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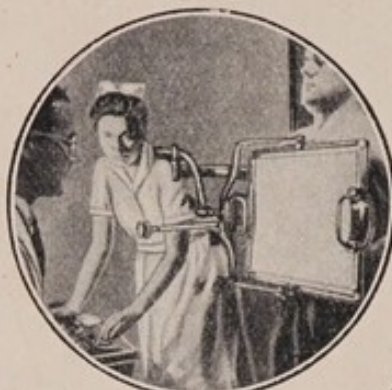
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THE HOSPITAL TEAM



SURGEONS



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DOMESTIC STAFF



MASSEUSES



ALMONERS



DIETICIANS

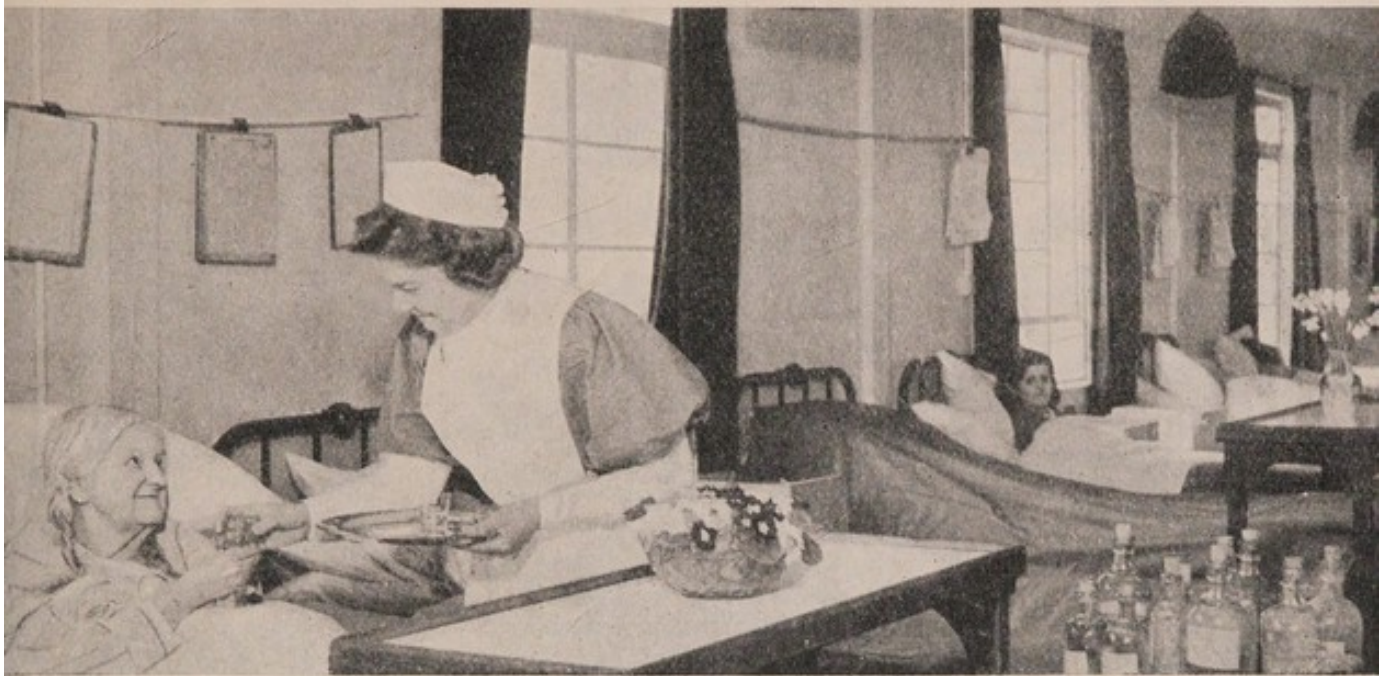


BACTERIOLOGISTS



The Nurse is the vital link in the Hospital team. Her work brings her into contact with each of the highly specialised Departments. Each specialist relies on the Nurse to see that the treatments prescribed for a patient are intelligently and skilfully applied. Doctors, Surgeons and Pathologists know the importance of Nursing. The resources of radiology, bacteriology, physiotherapy and dietetics are teamed up with nursing for the restoration of the patients' health and strength.

