

and lineage of David), to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

"And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2 : 1 - 11.

British Medical Association.

Prizes for Nurses. 1956.

THE COUNCIL OF THE British Medical Association is prepared to consider the award of prizes for essays submitted in open competition by nurses in the following categories:—

- (i) Student Nurses.
- (ii) State Registered Nurses working in a hospital.
- (iii) State Registered Nurses working outside hospital, i.e., District Nurses, Private Nurses, Occupational Health Nurses, Public Health Nurses, etc.

The subjects of the essay for 1956 are:—

Category (i) The work of the hospital department which interests me most, and why.

Category (ii) Ways in which the nursing curriculum could be improved.

Category (iii) The nurse's place in the community.

Certificates and prizes will be awarded in each category as follows:—

20 guineas for the best essay

10 guineas for the second best essay.

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

The purpose of this competition 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. Previous prizewinners may compete for a second award.

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) or (iii), whichever 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.

The essay should be typewritten if possible, but a legibly written manuscript will receive equal consideration. It must be written in the English language, on one side of the paper only, must be unsigned, but have with it a detachable 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 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, 1956.

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.

A. MACRAE,
Secretary.

British Medical Association House,
Tavistock Square,
London, W.C.1.
December, 1955.

British Commonwealth & Empire Nurses War Memorial Fund.

Award of Travelling Scholarships for 1956/57.

FIVE POST-GRADUATE travelling scholarships of £350 each are available for nurses and midwives of the United Kingdom under awards to be made by the British Commonwealth and Empire Nurses War Memorial Fund for 1956. Details of these are given below, together with those of a further six to be awarded to nurses of the Commonwealth and India.

Since the award of scholarships first began, 54 War Memorial scholars have gone from the United Kingdom and various territories of the Commonwealth and the Republic of India to take post-graduate courses in all aspects of nursing and midwifery in countries other than their own. Many of the Fund's scholars have returned to more responsible posts in their own lands, and a number have been appointed to do international work of importance.

Various details of conditions of award are given below, and application forms are available from the Scholarships Secretary, British Commonwealth and Empire Nurses War Memorial Fund.

Allocation of Awards

For United Kingdom Nurses.

Duchess of Northumberland Scholarship.

Open to any nurse or midwife in the United Kingdom.

Two Sir James Knott Scholarships (given by the Trustees).

Open to nurses or midwives with some connection with Northumberland or Durham.

Two Permanent Fund Scholarships.

Open to any nurses or midwives in the United Kingdom.

FOR OVERSEAS NURSES

Lady Louis Mountbatten Scholarship (given by Countess Mountbatten of Burma).

Open for a nurse or midwife from *Pakistan*.

Permanent Fund Scholarship.

Open for a nurse or midwife from *South Africa*.

Permanent Fund Scholarship.

Open for a nurse or midwife from the *Republic of India*.

Permanent Fund Scholarship.

Open for a nurse or midwife from the *Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland*.

Permanent Fund Scholarship.

Open for a nurse or midwife from *Ceylon*.

Permanent Fund Scholarship.

Open for a nurse or midwife from the *Colonies*.

NOTE.—Applications for the above six overseas scholarships must be made through the nursing associations of the territories concerned.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED.

1. Candidates must be British subjects.
2. Candidates (in United Kingdom) must be State Registered Nurses and either State Certified Midwives or hold a second qualification approved by the Council or possess comparable qualifications in other countries.
3. Candidates must have not less than five years' experience after completion of training, exclusive of any post-graduate course or courses.
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 either an existing 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 or subject or desired

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