

"This is the only Obstetric Training School in South Australia for Medical Students from Adelaide University, as well as a training school for Nurses. The medical students come into residence for two or three weeks at a time during their fourth, fifth and sixth years.

"My small part here is with the Trainee Nurses, giving them lectures in Midwifery and Infant Care. There are from 70-75 trainees at a time in various stages of training.

"The examinations are held in April, August and November and from 20-30 nurses sit for them each time from the Queen Victoria Maternity Hospital. There are first the hospital and then the Nurses Board exams., the theory of the latter is held at Adelaide University and the *viva voce* at this hospital.

"Of the six states in the Commonwealth, South Australia is the only one where the period of training is still nine months for general certificated Nurses. With a working week of 40 hours it is becoming necessary to lengthen the training. Our Nurses Board has not as yet conformed to this ruling, because they feel the extra three months should consist of post-graduate work, with good theoretical and practical instruction in anaesthesia and relaxation.

"Occasionally, we accept girls who have had no previous nursing experience and they do an 18 month's course to gain their Midwifery and Infant Care certificate. This means, of course, that they have to pass an exam. in Anatomy and Physiology, invalid cookery and general outline of nursing before they can sit for their final examinations. Most of these girls want this shorter training, before leaving as missionaries.

"Many of our nurses come from interstate to do their training here, whilst many of the South Australian general trained nurses go to the Obstetric training schools of other States. So it is always most interesting discussing the merits of our various training schools throughout the Commonwealth."

Q.A.R.A.N.C. Celebrations.

THE CELEBRATION OF CORPS DAY by the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps which had to be postponed from March 27th owing to the death of Queen Mary will now take place on Monday, April 13th.

(The Q.A.I.M.N.S., predecessor of the Q.A.R.A.N.C., was formed on March 27th, 1902. The history of the Army Nursing Service goes back further still, for Florence Nightingale formed the first nucleus of a recognised military nursing service in the Crimean War.)

The Depot of the Q.A.R.A.N.C. was established at Hindhead, Surrey, on May 1st, 1950, and was officially opened by the then Adjutant-General, General Sir James Steele, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., LL.D., on September 13th, 1950.

Corps Day will be celebrated at the Depot by a ceremonial parade, at 2.30 p.m. The inspecting officer will be Dame Louisa Wilkinson, D.B.E., R.R.C., Colonel Commandant Q.A.R.A.N.C. and late Matron-in-Chief of the Q.A.I.M.N.S. She will be accompanied by the Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services, Brigadier H. S. Gillespie, M.B.E., R.R.C., Q.H.N.S. The parade will be commanded by the Commandant of the Depot and T.E., Q.A.R.A.N.C., Colonel N. P. de B. Bampton, R.R.C.

There will be approximately 40 officers and 200 other ranks on parade. Although March 27th was the official Corps Day of the Q.A.R.A.N.C., Corps week will be celebrated from June 6th-13th, 1953. The Q.A.R.A.N.C. Association Reunion will be held on Saturday, June 6th, 1953, and a drum-head service and parade will take place on Sunday, June 7th.

National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. TEN DAYS IN SPAIN.

THE ASSOCIACION PROFESIONAL DE ENFERMERAS ESPANOLAS has invited a group of 30 members of the National Council of Nurses to visit Spain from June 8th this year for a period of ten days. The National Council of Nurses has accepted this invitation, and extends to your Association a place in the party.

It is proposed that the visit will be made by train to San Sebastian, stay there to see the city for two days, and on to Madrid by coach, stopping at Burgos to see the famous Cathedral and other places of interest. From Madrid an excursion to Toledo and El Escorial.

Professional lectures will be arranged, and visits to Universities and institutions and other allied services.

Opportunities will be made for the group to get an insight into the Spanish way of life, and time will be made free for shopping.

The cost of the course will be approximately £16. The cost of the fare is to be confirmed.

Applications should be made without delay through the Nurses' Associations to Miss F. Rowe, Executive Secretary, The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 17, Portland Place, London, W.1.

Study Course—May 1st to 8th, 1953.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, is arranging a course for a limited number of Nurses, members of its affiliated Associations, and it is proposed, as in past years, to include some nurses from other countries.

The theme of the course will be on general lines, with professional lectures, covering a varied field. Visits to places of cultural interest and social functions will also be included.

Accommodation will be provided for in London, and in the case of Nurses having their own accommodation, the programme will be open for them to undertake part of the course at a reduced rate.

The date of the course is the evening of May 1st to 8th inclusive.

Excursions will be made outside of London, possibly to University centres.

The cost of the course, including accommodation, is £10 10s.

Applications for the course should be sponsored by the Secretary of the nurse's own professional Association.

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

AT THE MEETING of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales which took place at 23, Portland Place, London, W.1, on March 27th, 1953, the results of the February, 1953, Examinations were made known:—

Preliminary Examination :			
Part I	2,153		
Part II	2,279		
Parts I and II together ..	1,655		
			6,087
Final Examination			
General	3,141		
Male	225		
Mental	271		
Mental Defectives	75		
Sick Children	162		
Fever	63		
			3,937

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