

A Modern Hypatia.

It was my pleasant duty, some few weeks ago, to announce that a Chair of Clinical Nursing had been founded at the University of Texas, and that Miss Hanna Kindbom, the Superintendent of Nursing at the John Sealy Hospital, at Galveston, had been appointed the first Professor of Nursing. Truth to tell, I have been burning with curiosity to know more of this phenomenon — whether she was young or old, pretty or plain, upon which nation her success reflects honour — and indeed, with the true and insatiable instinct of the journalist, I longed for the wings of a dove, to fly away to sunny Texas, and interview her right away. This being impossible, I wrote her a little letter, and told her that the readers of the NURSING RECORD were deeply interested in her personality, and work, and would she please send a portrait, and

also tell them something of her history; and with courteous promptness she has kindly complied with my request. We are all familiar with the "sweet girl graduate" in these enlightened days, but who ever pictured a Nursing Professor in a girlish and becoming white gown — with short wavy hair? And yet there she is before you — and do you think it probable that the most

prejudiced medical student of that happy University will object to clinical instruction from this modern Hypatia? Hardly!

Miss Hanna Kindbom is a native of Sweden, and was born at Kalmar, on the eastern shores of Gothland, in the year of grace 1871, so that she is now in her twenty-sixth year. She is the

daughter of an eminent lawyer, and she was educated at a private high school, and at the capital, Stockholm. She evinced, when quite young, an intense interest in the science of medicine and nursing, and at the age of thirteen attended a course of lectures on "First Aid to the Injured," and gave up all her spare time to visit those who suffered. She tells us that "the City Hospital was the dearest place I could find. After finishing her general education, she entered for training as a nurse at the Sabbattsbergs Hospital, and later, studied medicine for a year, and it was then we find that "feeling my soul so



MISS HANNA KINDBOM,

The First Nursing Professor.

full with ambition, and looking forward to such a glorious future in aiding suffering humanity," that this young Swedish girl turned her blue eyes westward to where, across the North Sea, in the Atlantic Ocean, lay that great spacious land of the free — America. It is infinitely pathetic and inspiring to read that "I was nineteen years of age when I reached New York the 1st of

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