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General Nursing Council for Scotland.

AT THEIR FIRST MEETING held on Friday, December 15th, 1950, the newly constituted GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND unanimously elected Mr. W. E. Gray Muir, W.S., Chairman, and Miss F. Kaye, Matron of Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Vice-Chairman. The next meeting will be held on Friday, January 26th, 1951, at 11.15 a.m.

British Medical Association.

Prizes for Nurses.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION is prepared to consider the award in 1951 of prizes of the value of 20 guineas for the best essay, and 10 guineas for the second best essay submitted in open competition by each of the following categories of nurses :—

- (i) Student Nurses.
- (ii) State Registered Nurses working in a hospital.
- (iii) State Registered Nurses not working in a hospital, i.e. District Nurses, Private Nurses, etc.
- (iv) State-enrolled Assistant Nurses.

The subjects of the essays for 1951 are :—

- Category (i) The handling of a patient on admission to hospital.
- Category (ii) What a nurse can do in preparing a patient for operation—including the handling of the nervous individual in strange surroundings.
- Category (iii) The opportunities of the nurse doing domiciliary work to educate the public in health matters.
- Category (iv) The special problems of nursing the long-term cases in hospital.

The purpose of these Prizes is the promotion of systematic observation among nurses. In awarding the Prizes *due regard will be given to evidence of personal observation*. No essay that has previously appeared in the medical Press or elsewhere will be considered eligible for a Prize.

Nurses who are undergoing a course of training at a hospital are eligible to compete under category (i) ; nurses registered by the General Nursing Council are eligible to compete under categories (ii), (iii) or (iv), which ever is appropriate.

If any question arises in reference to the eligibility of a candidate or the admissibility of his or her essay, the decision of the Council of the British Medical Association shall be final.

Should the Council decide that no essay entered is of sufficient merit, no award shall be made.

Each essay must be typewritten or legibly written in the English language, must be unsigned, and have attached to it a note containing the name and address of the candidate and the category into which he or she falls. Essays which, it is suggested, should consist of from 2,000 to 5,000 words, must be forwarded so as to reach the Secretary of the British Medical Association not later than March 31st, 1951.

Preliminary notice of entry for this competition is required and a special form for this purpose is obtainable from the Secretary, British Medical Association, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

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