

Standish Hospital



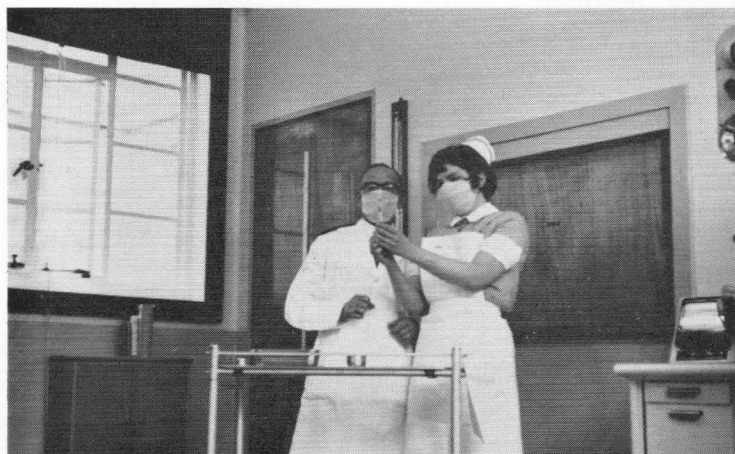
STANDISH HOSPITAL is situated near the town of Stonehouse in the Cotswolds. Formerly used as a private residence, it became a Red Cross Hospital during the 1914-18 War and, at the cessation of hostilities, was handed over to the Gloucestershire County Council and the Gloucester City Council for use as a Sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis in which ex-Service men were to have priority.

Between 1921 and 1948, the Gloucestershire Joint Board for Tuberculosis made many improvements and extensions to the Hospital, large Ward Blocks being built so that 270 patients can now be accommodated.

In July 1948 the Hospital came under the control of the Ministry of Health and since that date many changes in the nature of cases treated have taken place. The spectacular decline in the incidence of tuberculosis has made it possible to free beds for patients with a variety of chest and heart conditions. Standish Hospital is being developed as the orthopaedic centre for the North Gloucestershire Clinical Area. About 100 beds have been allocated to this speciality and major surgery is carried out in the Theatre.

Apart from the adult Blocks, Standish Hospital has a large Children's Ward and a recently constructed Ward for child orthopaedic patients. As many of the children are long term cases, a special school, staffed by the Local Education Authority, is attached to the Hospital so that the children's education may continue while they are receiving treatment.

Preparing an injection



Standish Hospital is within easy reach of the towns of Stroud, Gloucester and Cheltenham; it is also close to main line stations which serve London and the West. Hospital cars are on duty from 7.30 a.m.—10 p.m. and transport is provided to the local bus stop.

The Hospital has an active Sports and Social Club and good recreational facilities are provided. A tennis court, swimming pool, table tennis, billiards and badminton are available for staff; dances, concerts and film shows are arranged regularly during the winter months in the Recreation Hall of the Hospital.

THE TRAINING SCHOOL at Standish Hospital has been completely modernised in the last ten years.

Nursing training is offered in a variety of courses to meet the different needs, abilities and interests of the candidates.

All students undertaking a basic course will have a gradual introduction to hospital life and work by a combination of classroom and ward experience during the first few weeks.

Lectures to junior and post-registration students are given by the medical staff and other specialists; in addition general guidance on private study, tutorials and coaching is given by the Tutorial Staff.

Visits will be paid to other Hospitals and Treatment Units to add to the nurses' professional education, and experience is given

Playtime



in all appropriate Wards and Departments. There is a well stocked Library of textbooks which is available to all, and the Classroom and Practical Room are always open for private study and practice.

Training a nurse is expensive and if an adequate standard of work is not maintained or sufficient progress made, the nurse may be asked to discontinue training.

COURSES AVAILABLE

- (i) *State Enrolled Nurse. S.E.N.*
General Nurse training in preparation for admission to the Roll of Nurses of the General Nursing Council.

The course lasts two years, can be entered at the age of 18 and special attention is given to the practical bedside care of patients. An assessment is made at an appropriate stage of training while the candidate is actually on duty and the certificate is granted on the result of this, and in the light of regular ward reports. On successfully completing the two year course a pupil nurse will be awarded her Certificate by the General Nursing Council and will be entitled to use the letters—S.E.N. With further training and experience a nurse can qualify for posts in the Senior Enrolled Nurse grade in hospital and in a variety of special aspects of patient care.

Ward Sister explains details of treatment



- (ii) *Orthopaedic Nursing Training in preparation for the Examination of the Joint Examination Board of the British Orthopaedic Association and the Central Council for the Disabled.*

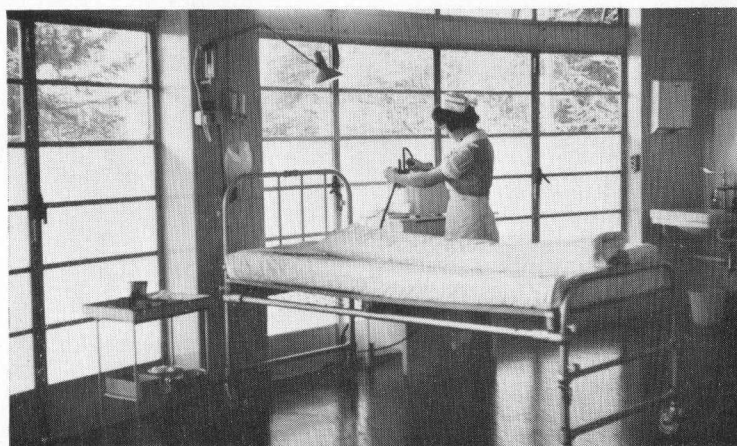
The syllabus of training is drawn up by the Joint Examination Board of the British Orthopaedic Association and the Central Council for the Disabled who have conducted examinations since 1937.

