

Miss J. Schwetizer, Matron of the Frere Hospital, East London, has been appointed Chairman of the Provisional Committee, and has also offered to undertake the duties of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

Miss Schwetizer was trained at the London Hospital, and like so many others, has become interested in nursing organization, and the fraternal outlook of internationalism as soon as she came into personal touch with the movement.

It has been inevitable that professional organization in South Africa should be slow, the Union is so new, and the distances so vast, but it is also inevitable that the nurses of this great British Confederation of States should co-operate in a National Association, and qualify for affiliation with the trained nurses of the world, in the International Council, as the nurses in all our most progressive Dominions have done.

Miss Dora E. Thompson has been appointed Superintendent in place of the late Miss Isabel McIsaac. Miss D. E. Thompson has been promoted from the ranks of the Corps, which will give wide satisfaction throughout the Service, as it is the first time such promotion has been made.

Those who have followed the good work done by Miss Harriet Fulmer, R.N., when Superintendent of the Visiting Nurses' Association, Chicago, will be sure that she will make a success of the interesting new scheme which she has been called upon to inaugurate and develop in the State of Illinois, U.S.A.

In 1911 the State Federation of Women's Clubs undertook a survey of tuberculosis in the State, the survey in each county being under that of the women's clubs in that county. The principal object was to interest the women in the consumptives of their own locality, in the belief that when they became interested in the consumptive they would become interested in the things which spread consumption. This result was so apparent that the State Tuberculosis Society appointed Miss Fulmer as an extension secretary to crystallize this interest into active effort.

The central idea of Miss Fulmer's plan is to secure community visiting nurses, sometimes to look after an entire county, sometimes after a string of towns located along an inter-urban line. If the nurse looks after a county, the county supervisors are asked to pay a part of her salary. If she looks after a group of towns and villages, the portion of her salary to be paid by the governmental bodies is pro-rated

among the towns, and the Councils are asked to appropriate the necessary funds.

As in Chicago, so in this work, Miss Fulmer is enlisting the help of the children; and in Livingston County she has enrolled 3,000 school children in the Livingston Open Air Crusaders. Their rules of membership are:—  
(1) Sleep with your window open. (2) Have fresh air where you work or play. (3) Breathe through your nose with your mouth closed. (4) Get the rest of your family to do the same.

Along the Fox river a chain of towns has agreed to maintain a Fox river valley visiting nurse. The valley is rapidly becoming a great industrial community, and the people are anxious to prevent the development of the great community sores inevitable wherever a community grows without plan, purpose, or control.

#### MEMORIAL TO MISS M. E. GASKELL.

At the Ardwick and District Nurses' Home, Plymouth Grove, a marble memorial tablet, which has been erected in the hall to perpetuate the memory of Miss M. E. Gaskell and Miss Julia Gaskell, joint donors of the home, was recently unveiled by Miss Potter, vice-president of the institution.

The inscription on the tablet is as follows:—  
"This tablet is erected by past and present members of the Ardwick Home Committee to the memory of Miss M. E. Gaskell, president from 1889 to 1913, and to Miss Julia B. Gaskell, joint donors of this Home."

Miss Olga Hertz, who succeeded Miss Gaskell as president of the Ardwick Committee, presided. She said that it would be impossible to enumerate the many kind things which Miss Gaskell did for the Home. She was always thinking of the work, and especially of the good of the nurses, who would never forget the kindnesses they received from her.

#### THE PASSING BELL.

We greatly regret to record the death on Saturday, October 17th, at the General Hospital, Birmingham, of its House Governor, Mr. Howard J. Collins. Mr. Collins has held this important position for the last twenty-two years, during which time the removal of the hospital from Summer Lane to the present fine hospital was effected. Besides discharging his many duties as House Governor with great efficiency, Mr. Collins found time to take part in the public life of the city, and was instrumental in founding the Charities' Secretaries' Club. The members of the National Council of Trained Nurses will remember Mr. Collins' great kindness to them at their Annual Conference in Birmingham this year, and will unite with us in offering their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Collins in her bereavement.

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