

such truly vocational schemes whose aim is the good government of the hospitals in the years to come and for the benefit of their patients and staffs.

But this is not by any means the sum total of the activities of the Fund. It concerns itself very fruitfully with every and all hospital departments and procedures, and offers the advice of specialists in nearly all departmental activities—free for the asking, e.g. advice on hospital catering and diets; hospital accounting and medical records—just to mention a few. It also promotes discussions between the various groups of hospital officers and in every way assists the hospitals of London to progress materially, educationally and successfully to realise their ambition of caring for the sick people of the Metropolis. Long may the King's Fund receive bountiful bequests to distribute as wisely and as charitably in the future as they have so nobly done in the past.

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### British Commonwealth and Empire Nurses War Memorial Fund.

#### 1954/55 Award of Scholarships.

NINE SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE been awarded by the British Commonwealth and Empire Nurses War Memorial Fund for post-graduate study during the academic year 1954/55. Of these, six go to nurses of the United Kingdom, one to India, one to South Africa and one to Cyprus. This year for the first time one of the scholarships available to United Kingdom nurses has been named "*The Duchess of Northumberland Scholarship*" as a tribute to the work of Helen, Duchess of Northumberland, G.C.V.O., C.B.E., who has been President of the Fund since its beginning. This scholarship has been awarded to:

Miss Esther C. Hindley, S.R.N., S.C.M., Assistant Matron, The National Hospital for Nervous Diseases, London (who wishes to go to Scandinavia to study nursing administration).

*Robert Wood Johnson Scholarship*, given by Johnson and Johnson (Gt. Britain), Ltd., has been awarded to:

Miss Margaret Nairn, R.G.N., S.C.M., who is a Health Visitor with the Aberdeen Public Health Department (who is studying child welfare in the United States and Canada).

Two *Sir James Knott Scholarships* presented by the Trustees of the Sir James Knott Charitable Trust, have been awarded to:

(a) Miss Evelyn Robson, S.R.N., S.C.M., Sister at the Premature Baby Unit, Princess Mary Maternity Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (who will go to Scandinavia and Finland to study the care of premature babies);

(b) Miss Dorothy Vickers, S.R.N., S.C.M., M.T.D., a Midwife Teacher at the Sunderland Maternity Hospital (who is to go to the United States to study teaching methods).

Two *Permanent Fund Scholarships* have been awarded to:

(a) Miss Lily L. Gent, S.R.N., R.S.C.N., C.M.B. Part I, a Sister at the City of Birmingham Milk Bureau (who is to go to Scandinavia and other European countries to study human milk bureaux);

(b) Miss Frances K. S. Chatfield, S.R.N., Industrial Nursing Certificate, a welfare officer, retail staff, Boots Pure Drug Co., Ltd., London (who is to go to the United States and Canada to study preventative health methods in industry).

#### Other Awards.

*The Lady Louis Mountbatten Scholarship* allocated for 1954 to the Republic of India has been awarded to:

Miss Alice Zachariah, State Registered Nurse and Midwife, sister tutor's certificate, who is the Assistant Nursing Superintendent Kugler Mission Hospital, Guntur (who is coming to England to take the nursing administration course at the Royal College of Nursing).

*Permanent Fund Scholarship* allocated for 1954 to South Africa is awarded to:

Miss Petronella van W. Bester, medical and surgical nurse, Diploma in Nursing, who is a midwifery tutor at the Peninsula Maternity Hospital, Cape Town (who is coming to England to take the hospital administration course at the Royal College of Nursing).

*Royal College of Physicians Scholarship* presented by the Royal College of Physicians, London, allocated for 1954 to Cyprus is awarded to:

Miss Loulla Bouyouka, S.R.N., S.C.M., acting sister tutor, General Hospital, Nicosia, Cyprus (who is coming to England to take the Sister Tutor Diploma at the Royal College of Nursing).

### School of Nursing Proposed.

#### Giving Nurse Tutors More Scope

PROPOSALS DESIGNED TO OBTAIN more qualified nurse tutors and to ensure that those already available are employed to better advantage are contained in an official report published recently. This is the report of the Committee set up by the Health Departments, in conjunction with the General Nursing Councils for England and Wales, and Scotland, to consider the function, status, and training of nurse tutors.

One of the Committee's main recommendations is that hospital authorities should consider, wherever possible, the introduction of the principle of a "School of Nursing," both from the point of view of the education of the student nurse and as a means of providing a satisfactory avenue of promotion for the nurse tutor within the sphere of nurse teaching. Such a school would embrace, as a rule, several hospitals. The general principles underlying their organisation would apply equally to mental as well as to general hospitals.

"Should there be a sufficient number of Group schools established, it would give the tutor increased opportunity to reach a high grade of responsibility in her profession, the educational system which would develop would keep the tutors interested in teaching, and would provide conditions of work and an avenue of promotion that would encourage them to stay in this field of work," is the view expressed.

Stating that the designation of the most senior tutors is a matter of real importance, the Committee say that "Principal Tutor" would appear to be suitable but it was already in use for less responsible positions than they were envisaging. They had, therefore, been obliged to suggest "Director of the Nurse Education Department," although this was not quite unanimously approved. The title indicated the person in charge of a particular aspect of nurse training, the over-all responsibility for which rested with the matron.

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