

4. Candidates must have basic qualifications and experience necessary for the course selected.
5. Candidates must possess School Certificate (matriculation standard) or be able to show evidence of comparable educational standard.

#### Further Conditions.

6. Candidates must follow an approved course at a recognised institution or a specially planned course of study approved (and arranged if necessary) by the Council of the Fund, and must take it up in a country other than their own. Choice of course should be stated on application form, but will not necessarily be considered final.
7. Each scholarship is to the value of £350 sterling. All expenses, travelling and otherwise, over and above the £350 must be paid by the student and guaranteed in advance, either by her, or the body sponsoring her, and must be made available before she leaves her country.

#### Method of Award.

Candidates from the Dominions and Colonies will be selected by the appropriate authorities there. Nurses and midwives from the United Kingdom, who can fulfil the conditions listed above, are invited to apply for entrance forms from the scholarships Secretary, British Commonwealth and Empire Nurses War Memorial Fund, Dorset House, Stamford Street, London, S.E.1. This entrance form, completed, *must be returned not later than February 23rd, 1954.*

*Selected Candidates only* will then be required to write an essay on:

"What contribution can the individual nurse make to international affairs." (Essay to be not more than 3,000 words.)

On the results of this essay a short list will be interviewed for final choice. Results will be announced to successful competitors through the post, and published in the Nursing Press.

## King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.

### Report of Meeting of Council. December 17, 1953.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, presiding at a Meeting of the President and General Council of King Edward's Hospital Fund at St. James's Palace yesterday said that the proposed allocation of funds for next year followed the pattern of recent years, and no large innovations were proposed. He also mentioned that the Fund had resumed the practice of visiting hospitals on a programme which provided for each hospital to be visited once in three years by two visitors, one medical and one lay, accompanied by a member of the staff of the Fund. The reports provided an invaluable background against which the Fund could measure the relative importance of different projects. In addition, it was found that the visitors, many of whom were engaged in active hospital work, learnt much that was of value to their own groups.

Speaking of the new Staff College for Matrons and Prospective Matrons which had been opened in September at No. 22 Holland Park, the Duke said:—

"Since the establishment of its Staff Colleges for Ward Sisters and for Hospital Administrators many requests have been received that facilities on the same lines should be offered to the matrons of the future. Lady Mann, lately Matron of the London Hospital, was the first to press this need upon us and since then we have had representations from many Regional Nursing Officers and others. It still often happens that a nurse who has spent almost all her

working life within the confines of the hospital is appointed to the post of matron without any special preparation for the responsibilities of leadership which she will have to assume. Hospitals are communities which by their very need for specialisation can easily become isolated from developments elsewhere. The grouping of hospitals, and the urgent necessity to adjust their work constantly to changing needs, make it very important that matrons should keep abreast of the best administrative methods wherever they may be found. This the new Staff College is trying to do by sending the students out to see something of what is going on for example in industry. This new venture will be running alongside of, and drawing on the experience of, our existing Staff Colleges for Ward Sisters and Hospital Administrators and it is reasonable to hope that as time goes on each activity will reinforce the other, and there will gradually grow up a far better understanding of respective responsibilities and difficulties.

"The first dozen or so students, some from teaching and some from non-teaching hospitals, are now taking a full preparatory course lasting ten months. It is also hoped to organise a refresher course of one month for existing matrons. As in our other Staff Colleges much value is attached to residence, which brings people from different places into contact with one another, and provides for full and close discussion.

"Before I leave the subject there are just two things I should like to say. The first is that we have not overlooked the existence of valuable courses in administration run by the Royal College of Nursing. These fill a need, but the King's Fund is in a position to approach the matter from a somewhat different angle.

"I should like to say that the future of the new Staff College must depend to a great extent on the quality of those who participate in the first few courses. I know it is not easy to spare the most promising sisters for a ten months' course of this kind, but I hope that hospitals represented here will in the general interest do all they can to put forward good candidates in the next year or two, and so ensure a good prospect of ultimate success."

SIR EDWARD PEACOCK, Treasurer, said that legacies included £13,500 proceeds of a life policy which was assigned to the Fund before the War by the late Lord Kenilworth as a joint gift from him and his wife.

A special grant had been made from the Radiotherapy Fund for the provision of a Radioactive Extension of the Thyroid and Endocrine Unit at New End Hospital where there had been developed the largest centre in this country for the treatment of thyroid disease. Some 600 cases of thyroid disease attended each year and many of them required detailed scientific investigation and treatment with radioactive isotopes—the most modern form of therapy. The Fund had undertaken to bear the whole cost (estimated at £35,000) of bringing the unit thoroughly up to date.

"It gives me great satisfaction," said Sir Edward, "that at New End, which is the great centre for this kind of thyroid work, and where we have the leading thyroid surgeon, we are providing what will be the most modern Unit in this country. We believe that as a result the splendid work already being done at New End will be much extended and made more effective." SIR ERNEST ROCK CARLING, F.R.C.S., said that the unit at New End had for many years enjoyed an international reputation in its work on the progress of special facilities for the use of radio isotopes. These isotopes could only be used in specially constructed premises and with a particular technique. The plans had been drawn under expert guidance and left nothing to be desired.

SIR ERNEST POOLEY, Bt., Chairman of the Management Committee, in presenting the Report of the Management Committee on the Estimates said that grants given during the year to mental hospitals had amounted to the sum of £46,000. A further sum of £50,000 was being made available for such

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)