

**MISS ADDA ELDREDGE, R.N.**

Adda Eldredge, President of the American Nurses' Association, comes of fine American stock derived from English ancestry, and is the youngest of the five children born to Charles A. Eldredge and his wife, Ann Maria Bishop. Miss Eldredge came by her educational interests and her oratorical gifts naturally enough, for her mother was a graduate of the Emma Willard School of Troy, New York, and was a pioneer in the movement for higher education for women. Her father was a lawyer and a member of the Wisconsin State Senate and later of Congress. Miss Eldredge's education was obtained in private (Episcopal) schools in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Her professional education was obtained at St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, Chicago, Illinois, and Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City.

Many types of nursing have come within the scope of Miss Eldredge's professional activities, private duty, teaching, and public health nursing all being included in the range of her interests. She was instrumental in securing state registration in Illinois. As Inter-state Secretary of the American Nurses' Association, she contributed much to the state and local organisations, and helped to stimulate the Association to become the official instrument it now is for the advancement of nursing and of nursing service in this country. She assisted with the student nurse reserve of the Council of National Defence during the war, has worked with the New York State Board of Nurse Examiners, and assisted with the study of nursing made under the auspices of the Rockefeller Foundation in 1921.

Miss Eldredge is now Director of Nursing Education of the Bureau of Nursing Education of the Wisconsin State Board of Health, and is serving her second term as President of the American Nurses' Association.

In addition to her membership in the three national nursing organisations, Miss Eldredge is a member of the National Association of Administrative Women in Education, of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Madison, Wisconsin, and an associate member of the College Club.

It will thus be seen that Miss Eldredge has had wide experience as an administrator as well as in other fields of nursing, as well as having had the privilege, and inestimable benefit, of undergoing the Course of Training at Teachers' College, New York, and receiving its inspiration and help.

We much regret that we are unable to present her portrait as we received the photograph just too late for reproduction.

**MISS CLARA D. NOYES, R.N.**

Miss Clara D. Noyes, R.N., Chairman of the National Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service, National Director of the American Red Cross Nursing Service, associate editor of the *American Journal of Nursing* and a former president of the American Nurses' Association, is recognised nationally and internationally as one of the leaders of her profession.

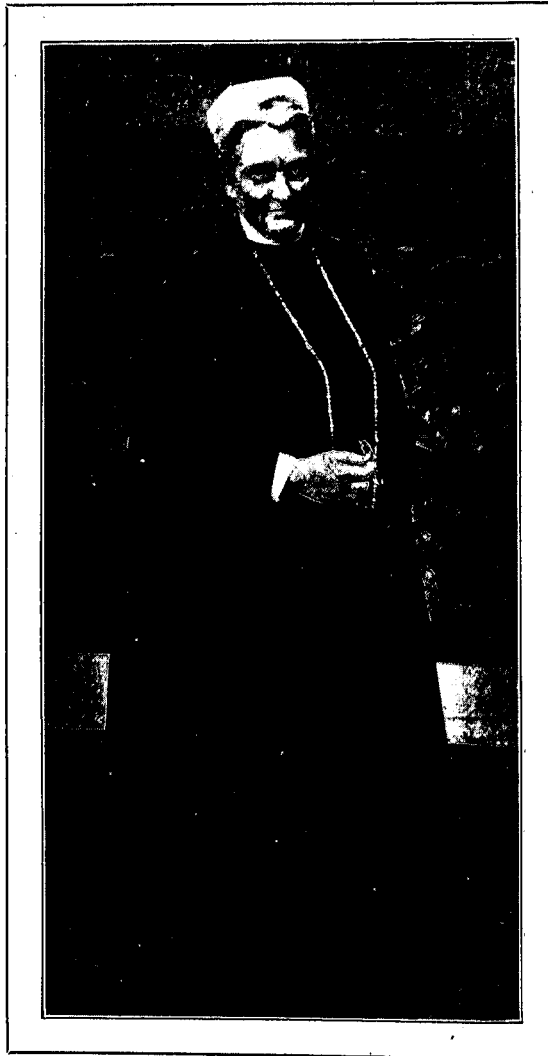
An indefatigable builder through her writings, public addresses and various administrative offices for higher standards of nursing education, Miss Noyes' exceptional gifts as an organiser and executive have left enduring memorials abroad as well as in her native land. In Poland, Czechoslovakia, Turkey and Bulgaria, modern schools of nursing, established under Miss Noyes' direction with the financial assistance of the American Red Cross, have earned for herself as well as for the great relief organisation for which she stands, the abiding admiration and gratitude of their beneficiaries.

Graduating in 1896 from Johns Hopkins Training School of Nursing, one of the foremost institutions of learning in America, Miss Noyes began her professional career as head nurse in her own *alma mater*. From that time on she continuously held positions of outstanding importance in leading schools of nursing in the United States until the year 1910 found her in charge of the largest such organisation in the world: Superintendent of Bellevue and the Allied Training Schools (five in number), in New York City.

This position she occupied until 1916, when, at the insistent request of the American Red Cross, Miss Noyes, as a patriotic duty, resigned in order to take charge of the Bureau of Field Nursing at national headquarters, A.R.C. Here she was responsible for the mobilising and assignment of 20,000 nurses. Upon the death of the late Jane A. Delano, National Director of the A. R. C. Nursing Service, in 1919, the choice of a successor logically fell upon the woman who had so efficiently, albeit unobtrusively, borne so heavy a burden during the strenuous period of the World War, and Clara D. Noyes was made the official head of the farflung nursing service of the American Red Cross.

That the choice was a fortunate one is witnessed by the present enrolment of 42,000 graduate nurses, the official reserve of the Army and Navy Nurse Corps, as well as by the widely-expanded health and educational field in which approximately 1,900 Red Cross nurses are now engaged.

The American Red Cross, like the Danish, has no short courses as a source of supply. It obtains nurses through an affiliation with the American Nurses' Association.



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