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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

THE first edition of this little book was published in 1902, in response to the demand for an outline of the subjects covered in a series of lectures delivered before the training schools for nurses of the John N. Norton Memorial Infirmary and of the Louisville City Hospital. Owing to the fact that the publishers of the first edition have discontinued the publication of books, and the original plates were destroyed, it became necessary to re-set the type, and advantage was taken of this necessity to completely revise it and to re-write a large portion of it.

Unfortunately obstetrics seems to have no attraction for the average nurse, and comparatively few graduates are willing to include this class of cases in their practice, hence there has been an endeavor to make the text of this book as attractive as possible, and to arouse the interest of the pupil nurse, as well as the graduate, in this important subject. The needs of the nurse in training have been the first consideration, however, and only such knowledge as was thought to be absolutely necessary for her intelligently to practice obstetrical nursing has been included. Much has been written in regard to the over-training of the trained nurse, and of her usurping the prerogatives of the physician. No thought of this has been allowed to

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enter into the preparation of these pages. What is given should be known by the nurse, to enable her to intelligently assist the physician in the preparations for labor and the details of that trying time. A busy doctor has no time to go into the details of the preparation of the layette or the supplies and necessities for the delivery room, and a nurse should be able to attend to all of these.

The student in medicine will find the book of some assistance to him as a guide to further study in more elaborate works.

New illustrations have been added, and many of the old retained.

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