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BY

CONTAINING DIRECTIONS WHICH MAY BE FOUND OF SERVICE  
TO ALL WHO HAVE THE CHARGE OF  
THE YOUNG.

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TO THE GOD OF LOVE, BE SURE,  
IS KINDNESS TO HIS LITTLE ONES,  
AND BOUNTY TO HIS POOR."



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## TO PARENTS.

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THIS little book is published for the benefit  
of the

### HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN,

which was opened in the year 1851 in Great Ormond Street, Queen Square. It was the first hospital for children ever established in this country. The poor now flock to it, sick children from all parts of London are brought to it. The out-patients in the first year were 1252, in the second 4251; during nine months only of the third year they already amount to between 5 and 6000; but

still the want of funds limits the numbers who are received into it, and only thirty beds can be kept open for in-patients. Thirty beds ! when more than 21,000 children die every year in this metropolis under ten years of age ; and when this mortality falls thrice as heavily on the poor as on the rich !

But alas, the tables of mortality do not tell the whole of the sad tale. It is not only because so many children die, that this Hospital was founded ; but because so many are sick ; because they languish in their homes ; a burden to their parents who have no leisure to tend them, no means to minister to their wants. The one sick child weighs down the whole family ; it keeps the father poor, the home wretched. The little one lives on in sadness, and dies in sorrow ; a sorrow broken only by a strange gladness which even the mother can scarcely repress when the burden is removed, and the sick child is taken where it will be sick no more.



Christianity founded the first hospitals, it taught the duty of caring for the sick ; but for ages this care did not reach beyond the useful citizen, the productive member of society. But Christianity teaches more, it teaches to care for all ; to care for those who cannot care for themselves ; it enjoins a special duty, and affixes to it a special blessing. Do not then let this Hospital fail for want of funds. Visit it for yourselves : see what its daily working is, read the simple tale of good done which its Reports unfold ; and then, if you feel for the poor, if you love little children, if you have children of your own, or have had, and lost them, or have had them given back to you when you feared that they would be taken from you for ever—let every motive which policy can suggest, which philanthropy can furnish, affection enforce, or religion sanctify, induce you to join with the Committee, and give them what best you can contribute, your

time, your influence, or your money, to forward them in their work.

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TO  
THE NURSES  
AT  
THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK  
CHILDREN.

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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

It is a matter of no importance who it is that thus addresses you. You would not, I trust, read a book intended to help you the less attentively, or consider what it contains the less thoughtfully, because it was written by a stranger. It will therefore be quite enough for me to say that it is written by a person who has seen a great deal of little children, especially of little sick children, who loves them very much, and believes