

It is this uniform which is most widely imitated by the lay people who are anxious to pose as nurses.

Apologising for again thrusting personal views on to you, as well as to the G.N.C.

I beg to remain,

Yours faithfully,

LUCY C. COOPER.

Queenborough District Nursing
and Infant Welfare Department.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I am taking this opportunity of writing to congratulate you on the passing through Parliament of the Registration Act. We all realise how much you have accomplished towards this successful end.

Just a few words thrown in concerning uniform: If we are to have a registered uniform please use your influence to abolish the uncomfortable and unsightly bonnet and cloak. The former gives no protection from the glaring sun, which has been particularly strong for the last few weeks, and one's hair gets so untidy when taking a ride on top of a 'bus, which is such a treat for a nurse who has spent many hours in a patient's bedroom. The cloak with cape attached is a danger, as it invariably blows over the top of one's head at the moment of crossing the road or mounting a bus. I am sure the majority of nurses would be in favour of hat and coat something in the style of the T.F.N.S., which always looked tidy and smart when properly put on. Wishing you every further success.

I remain, yours truly,

M. E. SHANK.

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Paddington.

THE G.N.C. SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—At the Conference of Representatives of Poor Law Nurse Training Schools, held in London recently, the Chairman is reported to have said, in connection with the Syllabus of Training drafted by the General Nursing Council, that "he imagined a clever girl might pass the required examination with honours and yet never go inside a ward." I have since seen this opinion quoted, but have not seen it contradicted.

As I understand it, the practical nursing details defined in the Syllabus have to be carried out in the wards of an approved hospital or infirmary under the supervision of skilled teachers, and candidates before admission to the State Examination must give proof of having undergone instruction in an Approved School.

Yours faithfully,

SISTER.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE

THE OPENING OF THE REGISTER.

Miss Emily Dinnie, Harrow: "Heartiest congratulations on the splendid ending to the great work you have done for trained nurses—the crowning victory—the opening of the Register.

"In 1895, when I left hospital and joined a

well-known private nursing institution I knew nothing of nursing politics, but finding in the nurses' sitting-room of the Home the *Nursing Record*, and other journals for nurses, I quickly made my choice of the first-named, and gained many converts on the staff to the cause of State Registration. This has continued during the many years I have been a subscriber to the B.J.N., the contents of which professionally refresh and sustain me week by week, and in order that no good thing in it should be lost I send it every week to a missionary nurse in far Japan.

"I wish to express to you my deep gratitude for your disinterested labour, high courage, and gifts of tongue and pen, which made it possible for you to voice our cause and bring it at last to a just and victorious end—a State Register."

Miss A. Wilkinson, Liverpool: "I am sailing for India this week. It is splendid that the Register for State Registration is at last open. How proud and joyful you must be to have thus achieved, after so many years of arduous work. I hope the day will not be so far distant when we have a like Registration in India."

Miss E. E. Please, Betchworth Cottage, Dorking.—"I feel I must write you a few words of thanks and appreciation now the long-wished for Registration has become a fact. I am so glad that when I entered hospital thirty years ago I came under your influence, and have always been a keen advocate for State Registration. I feel we all owe so much to you, for you have kept on and on under all sorts of discouragement and misunderstanding. Some would have given it up as hopeless; but you have done your utmost and I hope the trained nurses will appreciate the result of your life-long work. I remembered you and those who have carried it out, at church to-day."

Private Nurse Scottish Trained.—"I was relieved to note that the Rules signed by the Minister of Health make Nurses trained in Scotland and Ireland eligible to register in England, as I am a "co-op" nurse, working for many years in England; and as our Superintendent has notified us that we are all to register at once if we wish to remain on the "Co." it would have been most unfair to those of us who have been trained in Scotland or Ireland had we not been able to do so, owing to being held up by the Scottish Board of Health."

[The English Council considered such conditions and were careful to prevent any injustice in this particular. Two members of the Council were certificated in Scotland, and one in Ireland, and they propose, we believe, to register in two parts of the United Kingdom. It will end in a good many nurses placing their names on all three Registers to save trouble.—Ed.]

PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS.

August 13th.—What do you know of the modes of diffusion of tuberculosis throughout the races of the world?

August 20th.—Describe a typical case of small-pox; the nursing points, and the precautions to be observed.

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