

## QUEEN'S INSTITUTE OF DISTRICT NURSING.

### CHANGES IN QUEEN'S NURSES' UNIFORM.

After considering the answers to questionnaires sent to all members of the Queen's Nurses' League and the Association of Queen's Superintendents, the Uniform Joint Subcommittee of these two Associations has submitted recommendations for changes in uniform to the Council of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing.

The Council has now approved the following changes in regulations for outdoor uniform, and these are to come into use from October 1, 1945.

*Coat.*—In navy blue serge as formerly in light and heavy weights. When available a separate warm lining may be used. A heavier appropriate material may be used for a motoring coat and for colder areas.

In cut the new coat is double-fronted with three buttons and one at the throat, buttoning close up to the neck. It has a well waisted fitting with figure darts back and front.

The back has a centre seam with an inverted pleat or slit towards the hem. There is a half belt sewn into the seam.

The sleeve is plain with three buttons and slit at wrist, and no cuff.

The coat is half or full lined with Queen buttons.

The question of markings of rank for Superintendents and nurses, to be worn on epaulettes on the coat or costume are to be considered shortly.

*Hats.*—All Queen's Nurses and Superintendents can, from October 1st, 1945, wear the following hats:—

(1) Navy blue felt hat, soft adjustable brim, navy ribbon and new badge.

(2) Cap (Skiing style), of navy soft fine serge. This has a soft rubberised serge covered peak. A fold of serge can be unhooked from the crown to fasten under the chin in rough weather. This cap will replace the storm cap.

*Badges for Hat and Cap.*—Two badges to wear on either the hat or cap have been approved. One hand embroidered in blue and silver wire, padded and weatherproof. Another less expensive badge padded and embroidered in blue and silver silk.

For the future, new styles of dresses, shoulder cape and other details of indoor uniform are under consideration and will be put into use as soon as is practicable.

### WHAT TO READ.

#### MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

- "Shelley and the Romantic Revolution." Frank A. Lea.  
"The Lyons Mail." Charles Oman.

#### FICTION.

- "Such is Life." Dorothy B. Upson.  
"Blessed are the Meek." Zofia Rossak.  
"The Devil and His Apple." Patricia Young.  
"The Mothers." Vardis Fisher.  
"The Demon Lover." Elizabeth Bowen.  
"The Noble Savage." Doreen Wallace.  
"Account Rendered." Vera Brittain.  
"Now With the Morning Star." Thomas Kernan.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

- "Pride of the Morning." Charles Graves.  
"With the Red Army in Poland and Byelorussia." Vasili Grossman.  
"Psychological and Biological Foundation of Dream Interpretation." Dr. Samuel Lowy.  
"Chungking Diary." Robert Payne.  
"Last Letters of a Young Danish Patriot." Christian Urlik Hansen. Translated from the Danish by R. P. Heigwin.  
"He Rides in Triumph." Philip Lindsay.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

*Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.*

### A NOTE FROM LAVINIA L. DOCK.

Any scrap of notepaper which reaches the BRITISH JOURNAL NURSING Office inscribed by Miss Lavinia L. Dock is carefully preserved, and one dated August 7th, 1945, in the following terms will pass into the records of the History Section of the British College of Nurses, Ltd.

August 7th, 1945.

VERY DEAR B.J.N.: MRS. FENWICK AND ALL THE FRIENDS,—I am sending a check for my renewal of the Journal as the post office tells me to pay that way rather than with postal orders. So I hope it does not make more trouble for you. In these days we all do exactly what we are told by the 'higher powers' do we not?

We have had a hard and sorrowful six months in our home. For the oldest sister, who was the jewel of the family, died after a distressing illness—old age partly (91½ years), circulatory disturbances and general helplessness. We are just now beginning to recover, but have a great deal to do in clearing up an immense mass of printed and written material of all kinds. The English Farm and Garden Association looms large in this. Books are to be distributed—letters returned in various directions, so forgive me if I am scant of words—short of time and generally no good at all for other things.

Ever with sincere friendship,

LAVINIA L. DOCK.

Is not this war frightful beyond all imagining, and does not this new atomic bomb seem a blasphemous thing? Men have now come close to the powers of God himself—seems to me.

[We offer in the name of many friends of Miss Dock in this country sincere sympathy with her in the loss of her beloved sister.

The end of war is proclaimed, but its terrible results will be with us for many months—if not for years.—ED.]

### "BREAD AND MARG."

CAPE TOWN.

7th August, 1945.

DEAR MADAM,—Please accept enclosed small offering (£3) for the dear colleague for whom you pleaded in the June number of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. I'm sure I know her; we came out to this country at the same time, and worked together in the hospital at Kimberley.

Thank you so much for bringing her case to our notice. I do hope she will find kind friends who will look after her.

I am, faithfully yours (—).

We warmly thank this anonymous correspondent for her gracious letter and great generosity, which will be a sincere blessing to the recipient, who, so far, has not found the home she seeks.

We also acknowledge, with thanks, a cheque for 10s. from Miss A. M. K. Scott, F.B.C.N., from San Francisco, U.S.A.

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