

## Patient Care from Six to Seventeen

*For years we gave them bed-  
side care  
With pills and salves and  
shots.  
Later we added diversions  
To cheer the teens and tots.  
With comics and crayons and  
coloring books  
We helped them pass the  
time.  
But not 'til we added the teacher  
Could we complete this rhyme.*

In the late 1950's Dr. Susan Dees of the Duke University Medical Center Department of Pediatrics began in her efforts to open the eyes of the public to the necessity of in-hospital teachers. In 1959, due to the efforts of Dr. Dees and other interested persons, Duke Hospital became the first hospital in the state to offer an in-hospital teaching program. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill was the second to establish such a program.

For six years Duke and Memorial were the only two general hospitals in North Carolina offering in-hospital teaching as a part of patient care. Then, several months ago, legislative action was taken providing funds for a statewide in-hospital teaching program. Following this legislative action, the state allotted two more teachers to the City of Durham. Both were to assume teaching positions within Duke Hospital.

The two teachers selected for the "new" positions are Mrs. Emily Hyatt and Miss Virginia Aldige. Mrs. Hyatt has been at Duke since 1960 as an in-hospital teacher. Miss Aldige came to Duke in September. Although both teachers are now salaried by the state, they will work under the direction of the Durham City School Board and Duke Hospital. All books and supplies will be provided by the city.

The in-hospital teaching is offered free of charge to those school-age patients who are expected to be in the hospital for two weeks or longer. Each teacher will have approximately twelve "students" on her role to be seen every day. Mrs. Hyatt is

now working with grades 1 through 7, and Miss Aldige is working with the older students in grades 8 through 12. The teachers will be "based" primarily on Howland Ward and may be reached at extension 3951.

"The program has kept many from having to repeat a grade, especially those who are bed-ridden but not too sick to study," says Mrs. Hyatt. Since both Mrs. Hyatt and Miss Aldige are state accredited, a "student" can complete as much as a year's work while in the hospital.

It has been Mrs. Hyatt's experience that "in six months here a child can often do nine months of regular school work." She has been told that when the in-hospital "students" return to school they are often ahead of their classmates. Mrs. Hyatt's longest "term" student was a child who was a patient for seven months. The child completed the fifth grade while in the hospital.

Most of the advantages of the program are obvious. Certainly, the program boosts the morale of both the patient and the parents, and is therefore understandably therapeutic. The therapeutic nature of the program and the other merits of in-hospital teaching were recognized long ago, but it has taken many years to convince and educate the public of the need for teachers in hospitals as a part of patient care.

North Carolina is fortunate to have had for these past years the continuing interest of Dr. Dees and the others who early recognized the need and persevered in their efforts to educate.



In-hospital teachers, Mrs. Emily Hyatt (seated) and Miss Virginia Aldige pay an afternoon "visit" to a small patient on Howland Ward.

### *Retirements and Resignations Announced*

DR. DUNCAN C. HETHERINGTON, Professor of Anatomy, retired from the Department on August 31. Dr. Hetherington has accepted a one-year appointment as Professor of Anatomy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

MRS. EDITH BROCKER, Associate Professor, and ELINOR CADDELL, Assistant Professor, have resigned from the staff of the School of Nursing to join the staff at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

There are four other resignations from the staff of the School of Nursing: MARY STEELE, Assistant Professor; LYNN COLLINS, Instructor; CAPITOLA MATTINGLY, Director of Graduate Studies; and ROSEMARY LEMMOND, Instructor.

DR. CHARLES E. MENGEL, an Associate in Medicine at Duke since 1962, has joined the staff of Ohio State University College of Medicine in Columbus as Associate Professor of Medicine and Director of Clinical Service of Hematology.

DR. CHARLES W. NEVILLE, JR., Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, has been made Medical Director of Highland Hospital in Asheville, N. C.

MRS. CHRISTINE THOMPSON has retired from fulltime instructorship, but will continue to serve as a part-time Instructor in Physical Therapy.

DR. JAMES WYNGAARDEN, Professor of Medicine here at Duke from 1956 to 1965 is now Chairman of the Department of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

The Department of Psychiatry announces the following resignations: DR. LARRY KRONER, of the Division of Child Psychiatry; DR. ROBERT E. SMITH, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care and Psychiatric Counsel; and ANNA MARGARET MACLAUCHLIN, also of the Division of Child Psychiatry.

DR. GEORGE LYNN, former Director of the Audiology Clinic, has accepted a position in the Department of Audiology of the Rehabilitation Institute in Detroit, Michigan.

DR. STANLEY KURTZ has resigned from his position as Associate Professor of Pathology and is now with the Research Division of Parke Davis in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

DR. J. V. KLAVINS, former Professor of Pathology, has recently joined the staff at Brooklyn-Cumberland Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York, as Director of Laboratories.

WAG'S WISDOM: "A good diplomat will always think twice before saying nothing."