

NURSING PAPERS TODAY

THREE FIRSTS have been achieved in this issue of Nursing Papers. We received one letter-to-the-editor in response to Joan Gilchrist's article on "Profession or Union". This letter plus Miss Gilchrist's reply provide us with the beginnings of a dialogue. If you would like to pursue these ideas further, we would be pleased to hear from you. This crucial topic of how the nursing profession can negotiate for the development of nursing services within the whole field of community health and, at the same time, expand the function of nursing to the full practitioner role to which it aspires provides a dimension to the problem which requires immediate study and consideration. A second letter-to-the-editor invites response to the Recommendation on the Preparation of Public Health Nurses formulated by the Canadian Public Health Association. This is an issue worthy of some debate and I think you will find Elizabeth Logan's reply a provocative one.

We are pleased to announce as the third accomplishment that the main content of this issue of Nursing Papers has been provided by the School of Nursing of the University of British Columbia. Floris E. King, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Graduate Program, forwarded an article on creativity. Helen Moogk Elfert, M.A., late of McGill and now in Vancouver, kindly developed some ideas she had presented at the Research Session of the last CNA General Meeting in Saskatoon into a paper on clinical nursing research. We hope that other university schools might like to follow a similar path and plan an issue of Nursing Papers for a future publication.

Following the appeal for financial assistance described in the November 1969 issue, we received the sum of \$475.70. I would like to thank the few university schools of nursing who provided such generous support as well as the many individuals and groups who contributed. Our situation at present is as follows:

Expenses for 1130 copies, November issue, 1969	\$550.00
Received — individual, group and school contributions	475.70
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Balance owing	74.30
Balance owing from April issue, 1969	\$392.15
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Total Balance Owing	\$466.45

We have been asked repeatedly to provide for individual subscription to Nursing Papers. You will find an application form for this purpose in the front of this issue. Please complete and forward with your cheque as soon as possible.

We approached the Lippincott Company of Philadelphia for financial backing for Nursing Papers at least until it was well established as a journal to express the views of university schools of nursing in Canada. Although we did not receive a written reply to our request, the verbal message, although congratulatory, indicated that the company did not wish to expand in this direction at present. The Lippincott Company probably wonders at our capability to produce research articles in nursing comparable to those in other nursing journals. However, we are off to a good start and with your support in bringing research projects and potential reports and articles to our attention, Nursing Papers should expand and become well established within a year or two.

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