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(Subject.)

Nursing Sisters Uniform

Returns enclosed and encloses notes based on the experience of Nursing Sisters in West Africa

(Minutes.)

Dr. O. says will never be an expert in these matters it would be a pity to come to any decision without having his views on the C.A.A. recommendations of the change to "flange joint" shirts - being taken into consideration which he will not make me any the wiser - he may prefer to sacrifice the neck. I don't think they would be much lost.

I presume the collar and cuffs will not be stiff.

Very with enclosure to come for the opinions of the P. M. O.

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Yes, adding I think that unless the P.M.O. has any serious objections the suggestions of the C.V.A. should be adopted. (This is a woman's question)

M. O. / 18

The Colonial Nursing Association

Imperial Institute, S.W.

London

Melbourne

75/13/1905

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Sir

I am directed by the Committee of the Colonial Nursing Association to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Secretary Lytton's communication of 16 May, and to convey to him their thanks for forwarding to them a copy of Sir Donald Stewart's ^{original} ~~presenting~~ proposals for a ~~uniform~~ uniform for nursing - Seals in the West and East Africa Protectorates.

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The Committee enclose some notes on the proposed uniform, based on the experience of the Nursing Sisters in West Africa, where the uniform as originally prescribed has been extensively modified to meet the climatic conditions.

I return the enclosure.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant
 Caroline A. Hutton
 (Hon. Secy)

Under Secretary of State
 Colonial Office, S.W.

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Woolen Gaiters uniforms in East Africa and
Uganda Protectors

Day Wear.

Cap - Woolen Band with Strings

The use of caps with plumes has been given up
in West Africa as the plumes cause great dis-
comfort in a hot climate and chafe the skin.
The cap now worn, not only there, but in
India, Singapore, Penang etc is the "Indian
Army", which is light, completely covers the
head and is so simple in construction that
it can be washed and got up by anyone.
The lining is made of fine lawn.

Bonnet with white plumes

The ordinary women's bonnet affords no pro-
tection to the eyes, and being close-fitting
is very hot. In West Africa the nursing
Sisters wear a wide pailor hat with a
coloured (blue, dark) ribbon in cool weather
and a helmet in the hot season. The latter
at all times in N. Nigeria. The bonnet
originally worn has been discontinued
by order of the medical authorities.

Woolen material. (day)

This is an excellent material, being porous
and easily washed, but it can also be

procured in whole, and experience shows that serape is better wear in tropical climates and it has therefore been adopted for women's uniforms in West Africa, and in the Government Hospitals in England, the Straits Settlements, the Federated Malay States etc.

Evening dress

Alpaca, the material suggested, is a closely woven material, and very hot wear, especially when made into a light fitting dress; it has been entirely discarded in West Africa, where either "duffy" uniform is worn for full dress, or else a plainly made white dress of muslin or fine cotton material (such as "nun's veiling") both of which cost easily

with regard to the construction of the skirt the Committee would point out that what is known to dress-makers as a ^{"plain"} "godet" skirt, i.e. one ~~godet~~ of which every breadth is godet cannot be nicely looked owing to the slope of the material. They would suggest that the skirt should be "plain" (either "short" or "slightly trained") with 3 narrow "evens" etc.

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- Mr. Carr
- Mr. Evans
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- Sr. H. O'Malley
- Dr. Duke of Marlborough
- Mr. Lyttelton

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In the presence of the
 I have the honor to
 acknowledge the receipt of your
 despatch no. 220 of the
 14th of April last, and
 to transmit to you
 the accompanying copy
 of a letter which has
 been received from
 the Colonial Nursing
 Association enclosing
 their ^{recommendations} observations
 in regard to
 the proposed uniform
 for the Nursing Sisters
 of the East Africa
 and Uganda Protector-
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