

New Year Honours.

His Majesty The King has conferred many New Year Honours upon his subjects at home and overseas in which some members of the Nursing Profession are proud recipients.

C.B.E.

Miss M. I. Lambie, Director, Nursing Division, Department of Health, Wellington, New Zealand.

ROYAL RED CROSS.

Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.

SECOND CLASS A.R.R.C.

Nursing Sister E. Mercer; Nursing Sister A. I. Mitchell.

Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps.

FIRST CLASS R.R.C.

Chief Commander (temp.) C. M. Johnson, A.R.R.C.

SECOND CLASS A.R.R.C.

Sublt. N. M. Kinsella, Sen. Commander (temp.) E. Mackaness.

Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service.

FIRST CLASS R.R.C.

Acting Matron E. M. Tilbrook.

SECOND CLASS A.R.R.C.

Acting Matron G. E. Chinnery.

New Zealand Army Nursing Service.

SECOND CLASS A.R.R.C.

Charge Sister P. I. Johnston.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

O.B.E.

Miss H. M. Findlay, Matron in charge of Templeton Home for Backward Children, Christchurch, New Zealand; Principal Matron Margaret Ellen Garnett, P.M.R.A.F.N.S.(ret.); Miss M. Laird, Matron, Hairmyres Hospital, E. Kilbride; Miss M. Lynn, Matron in charge of Mental Homes, W. Australia.

Nurses Scholarships.

IN order that more nurses may train for the higher branches of the profession, the St. John and British Red Cross Joint Committee has introduced a number of Scholarships to the value of £300 each to enable State Registered nurses to take certain post-graduate courses.

This year applications for Scholarships rose from 150 in 1948, when the Scholarships were instituted, to 350. Applications for the 1950 Scholarships must be made before January 31st, 1950, to the Secretary, St. John and B.R.C. Training Scheme, 12, Grosvenor Crescent, S.W.1.

The courses selected by the Scholarships Scheme are those for the administrative and teaching branches of Hospital, Public Health and Industrial Nursing, and also for Dietetics. They are arranged by the Royal College of Nursing and certain Universities and Colleges.

The Scholarships were instituted in grateful recognition of the valuable services rendered by trained nurses who assisted the War Organisation of Red Cross and St. John in the administration of their Convalescent Homes and Civilian Relief Teams during the war, and also in appreciation of the assistance given in the training of St. John and Red Cross personnel.

Prizes for Nurses.

British Medical Association.

THE Council of the British Medical Association is prepared to consider the award in 1950 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 1950 are:—

Category (i)

“The value of the preliminary training school: What improvements do you suggest?”

Category (ii)

“Discuss the organisation of the nursing service in a 200-bedded hospital.”

Category (iii)

“Discuss the relationship between nurse and general practitioner in maternity work in the patient's home.”

Category (iv)

“The difficulties of the Assistant Nurse in her daily work.”

The purposes 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), 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.

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, 1950.

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.

CHARLES HILL,
Secretary.

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