



ROSE HAWTHORNE LATHROP (1851-1926)

and

THE SERVANTS OF RELIEF FOR INCURABLE CANCER

ROSE HAWTHORNE, daughter of the distinguished American author, Nathaniel Hawthorne, grew up in an atmosphere of intellectualism and culture. She showed a talent for painting and studied art in Germany. Her literary contributions include short stories, a volume of poetry, a biography of her famous father, and, in collaboration with her husband, George Lathrop, a novel called "A Story of Courage."

With the passing of the nineteenth century, Rose Hawthorne Lathrop disappeared from the world. In 1899, there appeared a new Dominican religieuse, Mother Mary Alphonsa, who founded the Servants of Relief for Incurable Cancer. St. Rose's Free Home for

Incurable Cancer in New York City and the Rosary Hill Home in Hawthorne, New York, were established by Mother Mary Alphonsa with the aid of other Dominican nuns. Cancer victims of every creed and race were cared for by the Order, provided these cancer sufferers were both penniless and friendless.

In 1926, the newspapers chronicled the passing of Mother Mary Alphonsa at the age of 76 years, and many were surprised to learn that she was no other than Rose Hawthorne.

When the history of cancer is finally completed, the devotion and sacrifices of this highborn woman for sufferers from incurable cancer will be placed high in its annals.