

be made with a pin attached, like a brooch, with a band of scarlet round the arm, like the retainers in the feudal times, or many civic officers who carry the badge on their arm.

May I suggest our having a banner for our meetings and lectures, something like enclosed rough sketches—bandages, thermometer, scissors, emblems of the work?

Trusting you will pardon my presumption in offering an opinion, faithfully yours,

MARY SPANTON, M.B.N.A.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Dear Mr. Editor,—I have exercised my weak faculties in trying to form a design for a badge for the B.N.A. according to suggestions, but trust that our younger members may be more successful than myself. I now trust that, as you have set a badge on foot, we shall soon, each of us, have one in our possession; but may I suggest that something in metal worn round the neck by a crimson ribbon would be more durable, as the putting on and taking off would soon wear out any material? The subject was discussed at the *conversazione*, and a metal badge seemed most in favour. I herewith enclose sketch of one, not very flattering to our Princess.—I am, Sir, yours truly,

EMILY SANDERSON, M.B.N.A.

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To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Dear Sir,—I only wish I could draw, but I cannot, and do not know if you will even think the enclosed worth looking at, though I think, properly worked out, it would make a very pretty badge. The cross is meant to be white, on a red ground, and should be so embroidered as to appear raised, the letters, M.B.N.A. being embroidered in white underneath. It should be worn fastened around the left arm, and the band of red on which it is embroidered should be five inches wide, as the enclosed. The colours would look equally well reversed, *i.e.*, red cross on a white ground and red letters.

M.B.N.A.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I enclose three sketches for a badge for the British Nurses' Association Members:—No. 1 is what I would personally vote for, to be worn much as the Primrose League wears its primroses.

No. 2, for a medal in silver or enamel, with No. 4 for reverse.

No. 3 is the same design turned to make a brooch.

I think we ought to have a badge, and I advocate the small cross, because it could be worn by all at any time, and would be distinctive, though not conspicuous.

No. 3 as a brooch would I think be next best. A good, strong brooch is useful to a Nurse, and most Nurses wear one in uniform; while an arm-band might be objected to on some uniforms, and a medal is difficult to show, as a Nurse's watch-chain ought to be out of sight.

Before seeing the rules for the competition I had coloured my designs, so I used them to illustrate the pen and ink sketch.—I am, Sir, faithfully yours,

E. S. R.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Dear Sir,—I am to glad to see the badge question is again being taken up. I think I may say, in the name of my many Nursing sisters, we are all glad—I know many will be. Why should not we feel proud to wear, and let others see we are of a noble band of workers, and our Princess at the head?

We are asked to offer suggestions. I have not much time to spare, and I have but little talent in the way of sketching, yet I will try and convey what occurs to my mind as very suitable and a pretty ornament. If expense stand in the way,

let us pay for our pleasure as we do for our Primrose League badges. I would suggest a Maltese cross of silver; red line inner edge of cross; circle of red lines, with the words of our motto in blue and white enamel ("Steadfast and True"), with small medallion portrait of our Princess; a small ring at the top of cross to pass a ribbon of red-watered silk or blue to match enamel; if preferred, a slit or bar to pass ribbon through.—I am, yours faithfully,

SARAH ARTHUR, M.B.N.A.

P.S.—Let the initials be embossed silver.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Dear Sir,—In accordance with suggestion in the *N. R.* I enclose a sketch for badge, which should be as follows:—The cross in white cloth on a ground-work of red cloth, the monogram in red, and the motto of the Association (without which the badge would be incomplete) in white. Anything in metal would, owing to the disinfectants so much in use, become too quickly tarnished and soiled. The badge to be worn on the arm—anything suspended would, I think, be much in the way in our profession. Any firm, I should think, would manufacture such a large number as would be required at a cost of not more than one shilling each.—Yours faithfully,

SARAH BANKS HAMMON.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Like most good things, the B.N.A. badge will probably be a result evolved from many suggestions.

Heartsease would be an *excellent* badge in itself, but seems unsuitable for combination; and I think the preponderance of feeling at present is in favour of something less simple.

Most Nurses will prefer floral emblems of the British Union to armorial bearings.

The cross and *proper* motto—as suggested by Miss Harrison—are "good."

A heart would be a pretty shape for a badge, and typical. I should like to find permission obtained for it to be *surmounted by the crown*.

The sketch enclosed is a combination of selected features from designs you have already published.

When *the* badge is *finally* chosen, I am sure it will be *something very nice*.—Yours truly,

A WELL-WISHER.

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3.—The real and full name and address (stating whether Miss or Mrs., of the Competitor must be inscribed on the back of each contribution, and notification of which Hospital or Institution the Competitor has been or is attached to.

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