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PREFACE

In looking about for a book on Nursing which would serve as a text-book for the nurses in the Training-school of the Manhattan Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital, we were unable to find one which seemed exactly adapted to our purpose.

A practical difficulty in the preparation of such a book arises from the fact that the preliminary education of nurses varies so greatly. For this reason, certain things which are too advanced for some are elementary for others. For example, an account of the action of antiseptics involves some knowledge of chemistry, and those nurses who have not had a course in chemistry are necessarily at a disadvantage.

Some may feel that the anatomic descriptions have no place in a book on nursing. We believe, however, that a nurse may be expected to know at least as much of anatomy as is usually taught in the text-books of the public schools and academics. We have attempted to present this part of the subject in a popular style.

We have tried to keep in mind that the book is intended for nurses and not for physicians, and have endeavored not to go beyond the capacity of the best educated nurses. Our thanks are especially due to Dr. Edwin G. Zabriskie, Pathologist to the Hospital, for many photographs which he has taken for use in illustrating this book. We also thank those of the Hospital Staff who have kindly read the manuscript, proof, or who have offered suggestions.

The modern spelling of scientific terms has been adopted, in accordance with the usage of the majority of writers on scientific subjects.

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