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## I

### GENERAL SUGGESTIONS.

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INFECTION AND INCAPABLE MANAGEMENT OR BAD CONSTRUCTION ARE CONVERTIBLE TERMS, IN HOSPITALS AS WELL AS IN TOWNS, writes Miss Nightingale, and this truth, which is worthy of being printed over every hospital door, may fitly serve as text and introduction for the following pages. The suggestions contained in them are offered for the use of those members of local committees whose duty it is to visit the public hospitals of New York City and State. Women visitors, chiefly, are addressed; for in many domestic details, matters of cleanliness and order, and the tone of the discipline maintained; matters of nursing, diet, and laundry work; the employments and the general condition of the inmates of an institution, women make the best inspectors. In many European cities women are considered among the most efficient public almoners, being not only better able to judge of the requirements of women and children than are men officers, but discovering with greater facility female impostors, the most dangerous and troublesome class with which Poor-law authorities have to deal. In this country there is a growing necessity that women should interest