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TO  
MISS J. A. HUSBAND  
*Matron of the Glasgow Maternity Hospital*  
AND TO THE  
*Nurses of that Institution*  
I DEDICATE THIS BOOK IN RECOGNITION OF THE  
ZEAL AND DEVOTION WITH WHICH THEY  
PERFORM THEIR DUTIES.  
ROBERT JARDINE

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## PREFACE

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THIS book is based on the lectures I have been in the habit of delivering to the nurses in the Glasgow Maternity Hospital. While it is primarily intended as a text-book for them, it is hoped that it may be of use to others, and also to students, especially to those who take out their cases before they have had lectures on midwifery.

After a very extensive experience in both antiseptic and aseptic methods in midwifery work, I have no hesitation in stating that the latter gives the better results. I have therefore attempted to lay down strict rules for its observance. The treatment of the patient during the puerperium is largely in the hands of the nurse. If she is careful in carrying out her instructions properly, no blame can be attached to her if things go wrong. In my teaching I have always tried to bring this truth home to nurses, and to impress upon them that their responsibility in regard to the well-being of their patient is very great.

I have gone pretty fully into the difficulties to be met with; some may say too fully, but I do not think so. The more a nurse knows about the difficulties of midwifery work, the less likely is she to allow her cases to drag on until they are beyond hope, before she sends for skilled assistance. Midwives are a very old institution, and are likely to continue in existence as long as the poor are with us. Those of us who have to teach them must endeavour to make their training as thorough and practical as possible.



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