

mortuary, and a nurse should also be present when the friends view the body.

Perhaps only nurses know the prejudicial effect upon patients who are seriously ill of the removal of a body in the ordinary black shell. It is depressing to a healthy person, and it is not too much to say that with the sick it in some cases accelerates death. The movable bier is so convenient, and so seemly, that it is difficult to understand why it is not found in every hospital.

I am, dear Madam,  
Yours faithfully,  
A LOVER OF SEENLINESS.

#### BAD TIMES OR BAD MANAGEMENT?

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—From your report of the position of this country in relation to the Universal Exposition at St. Louis next year, it appears that once more we are likely to come in "a bad second." Why is it that the nation is so blind to its own interests? At one time I lived abroad in a British Protectorate, and British Government officials, as well as residents, constantly made use of French and German ships, simply because these catered for the comfort and the convenience of passengers, which our own did not. Then we complain of bad times. Bad management would more accurately describe the situation.

Yours obediently,  
COSMOPOLITAN.

### Comments and Replies.

*Certificated Nurse.*—The one and only object of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses is to obtain by Act of Parliament a Bill providing for the Legal Registration of Trained Nurses. Membership is open to trained nurses of three years' experience. We agree with you that every nurse who has considered the subject must endorse the principle of State Registration for nurses. We go further and say it is the duty of all to work for it.

*A Tropical Resident.*—A mosquito-proof house is one from which mosquitoes, by means of wire screens, are excluded. This is undoubtedly a forward step. The mosquito net keeps the person sleeping under it free from the bites of the mosquito. The mosquito-proof house goes a step further, and excludes this pest from the house both by day and night. But both must be regarded as palliative measures. The scientific and radical cure is the extermination of the mosquito itself, and sooner or later we hope this will be effected.

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*Certificated Nurse.*—Even as an individual you cannot escape from public responsibility, and as a member of a profession this responsibility is increased. You may discharge your personal obligations perfectly, but if you ignore your corporate ones you do not fulfil the whole duty of man.

### Notices.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS.

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Such communications must be duly authenticated with name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith, and should be addressed to the Editor, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

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