Haven't we wanted Professors of Nursing in England for years? Of course we have. Haven't we asked for a definite curriculum of training, a minimum standard, and an independent examination? Of course we have long ago. That we have not attained them is due partly to the obstructive tactics of those who do not desire our professional progress or scientific education; partly, let us honestly own it, to the fact that we are not worthy of them, inasmuch as we are willing to hold out our of them, inasmuch as we are willing to noid out our hands and take the good things that are put into them, but we are not willing, the majority of us, to put ourselves to any personal inconvenience, or to make any sacrifice, to attain them. But never mind! Perhaps we shall rise "on stepping stones of our dead selves to higher things," and now the campaign which will end in the start and the Start and in our emancipation has begun, and the Stars and Stripes lead the way. Let us hope for our national and imperial credit that the Union Jack will follow on before the German Eagle, or the Tricolour, joins the ranks. ranks.

·I am, Dear Madam,
Yours f Yours faithfully, AN IMPATIENT BRITISHER.

# Comments and Replies.

Nurse Margaret, Blackpool.—Several of the nurses who worked in the Crimea have, during the past year, received the Royal Red Cross in recognition of their services. The book written by Sister Mary Aloysius, an Iri-h nun, who was one of the recipients, entitled, "Memories of the Crimea," an I

published by Messrs. Burns & Oates, of Orchard Street, is most interesting. Sister Mary Aloysius did not enjoy the honour conferred upon her for long, for she died a few months ago.

Wanderer, London.-There is no disease which requires more careful nursing than malarial fever, and perhaps none in which the nurse can do more for the comfort of the There are many forms of malaria, but the first patient. patient. There are many forms of malaria, but the first attack is as a rule indicative of successive ones in particular individuals. The usual treatment is to give salicylate of soda and quinine. In the first stages of fever, the patient should be kept in light flannel clothing, between blankets. A plentiful supply of pyjamas or nightdresses is necessary, as owing to the profuse perspirations which occur, the patient will probably need changing many times a day. He should be washed all over at least night and morning. The excessive perspiration will probably aggravate the condition of prickly heat from which most Europeans suffer in tropical countries. There will probably be at first much loathing of countries. There will probably be at first much loathing of food, acute headache, photophobia, and pyrexia. Continued prostration, and persistent insomnia, with nervous breakdown, are serious symptoms. The cause of malaria is now attributed to a definite germ. It is stated by some authorities that the zone of malaria and mosquitoes is the same. Impure drinking water is a frequent source of malarial poisoning.

Private Nurse, Weymouth.—We should advise you to roid witnessing patients' wills if possible. If a will is avoid witnessing patients' wills if possible. If a will is disputed it may be the cause of considerable trouble to

Miss T., Leicester.-We are afraid you have no redress in

the matter.

Nurse. W.; Brighton.—A charcoal poultice is made by adding finely powdered charcoal to an ordinary linseed meal poultice, in the proportion of one-third charcoal to two-thirds linseed meal. The charcoal should be stirred into the boiling water before the linseed meal, otherwise the poultice will be of a dirty grey colour instead of black.

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