

The First Isla Stewart Scholar:

The portrait which we present of Miss M. S. Rundle, the first "Isla Stewart" scholar, must be of interest to every nurse, especially to those trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, as we all realise her appointment as such, to be an important link in the chain of thorough and efficient nursing education. Thoroughness and efficiency have for the past thirty years been the aim of nursing administration at "Bart's," and are inseparably associated with the work of our dear Isla Stewart, herself so practically perfect and sympathetic in attendance on the sick.

Miss Rundle warmly appreciates the honour the League has conferred upon her, in selecting her as its representative scholar, and we learn that she may expect a very cordial welcome from Professor Adelaide Nutting, of Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York, and the American Nursing World at large.

Miss Rundle will reside at Whittier Hall, in connection with Teachers' College, which is a very handsome building. Every room is outside and entirely light, and the arrangement is such that they may be rented singly or in suites of two or three.

The arrangements are most comfortable. There is a complete elevator system, and shower, needle, and tub baths. The public parlours and reception rooms are on the main floor, and there are also small parlours on each of the sleeping floors. The main dining-rooms and restaurant are on the top floor, and command wide outlooks over the city and the North and East Rivers. A House Mother is in residence, who is accessible to the students at all times, who apparently have a most delightful time. Miss Rundle will leave London for Liverpool on Wednesday, 14th inst., and will cross the Atlantic on the *Baltic*, which sails on the 17th inst, arriving in New York on the 25th September, just in time for the opening of the autumn session at Teachers' College. Miss Rundle starts from England with the heartiest good wishes from all her League colleagues, on her honourable educational mission, which we hope may bear fruit a thousand-fold at home and abroad in the near future.



Miss M. S. RUNDLE,
The First Isla Stewart Scholar.

The Nurse as Patriot.*

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MILITARY NURSING SERVICE IN FRANCE.

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A little while ago I was listening to a description of some recently discovered caves near Bordeaux. The work of studying the prehistoric drawings and unearthing the flints offered many difficulties. It struck me forcibly that if instead of the word "caves" I put the word "nursing" I was face to face with the obstacle in the way of nursing reform in France to-day.

Individual efforts have opened up different branches of nursing, but there yet remains to be found some great intellectual sunlight to transform the aspect of nursing in general; someone with sufficient energy and means to scrape away the superficial deposit of recent years (not to say the whitewash), and to clear away centuries of dust which hide away treasures said to be non-existent in France.

Military nursing has just aroused public interest in that country, and I propose giving

you a short sketch of the movement, pointing out the facts which strike an English observer.

For some few years the staff of the greater number of military hospitals has been entirely composed of men. The departments previously managed by women little by little gave less satisfaction in men's hands. Moreover, surgical nursing is now a science exacting an attention to detail which the soldier-nurse, by calling a blacksmith, bookbinder, bank clerk, etc., fails to appreciate. A soldier who serves his two years in a hospital is looked upon as a lucky fellow having nothing to do, and getting off fatigue duty as a matter of course—the poor patients being "une quantité négligeable."

At last the War Office could no longer remain indifferent to the many complaints of neglect notified either directly to headquarters or indirectly from private sources.

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