

the whole village where he has not been.'

"The dog looked intelligently into his mistress' face. . . .

"Before you know where you are, Rover, some of this dust, which is full of what the wise people call "microbes," gets into your throat, down into your insides, and then you are in a very bad way, as they slowly but surely eat you up inside. I am thinking they have been here," and she looked fearfully round her and drew the dog closer.

"It was the "white plague" killed my father, and my mother has the same kind of cough, with the wee bit of colour in her cheeks. Mary Kate says she will be taken next, and when she goes Danny and I shall be left alone to fight the Demon as best we can!"

"Here Rover lifted up his voice and howled.

"It is to the House (she meant the Workhouse) we would have to go.' Sheila got up and turned to enter the mean little cottage. To her surprise it seemed full of light. She stepped back startled, but before she had made up her mind to run away a voice from the cottage spoke to her, and she perceived all at once a beautiful figure, standing in the centre of the floor, clad in light flowing garments, which shone and glittered as she moved. In her hand she carried a lamp.

"I am the Spirit of Light,' she said. 'I am come in answer to the cry of the children of Ireland to stand between them and the White Demon Tuberculosis.'"

So the Spirit of Light turned her lantern on to the walls of the cottage, to the floor, into the corners, on to Sheila herself, into the little bedroom, into the bed which Sheila had always thought so clean, and disclosed everywhere to her horrified sight, a terrible state of affairs, on to the dirty handkerchief of the mother who was suffering from tuberculosis. Then she opened the glass door of her lantern, and exposed the pocket handkerchief to the full rays from within. In a moment every little rod-shaped demon lay motionless and dead, and the dirty rag became snow white.

"Pure sunlight," said the fairy, "is the strongest enemy the bacillus has." Then she vanished, and the fairy of Cleanliness came and cleaned the cottage, and the fairy Nourishment showed Sheila how to prepare food, and fairy Fresh Air put up one of Dr. Marrett's shelters, and the fairies Cheerfulness and Perseverance played their part, and between them all the place was made very unpleasant for the White Demon.

The book may be obtained from Maunsel and Co., Ltd., 96, Middle Abbey Street, Dublin, price 1s. bound in cloth, or 4d. in paper.

International News.

THE SWEDISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

It is with great pleasure we announce the formation of the Swedish Nurses' Association at a meeting recently held in Stockholm, and attended by nurses from various institutions.

The meeting was opened by Sister Bertha Wellin, who said that there had for a long time been a desire amongst Swedish nurses for greater unity amongst the members of different associations and nursing institutions. The formation of the Swedish Nurses' Association (Svensk Sjuksköterske-tidning) was the realisation of this hope for unity and conciliation.

The difference in the methods and the term of training in the different schools had made a difficulty as to the definition of the standard of admission to the Association, but a set of rules drafted by a Committee formed a basis for discussion at the meeting, and these, with some alterations, were accepted.

The Governing Body of the Association, the head-quarters of which are at Stockholm, will consist of nine nurses, as follows:—

REPRESENTATIVES.

The Sophia Home (2): Sister Emmy Lindhagen and Sister Elin Linder. *The Red Cross* (2): Sister Agda Meyerson and Sister Estrid Rodhe. *Fredrika Bremerförbundets Sjukvårdsafdelningar* (2): Sister Bertha Wellin and Sister Anna Rydström. *Södra Sveriges Sjuksköterskehem* (2): Sister Thomasine Reuterskiöld and Sister Anna Ponten. *Representative of nurses not attached to the above-mentioned institutions* (1): Sister Alma Lagerman.

HON. OFFICERS.

President: Sister Emmy Lindhagen.
Vice-President: Sister Agda Meyerson.
Treasurer: Sister Bertha Wellin.
Hon. Secretary: Sister Estrid Rodhe.

We most cordially congratulate the Swedish Nurses on the formation of their Association. We may hope that the International Council of Nurses will have the pleasure of welcoming the Swedish Association to membership at Cologne in 1912.

FROM INDIA.

We are glad to note in this month's *Nursing Journal of India* it is stated that "one of the first duties of our Trained Nurses' Association will be to seek admission to the International Council of Nurses, and then to appoint four delegates to represent us on its Grand Council. By this means, if our Association includes trained nurses from all over India, we shall not only get into close touch with each other, but into connection with the nurses of the whole world."

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