

NURSES OF NOTE.

"MEMORIES OF JANE A. DELANO."

We have received for review "Memories of Jane A. Delano," by Mary A. Clarke, a classmate, who later became Miss Delano's assistant when she served as Superintendent of Nurses at Bellevue Hospital, New York, and still later as her assistant in organising the American Red Cross Nursing Service. Miss Delano, who graduated at Bellevue in 1887, received her training there, when the direction of the nursing was in the hands of Miss Agnes S. Brennan, of whom Miss Clarke, who graduated at the same time, writes:—"In our hours of health and well-being she was sometimes very strict, but when we were ill or in sorrow no one could be more tender." The Foreword to the book emphasises the wide background which Miss Delano brought to her work. "To the standing which her own family brought her was added a poise gained through versatile experience—primitive conditions in Florida and in Arizona, meticulous nursing in private homes of the wealthy and of the poor, a superintendency in a large Philadelphia hospital, social service work among New York's motley population."

Part one of the book deals with the years spent at Bellevue, part two with early days in Washington, part three with preparing for strenuous years, and her organisation of Red Cross work.

Miss Clarke writes:

"In the spring of 1917 the convention of the American Nurses' Association met at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia. War spirit was running higher, and while the convention was in session President Wilson issued the proclamation that carried us actively into it. Nurses were anxious to hurry home and prepare for service. Miss Delano, although excessively busy with preparations to call out a large contingent of Red Cross nurses for overseas, made a hurried trip from Washington and delivered a brief address before the Association, calling on the nurses, whatever their places during the conflict to do their duty."

The book concludes with the following tribute:—

"She beheld a vision of transcendent usefulness. She gathered about her kindred souls that shared this vision. She trod down all obstacles in her pathway, and pressed forward unflinchingly towards the attainment of her ideals. She saw her work completed and received the

plaudits of a nation. She has been almost canonized by a grateful people."

Included in the book are many pictures of Miss Delano, all interesting and some beautiful, as well as a reproduction of the striking figure, forming the monument erected at Washington to her memory and that of 296 nurses who died in the War, 1914—1918, the sculptor of which is Mr. R. Tait McKenzie, R.C.A. We have to thank the Editor of *The Trained Nurse* for the copy of this book which may be obtained from the Lakeside Publishing

Company, 468, Fourth Avenue, New York City, in fine white rag paper cover, price one dollar, or in white boards blue linen back, price one dollar seventy-cents, post paid.



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SISTER ALICIA BROWNE.

On June 28th, 1934, at All Saints' Convent, St. Albans, died the Sister Alicia Browne, second daughter of the late Dr. B. S. Browne, West Bromwich, aged 83 years, formerly Sister Stanley, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Lady Superintendent, Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and Matron of the Somerset Hospital, Cape Town.

We well remember our first meeting with Alicia Browne. One day, in the year 1881, two ladies tapped on the door of the sitting-room of Sister Charlotte, at the London Hospital, and when admitted introduced themselves, saying one had just been selected as a Probationer at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and they had called to make the acquaintance of the new Matron! These two buoyant ladies were Sidney and Alicia Browne. The latter we found at Bart's. when we took up office a few weeks later, and she proved to be a charming woman with fine vocational qualities and sincere devotion to the care of the sick. Needless to say, at the end of her term of training, she was promoted to the position of Sister, and only left the hospital when appointed to the responsible post of Lady Superintendent to the Royal

Infirmary, Manchester, where we paid her more than one visit.

In later years she found her true vocation in the conventual life, and entered the All Saints' Community, and passed away at its Mother House, near St. Albans.

Dame Sidney Browne, the elder sister, is still alive, and her professional career as Matron-in-Chief of Q.A.I.M.N.S., in which capacity she rendered national service, received honourable recognition from the King.

How time flies, and with it nothing but memories of many old friends.

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