

the French language to many lands the principles of the Florence Nightingale system of nursing.

### The Isla Stewart Scholar.

It will please members of the "Bart's" League to learn that Miss M. S. Rundle has safely arrived at New York City, after a good passage and having proved herself a good sailor. Miss Rundle writes:—"I received a letter by the pilot boat from Miss Lavinia Dock welcoming me to the 'little old city,' and to say she would be at the wharf to meet me, and would be waving a 'Stars and Stripes' so that I should find her. But it was with difficulty I got ashore at all, for the officials were so inquisitive as to my intentions in going to Columbia University (I think they thought I was going to blow it up) that they withheld my pass until they had dealt with the American citizens. Possibly they might have sent me back to England had not the situation been saved by the appearance of a lady with the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING containing my portrait under her arm! This was Miss Stewart, Miss Nutting's assistant. Under her protection I was allowed to leave the ship. And on the wharf was Miss Dock with her flag. She gave me *such* a welcome. My heart warmed to her at once for such loyalty to the memory of our Matron, to be there at 7 a.m. on a Sunday morning to meet the Isla Stewart Scholar. My application for residence at Whittier Hall was too late, so I am at Shelburne Hall, in the next avenue, and I have access to Whittier Hall, and every privilege except sleeping accommodation. I took tea with Miss Nutting on Sunday afternoon, and she is charming. I shall soon be at work, and my next letter will tell you something of it."

Just one word to the fellow members of our Scholar. Home sickness in such a vital environment is not to be anticipated for a moment, but news of all sorts from home is very sweet to everyone with sea between. Letters and papers will find Miss Rundle at Shelburne Hall, 90, Morningside Avenue, W., New York City, U.S.A.

#### MISTAKEN FOR MALARIA.

Sir Rubert Boyce, addressing the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce on the question of yellow fever in West Africa, from which country he has just returned, states as a result of his observations that yellow fever is endemic in West Africa, and has been mistaken for malaria. There is no doubt that a gigantic error in diagnosis has been committed. He looks forward to the death rate going down with a run, now that this is known.

### Reflections.

#### FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

Mr. Otto Beit has promised a gift of £5,000 to complete the amount needed for the erection of the Children's Sanatorium for Consumption at Holt, Norfolk. Hearty congratulations to Sister Marian Rumball, the founder of this excellent and useful charity.

The Manchester Corporation propose to erect a new convalescent ward pavilion at the Monsall Hospital.

It is certain that all the friends of the Royal Portsmouth Hospital will be glad to be assured that the designation "Royal" was the gracious gift of our late Queen Victoria, and that it can be established now and for ever on indisputable evidence.

The question was recently raised by the Home Secretary, and thanks to Dr. Ward Cousins, whose memory carries him back for many years, and who has been connected with the hospital for the whole of his professional career, the following paragraph, under date February 23rd, 1850, was discovered in old files of the *Hampshire Telegraph*:—

"We rejoice to say that her most gracious Majesty the Queen has spontaneously presented our local hospital, through Lord George Lennox, with the sum of £50, as a joint donation of her Majesty and H.R.H. the Prince Albert, towards the permanent funds of that charity. Her Majesty further graciously expressed her commands that henceforward the institution shall be designated the Royal Portsmouth, Portsea and Gosport Hospital."

But where are the minute books of the hospital? Are they not forthcoming? A pity if they are not, as nothing is more interesting than to dive into these old records, and thus come into touch with the work and difficulties of those who have founded good works and passed away.

The Swansea Hospital Board of Management have had under consideration a letter from the local education authority, asking that an additional eye specialist be appointed at the institution, and that the eye department be opened every afternoon. The Board came to the conclusion that they were not justified in asking subscribers and staff to undertake the additional duty.

This is important national work, which should be undertaken by a Municipal Health Department. The more the voluntary hospitals pick and choose their work, the sooner the State must step in and meet the needs of the population.

The foundation stone of the new Maryborough Infirmary Sanatorium was laid last week by Lady Coote, who has been the principal mover in its establishment. Such a building is a very necessary adjunct to a hospital or infirmary, and of much benefit to patients.

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