

From Helen Conway dmj Sister



Sr. Sylvia Probst was the first LOM / DMJ I came to know. Sylvia had been a teacher in Burundi and realised that the people needed health care. She returned to England and was allowed to do nursing training at a hospital run by nuns.

I happened to go to the same hospital to train as a nurse. Sr. Antonella, as she was then named, and I were in the same group / set, and studied together from 1954 - 1957. We qualified in April 1958. Sylvia was a caring person, an energetic worker, and a good organiser. She also loved

a bit of fun and was blessed with a quick intellect.

All nurses were required to work as a staff nurse for 1 year after qualifying. Sr. Antonella was exempt though, being a religious. When she was leaving, she invited our 'set' to Forest Hill before she left. Meeting the Sisters there made a significant impact on me. (I had been considering becoming a Sister). There, the atmosphere, and the attitude of friendliness and respect for each other among the Sisters, was appealing to me. After that meeting I decided, if I did enter, it would be with this congregation. And so it came to be! I thank God, and I thank Sylvia.

Helen Conway, March 2016

