

stages, allow the uterus and the other pelvic organs to regain their correct positions in the body, and the distress caused by the displacements will disappear.

Abscesses on the ovaries and other inflammatory conditions are often only other manifestations of the same causes and the same rectifying methods will usually help in overcoming them.

In general it may be said that a reversal of the methods of living in order to remove toxic conditions and increase the nerve force will remove many of the causes of women's ailments, but neglect may result in more severe treatment being required involving surgery, manipulations or drugs, together with skilled care and observation.

Any woman who wishes to avoid the more common "women's ailments" should observe the very simple rules of healthy living, which make all the difference between complete well-being and disease, with its many distressing accompaniments.

### Nursing Echoes.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARY has been graciously pleased to appoint 144 Nurses to be Queen's Nurses; 107 in England, three in Wales, 32 in Scotland, and two in Northern Ireland.

DAME KATHERINE WATT, D.B.E., R.R.C., Chief Nursing Adviser to the Ministry of Health, retired at the end of September.

Dame Katherine joined the Ministry in 1939, when she was appointed Principal Matron for the Emergency Medical Service. In 1941 a staff of professional nursing officers were appointed at the Ministry and Dame Katherine became first holder of the newly-created post of Chief Nursing Officer. This she held until her appointment as Chief Nursing Adviser in 1948.

During the past year Dame Katherine has acted as a "nursing ambassador." She has paid visits to Syria, The Lebanon, Iran, Irak, India, Pakistan and Ceylon, and carried out an extended tour of Egypt, Australia and New Zealand. She was the first nurse to visit these countries by invitation in an official capacity. The object of these tours was not only to attend nursing conferences but also to exchange ideas with nursing and medical, and other colleagues, in other countries on nursing and hospital work in general and particularly the recent new developments in this country.

It was in 1945 that she was created a Dame of the British Empire for her services to nursing. Last year she was awarded the Florence Nightingale Medal of the International Red Cross.

Dame Katherine received her general training at Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and her midwifery training at Middlesex Hospital, London.

During the first world war, she served at home and abroad in the Q.A.I.M.N.S.(R). Then in early January of 1919 she joined Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, of which she was Matron-in-Chief from 1930 to 1938. While in the Services, Dame Katherine served in R.A.F. hospitals at home and overseas.

MISS E. M. CROTHERS, S.R.N., General Superintendent of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, spent the fortnight, September 11th to 26th, in Finland at the

invitation of the Finnish State Medical Board. The visit was sponsored by the British Council and she was the guest of the College of Nursing in Helsinki during her stay.

The purpose of her visit was to study Finnish district nursing methods and give advice and assistance in the enlargement of home nursing schemes. She lectured in Helsinki and demonstrated British methods with the aid of nursing equipment, a film and literature sent out by the British Council.

BRIGADIER A. THOMSON, C.B.E., R.R.C., K.H.N.S., Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services, left London by air on September 25th for an extensive tour of the Middle East.

She proposes to visit all Military Hospitals in Malta, Tripolitania, Cyrenaica, Cyprus, Egypt, Asmara, Khartoum and East Africa, and to meet all Q.A.R.A.N.C. Officers serving in these areas.

She is accompanied by Colonel A. S. Watson, R.R.C., Deputy Director of Army Nursing Services, Middle East Land Forces, during the tour with the exception of East Africa when she will be accompanied by the Assistant Director of Army Nursing Services of that Command, Lieut.-Colonel N. P. de B. Bampton, R.R.C.

Brigadier Thomson will be away until the middle of November.

A SCHOLARSHIP OF £100 TO £150 will be awarded by the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis to a Registered Female Nurse working at the time of her application in a hospital in Scotland. The Scholarship will enable her to spend a period of from three to six months in post-graduate study in hospitals or clinics in (a) Scotland, (b) England, or (c) Scandinavia.

Candidates should state age, qualifications and previous experience; reasons for wishing to do post-graduate work in tuberculosis; and should affirm their intention to continue in tuberculosis work after attaining the Scholarship.

Application should be made to Miss A. J. Weir, Scottish Secretary, N.A.P.T., 65, Castle Street, Edinburgh, 2, by 1st December, 1950.

WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to our Swedish colleagues upon the death of their aged, revered King, Gustav V, on November 9th.

How impressive must have been the scene as he was borne to his last resting place in Stockholm's "Knight's Church"; he had so faithfully lived up to his motto: "With my people for my country's good."

### The Passing of Sir Ernest Graham Little, M.D., F.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.

SIR ERNEST GRAHAM LITTLE, a distinguished Dermatologist and Politician, died at his home at Epsom on Friday, October 8th, at the age of 83 years.

As a Member of Parliament from 1924-1950 he represented the London University for which he always held unwavering support in the House and other spheres.

Sir Ernest Graham Little was a keen fighter for freedom, and the Nurses in their struggle for professional justice aroused his sympathy.

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