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★ A distinguished

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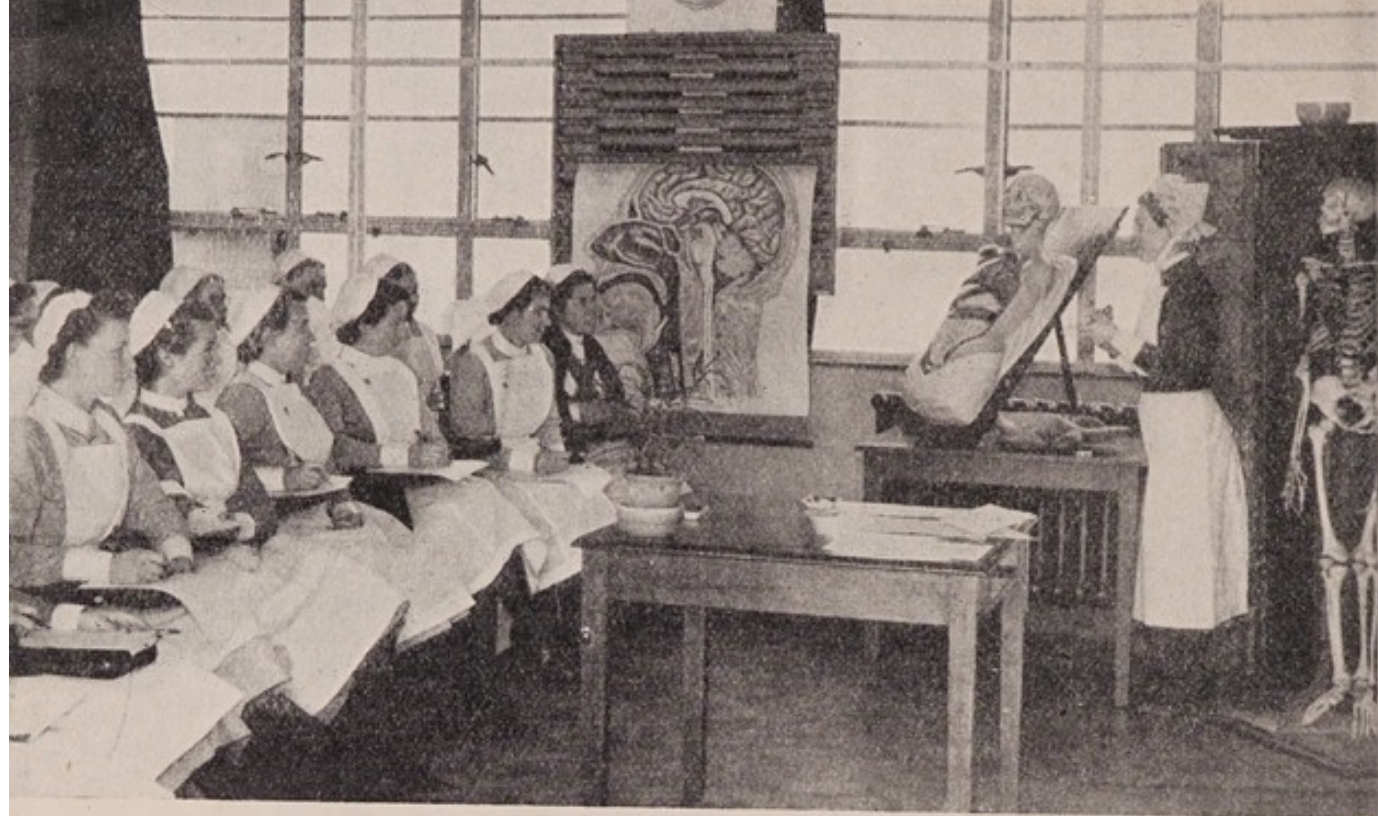
Nursing is a distinguished career and one of the highest forms of social service. It offers scope for advancement rarely equalled in an ordinary job, as distinct from a professional post. The Matron, the Sister Tutor, the Supervisor of Midwives, or Superintendent Health Visitor, to name only a few of the senior posts in the Nursing, Midwifery and Public Health professions, are all persons of authority and dignity holding posts of great responsibility in the service of the nation. And under the National Health Service the Nurse will play a still more important role.

Like every worth-while career, there is no easy road to success. But with average intelligence and a capacity for nursing you should have no difficulty in passing the appropriate examination.

State Registration

State Registration is the aim of most women who wish to make nursing their career. This legal status may be obtained by training for three years and taking the examination for the General State Register. (Some hospitals ask for a four-year contract.) Training for special parts of the Register takes three years in some cases but two years in the case of the nursing of infectious diseases.

Training for State Registration is in itself a worth-while education and these training years are packed full of interest and development.



