

clinical work in the laboratory, so to speak, in the latter part of the program, I would suspect that in the typical hospital school that the work in classroom would probably amount to about a third to a half of the time. This is a shotgun guess.

Mr. SKUBITZ. Is that in the classroom?

Mr. BLAIR. Yes, sir. The class involves, of course, in our instance full-time registration in the college with which we are associated during the freshman year. During the second year there is a heavy emphasis of didactic work on the nursing subjects, specifically. And, even during the clinical periods there are so-called ward classrooms which are very small, seminars.

Mr. SKUBITZ. What I am getting at is this: Nurses spend a part of their time, about a third of their time in the classroom and the other two-thirds of the time working in the hospital. Is this correct?

Mr. BLAIR. Yes. Under the supervision of the clinical instructor, who is a full-time member of the nursing school faculty.

Mr. SKUBITZ. All right. Now—does the student pay tuition?

Mr. BLAIR. A student pays tuition, yes. In our instance the tuition amounts to a total of about \$2,700, I think, \$2,700 or \$2,800. This is—

Mr. SKUBITZ. A year?

Mr. BLAIR. This is a total of all fees for 3 years. This includes tuition, fees, books, and uniforms.

Mr. SKUBITZ. Does it include dormitory facilities?

Mr. BLAIR. Yes. This is the total cash payment made by the student?

Mr. SKUBITZ. It runs about \$900 a year, then, correct?

Mr. BLAIR. This would be the average, yes.

Mr. SKUBITZ. Now, when they are working on the floor, do they draw any salary for doing this sort of thing?

Mr. BLAIR. No, sir. This is a part of the program and this is viewed as a part of their educational experience because we recognize that as the student is giving this care under the supervision of the clinical instructor, nevertheless, it does have value and we credit this to the budget of the school of nursing.

Mr. SKUBITZ. And the students that work on the floor under supervision, they relieve the head nurse of a lot of her duties, is this not correct?

Mr. BLAIR. I would not say they relieve the head nurses, no. They do care for patients under the supervision of the clinical instructor and to the extent that this service is rendered, it reduces—

Mr. SKUBITZ. If you did not have student nurses you would have to hire registered nurses to do the same job. Is this correct?

Mr. BLAIR. Yes, sir; this is true, and this is why we have made a—we have included this in the arithmetic in our reports on the school. Now, the National League in its accreditation program, frowns on this. So, as of now, the reports going to the school do not include this, but they take a rather dubious view of this kind of arithmetic. They seem to think that this means that we are exploiting the students, I guess, or that we are using her for nursing service rather than for nursing education. We feel in this relationship the nursing service that is provided is sort of an accidental consequence of her learning and we do not want to ignore this in the economics of the school operation.