

## POST-CARD EXAMINATIONS.

WE are pleased to be able to announce that the *fourteenth* of this series of examination questions,

"Give a Description of what you consider should be the Ideal Corset for Nurses' wear, stating the kind of material used most suitable,"

has been responded to very heartily, there being a large number of candidates. Nurse BURR, M.B.N.A., whose card we reproduce, has secured the prize of a book or books of the value of five shillings:—

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 91 Nurse Burr M.B.N.A.  
9 Eldon Road  
Hampstead N.W.

I think an ideal corset for Nurses, should be made of Dr Jaeger's stockingette material with cords substituted for whale bone except the two bones at the back. They would be light, warm, and would wash and wear well, which is most necessary for Nurses clothing.  
I obtain the Nursing Record from Miss Woodward  
High Street  
Hampstead

The following received "honourable mention":

DR. HEYWOOD SMITH, M.B.N.A.:—

None; if one *must* be worn, then the "Flint waist," which is a bodice having a series of buttons, to which the underclothing is fastened.  
Material: wool or cotton.

NURSE TIPLADY, M.B.N.A.:—

For Nurses' wear a corset should be made to measure to obtain comfort and durability. It

should be supported according to figure; quill-bone, whalebone, or strong cord may be used, which does not break in lifting. Material for coverings should be strong jean, and can be obtained in various colours.

MISS EMILY SANDERSON, M.B.N.A.:—

I consider the ideal corset for Nurses' wear should be one shaped like a bodice, without shoulder straps or anything to prevent the free use of the limbs or body in reaching or lifting, made of double natural wool flannel, with a whalebone front and back and under the arms.

SISTER ELLA:—

My ideal Nurses' corset is the "Yeando Good Sense Corded Corset." For many reasons these are good for a Nurse: (1) The jean of which they are made is strong; (2) they are perfectly easy, and, having *only* steel in the centre seam of back and front, they yield when the Nurse is required to lift patients; (3) they have straps over the shoulders, which keeps the weight of the clothes off the hips; (4) also have tape-fastened buttons on front, and on hips for skirts and suspenders.

MISS L. HERN, M.B.N.A.:—

A very good corset for Nurses' wear is the Rational; they are made of a thick grey twill with shoulder straps, which are a great support. The steels are put in so as to be easily taken out when the corsets require washing. There are no stiff steels down the front, but they are buttoned very closely, which allows stooping without pressure, and are supplied by Messrs. Jerons & Mellor, Birmingham.

MISS A. GARRY:—

Material for corsets, jean; white or drab. The corsets should be made to order to fit and well support the figure without pressure. Whalebone, strong, but pliable, down the back, the sides corded.

MISS GEORGIE MONTGOMERY, M.B.N.A.:—

I think the ideal corset for a Nurse is Dr. Jaeger's Sanitary Camel Hair one, as it is light, flexible, porous, and durable.

MISS EMILY A. BRADFIELD, M.B.N.A.:—

The corset, being made of strong white cotille, should be of the usual shape in front and sides; but high enough in the back to take in the shoulder blades, having two bands of wide elastic attached to the top sides of corset back, brought over the shoulder, under the armpit, and fastened at the back a little lower down with a button or buckle. For stiffening use as little

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