

We already have, within the discipline of nursing, the best possible social therapists, and all we need is to open the doors, knock down some ancient barriers and allow the nurse to perform her real function which, in my opinion, is primarily the education, training and recreation of the mentally handicapped.

The Major Role of Nurses in the Development of Health Services, by John Munro, *The Canadian Nurse*, 1972, No. 1.

There are many other aspects of modern health that concern nurses—the restructuring of our health facilities, the demand for community services, pollution, and so on. Together with the topics I have mentioned, these constitute a challenge to the traditional concepts of medicine.

We must be aware of what is happening within the health care fields as a result of changing attitudes and new developments. As health services undergo what amounts to a revolution in method, if not in purpose, the demands and rewards of a life in nursing will undergo their own revolution. You, the nurses of Canada, are a vital part of that revolution.

Medical Research “Measured against the needs of all”, by Thomas H. Weller, *WHO Chronicle*, World Health Organization, Geneva, 1971, No. 2.

... We must respond to the search by youth for relevance in the health field. A large pool of highly motivated young physicians primarily interested in community health needs is developing. During their medical education they will have limited access to information regarding opportunities for postgraduate training, service, or research in public health. We should develop improved means to channel this information to those who seek it. Then, if we are to continue to enjoy the support of well-trained, idealistic young colleagues, an ongoing reassessment of our own research priorities is imperative. They will be watching to determine whether “every apparent medical success” is indeed “measured against the needs of all”.