

Christian Science Nurses Fund

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2017

INTRODUCTION

The Pension Scheme of the Pension Trust for Christian Science Nurses closed down in 2010 but since then the Benevolence Fund is very much ongoing. The Scholarship Fund took off with the benefit of generous donations and now gives assistance to Christian Science nurses in their training and career progression.

We were intending to formally change the Trust's official title to one better reflecting the altered remit of the charity. It wasn't possible, but we use the working name "Christian Science Nurses Fund" to help clarify what its purpose is.

BENEVOLENT FUND

In the last year the Benevolent Fund has provided over £15,000 in support of working and retired Christian Science nurses. This has helped in financial hardship and travel costs, Christian Science nursing care, rest and study, home visits overseas and in Christmas gifts to some retired Christian Science nurses. Much gratitude has been expressed.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Scholarship Fund has given £30,000 in total this past year for Christian Science nurses who are starting or continuing training whilst developing their practice working in Christian Science facilities or in Christian Science private duty nursing. Help has been given in training costs, travel, insurance, household maintenance, and other support. Some Christian Science

nurses have become listed in the Christian Science Journal. Again, much gratitude is expressed, and it is warming to hear of progress and the good work being done.

SECRETARY/TREASURER RETIREMENT

In July 2016 Sandie Tassell retired after 13 years as Secretary/Treasurer of the Pension Trust. Her care and attention in support of Christian Science nurses knew no bounds. The role has been taken on by Shirley McGrath as Administrator and she is grateful for all Sandie's help in a harmonious handover.

NEW WEBSITE

Our new website is up and running at www.christiansciencenursefund.org.uk. Please take a look and encourage others who may be interested in applying for financial assistance as a Christian Science nurse, or who might wish to give a donation or prayerful support. The information includes grants available, application forms, contact details and more. Testimonials for the website are always welcome.

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