Life of a Student Nurse or Pupil Assistant Nurse★

Conditions of service for Student Nurses and Pupil Assistant Nurses have been agreed between the Government and the hospitals and employing authorities. Your time will be divided between lectures and practical nursing. Working hours will normally be not more than 96 a fortnight, including lecture time, and you will be entitled to one free day off every week. Wherever possible, and eventually everywhere, you will have a comfortable room of your own and other advantages which students everywhere enjoy, such as common rooms, library facilities and guest rooms.

In your off-duty time, when you can wear mufti or not, as you please, you have the same scope for the unrestricted use of your leisure as any other member of the community. During duty hours discipline is essential in hospital work to maintain the smooth running of the hospital on which the patients' lives and health depend, but the hospital authorities have agreed with the Government that no unnecessary rules should be maintained which are not essential for this purpose. The Student Nurse is usually resident during training.



* See page 7.



Questions & Answers

- Q. What happens if I fall ill?*
A. You receive free nursing and medical attention and a generous period of paid sick leave.
- Q. What happens if I fail in the examination for State Registration or for State Enrolment as an Assistant Nurse?*
A. You may re-sit that part of the examination in which you failed, usually at the next examination. Examinations are held three times a year.
- Q. What happens if I get married and have not yet qualified?*
A. Most hospitals allow you to continue your training.
- Q. Supposing I get married after I have qualified?*
A. The knowledge and experience you have gained as a nurse will be of life-long value if you decide to give up nursing. If you decide to continue, there are many openings available to you which you can combine with your household responsibilities.
- Q. Do I get a living-out allowance as a married nurse?*
A. Yes, there is a scale of allowances for nurses who work in hospitals and live out. (Part-time employment is available in many hospitals.)

Brief Training Schedule

Training must be taken at a Hospital recognised as a training school by the General Nursing Council of England and Wales or the General Nursing Council of Scotland.

1st Year . . . In most hospitals the first eight to twelve weeks will be spent in a Preliminary Training School. Then general ward routine, including preparing instruments and escorting patients to Operating Theatres, etc. Lectures are a most important part of the first year's training. One year of hospital training must be completed before taking the Preliminary State Examination.

2nd and 3rd Years . . . Day and night duty in all wards, Operating Theatre and Out-Patients' Dept. Lectures by Medical Staff and Sister Tutor covering advanced medical and surgical nursing, etc. Final State Examination, taken at the end of three years, includes written papers and practical examination.

Ex-War Workers & Ex-Service Men & Women . . . are entitled on application to a remission of six months in their period of training if they have had two years' experience of hospital work under specified conditions. Subject to the training undertaken, they are also given special Government allowances.



Income of a Student Nurse

Your training, accommodation, food, uniform and laundry, as a Student Nurse, are provided without charge. Your allowance and emoluments in the first year are therefore valued at £130. In *cash* payments the Student Nurse gets £55, £65 and £75 respectively during the three years' training.

Opportunities after Training as a State Registered Nurse

To the State Registered General Nurse many paths are open. She can work up through hospital to the position of ward sister, administrative sister or sister tutor, and eventually to a matron's post at a salary of up to £1,000 a year. If her preference is for work outside a hospital, living in her own home, she can become a domiciliary midwife, a district nurse, a health visitor or an industrial nurse. Alternatively, many forms of service abroad are open to the State Registered Nurse, including Colonial Nursing and the Nursing Services of the Crown.

Within the hospital field, there are specialised branches of nursing with their own appeal, such as mental nursing, children's nursing, fever nursing, tuberculosis nursing and orthopædic nursing.





The State Enrolled Assistant Nurse

IF you do not feel able to take the training for qualification as a State Registered Nurse, you may become a State Enrolled Assistant Nurse, which is the legal title of a qualified nurse who has taken a two years' training in practical nursing and had her name entered on the Roll of Assistant Nurses kept by the General Nursing Council. You are then entitled to the

letters S.E.A.N. after your name. This special two-year course offers a means of entering the profession as a Pupil Assistant Nurse for those who do not wish for academic honours and yet desire to serve their fellow-men in the satisfying profession of nursing.

The Pupil Assistant Nurse

YOUR training, accommodation, food, uniform and laundry are provided without charge and in addition the pupil assistant nurse receives in cash £55 and £65 respectively in her two-year course and £110 per annum on qualifying, rising by service and promotion.

Contributory Pensions Schemes

NURSES in Local Government Service and many of those in voluntary hospitals now benefit from Contributory Pensions Schemes. Under the new Health Service, a complete superannuation scheme is to be introduced for all nurses in all the hospital and clinic services.

Holidays

NURSES are entitled to four weeks' paid leave each year, exclusive of any sick leave they may have; at least two weeks of their annual leave should be given consecutively.



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