

The Paterson General is an annual, the Johns Hopkins a quarterly. We would like to ask if the various *alumnæ* journals exchange with each other? If not, they are missing both profit and pleasure, and we advise a complete system of exchanges between these publications, of which we hope to keep an exact record, both of this country and abroad.

The friendly emulation thus produced would be wholesome, and the knowledge of one another's doings and aims would bring a fresh and enlarged set of interests to the often "shut in" nurse.

From these journals we see that the Paterson General nurses are interested in the Consumer's League and are trying to do something towards furthering this movement; also that they are taking up the "trained attendant" question for consideration,—no doubt to be followed by action.

The Johns Hopkins *Alumnæ* are offering their services to the Board of Health of Baltimore as assistants in the "war" against tuberculosis; they are also establishing a reference library for the Club-House which is designed to be a good and comprehensive collection of books useful to nurses, not only on professional subjects but upon allied lines of study.

#### NEW YORK STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION

THE meeting of the State nurses, held in New York on January 30-31, will have become ancient history to many before we go to press for our next number.

We hope, however, to be able to report that the membership standards have been fixed upon lines having for their first consideration the advancement of the profession as a whole. The questions at issue are of such vital importance, and there are such varied opinions in regard to them, that no one woman, or no one body of nurses, has been ready to stand forth boldly and define the conditions which, while necessary for professional progress, seem at the same time harsh towards the individual. We believe that broad professional lines only can lead to success.

#### THE COURSE IN HOSPITAL ECONOMICS

WE call the attention of our readers to the report on the course in hospital economics, given in this issue, which contains much valuable information to those who are interested in the development of the course.

The members of these first two classes will always carry the honor of having been the pioneer students in the course, although they were to some extent the victims of some of its necessary crudities. We have a letter before us from the chairman in which she says that the criticisms of the students of last year have been exceedingly helpful in improving the course this year. A spirit of cordial coöperation on the part of both officers and pupils, all working together for the best interests of the course, is the only way in which rapid advancement can be made. But the officers must remember that these pupils are not probationers, and the students must bear in mind that every new step that is taken in the uplifting of our profession must pass through its experimental stage.

It would be interesting and helpful at this point if the graduates would explain through our pages the extent to which the course is of especial value in the various positions which they now occupy.