

active cases are isolated in special hospitals. Suspected and arrested cases are expected to attend a chest clinic where they can be examined, X-rayed or tested—skin tests, sputum tests, etc.

2. *Health visitors* visit the dwellings and keep an eye on the other members of the family. When the patient goes home, advice is given regarding sleeping accommodation, diet and hygiene.

3. *It is of greatest importance* that the patient should carry out the same rules of hygiene after discharge from the sanatorium. This must be impressed upon him and the dangers of carelessness stressed. He must be told that his sputum and breath are still infectious and dangerous to other people.

4. *There are special colonies* provided in some countries for tuberculous patients, e.g., Papworth. Here arrested cases may be taught trades that are light, when ordinary work would be too strenuous for them. Thus they may still be active members of the community and at the same time they are segregated, and are not so likely to infect others.

QUESTION FOR NEXT MONTH.

What are the predisposing causes of Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Hæmorrhage? What are the duties of a Midwife in dealing with these conditions?

QUEEN MARY TAKES TEA WITH QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

A very enjoyable At Home was given by Miss Martin, R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief and the members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, W., on Wednesday, December 8th, which was very well attended by members of the Service and their friends, including distinguished members of the Army Medical Service.

The guests were received by Miss Martin at the entrance to the ballroom, which was beautifully lighted, and the scarlet Army capes of the Military Sisters added to the brilliance of the occasion.

A very dainty tea had been provided, and the tables were charmingly decorated, the band added to the gaiety and there was a hum of animated conversation, when there was a sudden hush, and a murmur of "Queen Mary" which brought all present to their feet, Her Majesty appeared, escorted by Miss Martin, at the entrance to the ballroom, with Lady Amptill as Lady-in-Waiting, and passed to the tea table prepared in expectation of her coming; the secret had, however, been well kept for Her Majesty's visit was a surprise to most of those present. After tea, at which some of the distinguished nurses present were privileged to be invited to the high table, Queen Mary passed through the ballroom, stopping to speak to past and present members of the Service whom she recognised. At the foot of the stairs Army Sisters formed a guard of honour, and on arriving at the head of the stairs, as the band played "God Save the King." Queen Mary turned and bowed most graciously to those present before passing out of the building.

When those present finally dispersed all were agreed that the party had been a very happy one and an outstanding success.

RESIGNATIONS.

DAME ALICIA LLOYD STILL, D.B.E., R.R.C., Matron, St. Thomas's Hospital, S.E.

At a Special Court of Governors, held at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, on November 23rd, the resignation of Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, D.B.E., R.R.C., from the position of Matron of the Hospital and Lady Superintendent of the Nightingale Training School for Nurses, was accepted with much regret, and an Address was presented to her thanking her for her long and devoted service to the hospital. Dame Alicia was trained in the Nightingale Training School, from 1896-1899, and after holding posts as Sister at St. Thomas's Hospital and of Lady Superintendent of the Brompton Hospital for Consumption and of the Middlesex Hospital, she returned to St. Thomas's Hospital in 1913, as Matron. During the Great War she was Principal Matron of No. 5 General Hospital, T.F.N.S. She is a member of the Army Nursing Board, and attended the Congresses of the International Council of Nurses in Montreal in 1929, and in Paris in 1933, when she was elected President of the International Council of Nurses for the following Quadrennial period. She has been a member of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales from 1920 to 1937; President of the Florence Nightingale International Memorial Committee, and Founder and President of the Nightingale Fellowship, and President of the Hospital Matrons' Association. She presided over the International Congress of Nurses held in London in July, 1937, and did much to make it a social success. Many good wishes will follow her for happiness in her retirement after a long and strenuous nursing career.

MISS GERTRUDE MAY LITTLEBOY, A.R.R.C. Matron, The London Hospital, E.

The whole Nursing world will learn with sincere regret of the resignation by her own wish of Miss G. M. Littleboy, the popular Matron of the London Hospital, which was announced at the recent meeting of the Court of Governors of the hospital. She will hand over her post in April.

Miss Littleboy was trained at the London Hospital, and has served it continuously for thirty years, as Probationer, Staff Nurse, Sister, Assistant Matron, and since 1931 as Matron. The nursing department of the London, the largest hospital in England, is a tremendous test of ability and endurance—as the staff under the supervision of the Matron is 750 colleagues of all ranks.

Miss Littleboy's upright and generous character has not only commended itself to the staff at the London Hospital, but to her colleagues with whom she is associated in professional organisations outside. She is a Vice-President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and has taken a personal interest in its work—notably in the Florence Nightingale Scholarship awarded annually to the Foundation. The League of London Hospital Nurses, of which she is President, has grown and flourished under her personal interest, and issues one of the most up-to-date *Reviews*. Every one will wish Miss Littleboy many years of happiness after her really national service as Matron of one of the finest hospitals in the world.

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