

We are not going to commiserate Miss Thurstan and her gallant companions, and we feel sure to be "in the fighting line," is the height of every Army Nurse's ambition.

NURSES IN BELGIUM.

The friends of the following nurses sent out to Brussels under the authority of St. John Ambulance Association, will be pleased to know they were all well on September 8th, when some of those sent to Belgium returned to England, and are working in the following institutions:—

Metropole Hotel.—Misses Kavanagh, Kelly, Swaby, O'Rafferty, McGugan.

The Palace.—Misses Wright, Ritchie, Stronach, Frost, Hawkins, Peddar, Twist, Lee, O'Shee, Nicholson, Mahony.

Hospital of St. Jean.—Misses Fielding, Burleigh, Carey, Trotter, Dance, O'Neill.

Hospital of St. Pierre.—Misses Bryan, Wetherall, Mabbs, Linforth.

Ambulance, 17, Rue Veronese.—Misses Douet, Flanagan, Burnham, Flinn.

Five Station.—Misses Dendam, Jones, Hudson, Harris, McEwen, Ritchie, McLean, Minshall, Gilroy, Nourse, Addyman, Roberts.

At Tirlemont.—Miss Sims.

At Charleroi.—Misses Thurstan, Broadberry, Bouth, Sartorius, Campbell.

THE RED CROSS SOCIETY.

The British Red Cross Society is establishing a large base hospital at Rouen, particulars of which will shortly be published. A sufficient staff of well-trained nurses will accompany it.

On September 20th the following nurses were sent to Boulogne by the British Red Cross Society:—Miss E. F. Beedie, Miss E. Jones, Miss M. Tyrie, and Miss M. M. Davies.

RUSSIAN RED CROSS.

Before leaving for the front the Russian Red Cross workers and nurses were inspected by the Tzar. They formed a splendid body of men, and the nurses are permitted to take every risk in attending the wounded as near the fighting line as possible.

AMERICAN RED CROSS.

The "Red Cross" Hospital Ship from New York was delayed on her mission of mercy owing to international war complications. Originally a German liner, it was imperative that her whole crew should be American citizens, hence the delay. The American Red Cross Corps of Nurses number 125, and as we reported last week are under the superintendence of Miss Helen Scott Hay, one of the progressive educational band of nurse superintendents associated with Professor Adelaide Nutting in her wonderful educational uplifting work for the nursing profession in the States. We learn that the trip across the ocean was to be time well spent. Regular lectures were planned by the surgeons on up-to-date "first aid," the organisation of emergency hospitals, the care of wounds from shot and shell, and of such diseases as result from exposure and over-

strained physical and mental conditions. "It is to be a serious trip." With Miss Hay at the helm, we may guarantee that her Corps will be fired with the highest ideals of active service.

"The nurses wish it so," said Miss Hay to a friend bidding good-bye on the other side. "They realise the seriousness of the undertaking, for they are a picked band of young women. I don't believe such a fine group of young women ever went to Europe with only calico gowns. This is all we have."

Those in charge of the units which it is proposed will be landed in England are Miss A. Burgar and Miss J. Beatrice Bowman, and they bring letters from Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, who visited the vessel at Brooklyn in dock, to friends in England. The plans for the distribution of the various units to be sent to the various European countries were to be settled in the voyage across. As Russia is the only country where women are permitted officially on the battle field, the American nurses will not be called to field duty. All, of course, like our own nurses, are ready to go to the very front if required.

A party of surgeons and twelve nurses bound for Servia sailed from Jersey City, U.S.A., a fortnight ago. They go by way of Piræus, Greece. Miss Mary E. Gladwin is in charge of the nurses, and the adventurous Dr. E. W. Ryan, who so nearly got shot in Mexico when with the Red Cross Mission during the revolution, is the surgeon in charge. It is time a unit was sent to help Servia from this country.

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT.

The following most interesting letter has been received from the *very* Front, addressed to Mrs. Oliver, St. John's Gate:—

Hospital Civile, Marcelline,
Charleroi,

September 4th.

DEAR MRS. OLIVER,—I do not know whether you ever got a letter I wrote telling you where all the nurses in my charge were placed. I sent it by an American who was going to try to get through the German lines, but whether he ever succeeded or not I do not know. I am writing from Marcelline, where the big battle was fought ten days ago—so you see we are quite at the Front.

I had a message to send three nurses at once to the Burgomaster of Charleroi, who had got an automobile through. I thought it might be dangerous, and I could not send three people out I did not know where, to do I did not know what—so as all the others were happily placed I came myself with two nurses—Nurse Broadberry and Nurse Bouth, from Paddington Infirmary. They have been as good as gold, and I have never once heard a single grumble, though there has been a good deal to put up with. The authorities made me matron of the hospital for the time being. It is a hospital that was built ten years ago and never finished, and is being

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