The basic course lasts two years and can be entered at the age of 17. The Preliminary Examination is taken at the end of the first year and consists of two written papers, an oral and practical examination. The Final Examination is taken at the end of the second year and consists of a written paper, and an oral and practical examination. Students who have passed this examination may have the three year course for State Registration reduced by six months.

Prospective Physiotherapists will find this course a valuable introduction to their basic training and a useful additional qualification on its completion.

There is a fourteen month post-enrolment course for nurses who are already State Enrolled Nurses, at the end of which is a simple written examination and a practical assessment carried out in familiar surroundings.

Post operative recovery room



It is hoped to be able soon to offer a post-registration course of one year in full-time work, or proportionately extended for part-time nurses to a maximum of two years. There is no Preliminary Examination in this course.

- (iii) *Thoracic Nursing Training in Preparation for the Examination of the British Tuberculosis Association. B.T.A. Certificate.*

The syllabus of training is drawn up by the British Tuberculosis Association who have conducted examinations since 1924. The syllabus has recently been revised making it more comprehensive both in variety and detail.

The basic training lasts two years and can be entered at the age of 17½. The Preliminary Examination is taken at the end of the first year and consists of two written papers. The Final Examination is taken at the end of the second year, and consists of a written paper, and a practical and an oral examination.

Students who have passed this examination may have the three year course for State Registration reduced by three months.

The post-registration course lasts one year, though a shortened course is permissible according to previous experience.

Courses commence in January, May and September.

Bed making finished



APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Prospective students should complete in their own handwriting the application form which should be returned to Matron who will be pleased to give further information and advice as required.

Candidates will be required to produce evidence of education to a level satisfactory for the course of their choice, of good character, and of physical fitness.

Prospective students who have not had the opportunity of taking subjects for the General Certificate of Education will be given a special test if otherwise considered suitable.

Young men and women who leave school before they are old enough to start a recognised training should consider a pre-nursing course at a Technical College. This will enable them to continue their general education while studying other subjects in preparation for their career.

In special cases or for short periods it is sometimes possible to arrange temporary work at the Hospital before training starts.

Uniform is provided.

Annual leave, hours of duty, conditions of service and training allowances are as negotiated by the Nurses and Midwives Whitley Council.

Theatre Sister checks swabs prior to operation



STAFF QUARTERS

These are modern and well equipped. There are comfortable sitting-rooms with television.

Each nurse's bedroom is well and tastefully furnished. Most of the bedrooms are single rooms but a few are furnished for two so that friends may share.

MEDICAL SUPERVISION

Constant care is exercised in the interest of the nurses' health.

Regular chest X-ray examinations are carried out, and staff may see the Medical Officer each morning at 9 a.m.

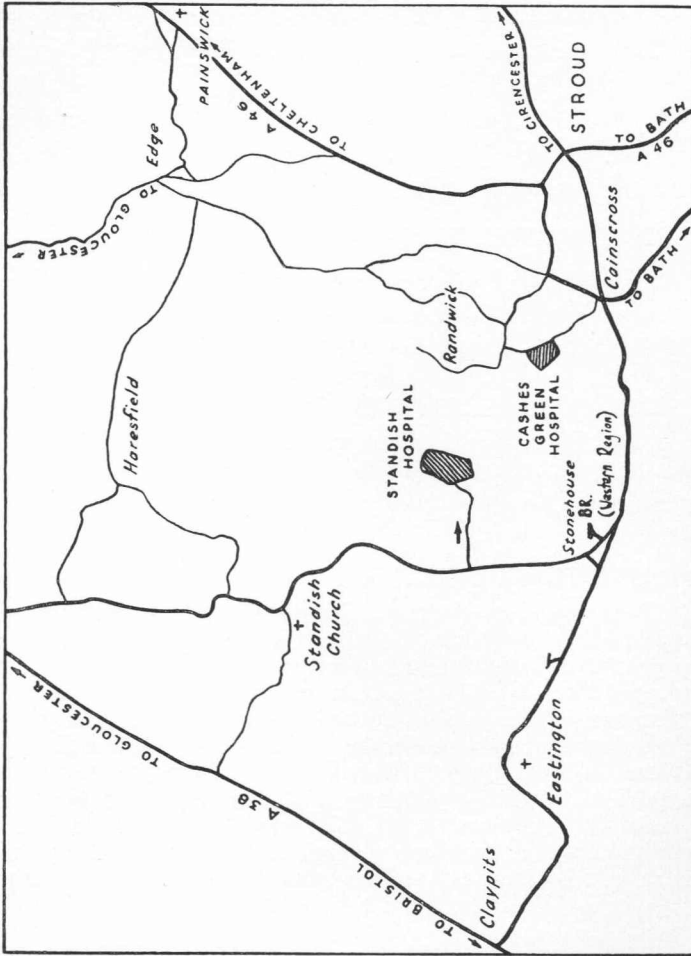
RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES

Hospital transport is arranged for attendances at Church of England, Nonconformist and Roman Catholic services.

Services are held in the Hospital Chapel for staff and patients.

APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE TRAINED NURSE

Career openings in the nursing world are unlimited and the prospects are good; they include teaching and administrative opportunities. Some nurses and midwives choose to make their career in the hospital service; others prefer to practise their nursing or midwifery skill in the community health services. There are openings in the Prison Service; in industry or private nursing; with the Regional Hospital Boards; and in Government Departments. The Royal Navy, Army, and the Royal Air Force or Colonial Nursing Services all offer opportunities of nursing at home and abroad. There are also openings overseas in the public services of the dependent and newly independent countries within the Commonwealth which are filled through the Ministry of Overseas Development.



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