

NURSING ECHOES.

A beautiful photograph of the late Miss Jane Delano, R.N., Director of the Nursing Department of the American Red Cross, has been issued by Harris & Ewing, of Washington, D.C.

By vote of the National Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service, this picture has been chosen as the one most worthy to perpetuate her memory.

Many nurses will wish to have the portrait of this lovely woman, who gave her life for humanity in the great war, and who rests in France.

The following decision was given by Mr. A. Steele Sheldon, Registration Officer at the Wimbledon Borough Registration Court last week, in connection with the claims of thirty-nine nurses in five local hospitals for the Parliamentary and local government vote. They based their claim on the fact that they were occupiers of bedrooms by virtue of their employment or service.

Mr. Sheldon stated that he did not think any person familiar with the discipline which must obtain in well-ordered hospitals would contend that a nurse or domestic servant was per-

mitted to exercise in regard to her bedroom the ordinary rights which a man exercised in respect of his own dwelling house. Under the Act the occupation must be analogous.

The Act was an enabling Act, not a disabling Act, and he was clearly of opinion that no evidence had been adduced which would justify him in holding that the use of a bedroom, separately or jointly, in the hospitals entitled anyone to the claims as made.

It is anticipated that an early announcement will be made as to an increased scale of salaries for the Nursing Services under the War Office and the Ministry of Pensions, which will, it is hoped, remove existing grievances and give to a great and underpaid profession a remuneration more in accordance with the value and importance of its services.

We are glad to learn that the Metropolitan Asylums Board has recognised the excellent services rendered by Miss E. M. Bann, R.R.C., for twenty-three years Matron of the Brook Hospital, Shooters Hill, by the award of a superannuation allowance. Miss Bann's record of efficiency is a high one, and we hope that there are many useful years before her.



MISS JANE DELANO, R.N., LATE DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING, AMERICAN RED CROSS.
(Official Photograph).

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