

(a) We cannot accept, in principle, the recommendation of the Working Party on Midwives, supported by the Central Midwives Board, that "every maternity department (of a general hospital) of 50 or more beds should have its own matron-in-charge, independent of the matron of the main hospital."

(b) In any maternity department (within a general hospital) which is a training school for pupil midwives the head midwife should be designated the "superintendent midwife" and should be responsible for the administration of her department directly to the matron and not to one of her subordinates. In the absence of the matron on holiday or on sick leave, the superintendent midwife should be answerable only to the acting matron.

(c) All midwifery staff and pupils appointed to the maternity department should be selected by the matron only after consultation and in agreement with the superintendent midwife.

(d) The matron and the superintendent midwife should each receive a copy of all circulars and instructions which had a bearing on the work of the maternity department.

### The National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. Sister Tutor Course Scholarship.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION for the Prevention of Tuberculosis will award one scholarship of £50 a year for two years, to enable a suitably qualified nurse, male or female, to take the training Course for Sister Tutors, commencing in September or October, 1955, at one of the following centres:—

The Royal College of Nursing.  
King's College of Household and Social Science.  
Battersea Polytechnic.  
University College of Hull.

Candidates may also choose to study at the Royal College of Nursing in Edinburgh, where the Course may be taken in one year. The award in this case would be £50 only.

Candidates must:—

- (a) Be general trained state registered nurses.
- (b) Have had at least three years' experience in nursing in hospital since registration in any Part of the Register, including one year as a Ward Sister (or corresponding rank in the case of a Male Nurse) in an approved training school.
- (c) Have matriculated, or hold a School Certificate, or failing either, must satisfy the University of London as to their general standard of education.
- (d) Be employed in tuberculosis nursing at the time of application.
- (e) Be a member of the NAPT.

Candidates should ascertain that they would be accepted for training by the training school of their choice and that leave will be granted to take the Course if the scholarship is awarded.

References will be taken up before candidates are called to interview, and a certificate of physical fitness to undertake the course will be obtained from the Medical Superintendent.

Candidates will be called for interview by the training centre of their choice, and by the NAPT.

The successful candidates will be asked to give an undertaking to return to tuberculosis work for at least two years after the completion of the Course.

Application for the scholarship should be made to the NAPT in the form of a letter, with which should be sent the application form,\* giving details of training and experience, etc.

Applications should reach the Secretary-General, NAPT, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1, *not later than February 28th, 1955.*

\* Application forms may be obtained from the NAPT. Further copies of this notice will be sent on request.

### Ward Sisters' Course Scholarships.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION for the Prevention of Tuberculosis will award two scholarships of £20 each in the year 1955, to enable suitably qualified nurses, male or female, to take the Ward Sisters' Course organised by the Royal College of Nursing.

Scholarships will be awarded for the three months' Course commencing September, 1955, and the closing date for receiving applications for this award will be February 28th, 1955.

Candidates must:—

- (a) Be general trained state registered nurses.
- (b) Have held a post as staff nurse or ward sister for at least one year since registration.
- (c) Be employed in tuberculosis nursing at the time of application.
- (d) Be a member of the NAPT.

References will be taken up before candidates are called for interview, and a certificate of physical fitness to undertake the Course will be obtained from the Medical Superintendent.

Candidates will be interviewed by the Royal College of Nursing and by the NAPT.

Successful candidates will be asked to give an undertaking to return to tuberculosis work for at least two years after the completion of the Course.

Application should be made to the NAPT, in the form of a letter, with which should be sent the completed Application Form of the Royal College of Nursing.\* Candidates should ascertain that leave will be granted to take the Course if the scholarship is awarded.

\* Copies of the Royal College of Nursing Application Form may be obtained from the NAPT. Further copies of this notice will be sent on request.

### The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

A MEETING OF THE Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland will be held in the Riddell House Nurses' Home, St. Thomas's Hospital, London, S.E.1, on Thursday, November 25th, 1954, at 2.30 p.m.

The meeting will be preceded by a Service at 2 p.m. in the Hospital Chapel when Dr. Don, the Very Reverend Dean of Westminster, will give the address.

### Important Notice to State Registered Nurses.

IN VIEW OF THE Election of Members of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales which is due to take place in 1955, registered nurses are asked to notify without delay to the offices of the Council, 23, Portland Place, London, W.1 any change of permanent address.

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