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## Teaching School in Lenox Baker's Hospital

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Finally, I went south to Durham, North Carolina, and Duke University, where I finished my education. I was living alone in a small, new development near Duke University Hospital called Poplar Apartments. I found a job teaching at the Lenox Baker Hospital's school for children with cerebral palsy.

This was my best job of all. There were only two teachers, and we taught small classes. Dr. Baker was a wonderful man to work for. As a teacher in his school, I always was treated with kindness and respect by my "boss." I believe he knew how difficult it was to teach these intelligent but greatly handicapped children. As his worker I felt great affection for Dr. Baker.

A special memory involves New Year's Eve. Another worker and I were invited to Dr. Baker's home for dinner since we were without family in the area. I felt very honored to be invited to celebrate this holiday with his family. I saw him as a kind and thoughtful gentleman. I thank him for my happy memories of those years.

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Elizabeth Krynski spent her working years teaching classes for special education pupils, both in private and public schools (1937-1979). In 1952 she received her bachelor's degree from Duke University, and later, her master's from the City College of New York. In Durham, she worked as a teacher in Dr. Lenox Baker's hospital school for disabled children (1948). She is the widow of Dr. Magnus Krynski, Duke professor emeritus of Slavic languages and literature and former chair of Duke's Slavic Department.