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PREFACE.

DURING a portion of my training as a nurse I was privileged to attend the lectures to nurses given for several years by Dr. Allchin at Westminster Hospital. I have frequently been glad that I was fortunate enough to have the nursing question at the time when my attention was first turned to the subject, placed before me from his point of view. I believe this fact to have been of much service to me, and I hope by this time to many others, for whose training I have been, in a measure, responsible.

I am also much indebted to Dr. Allchin for his kind assistance in preparing the plan of these lectures when I delivered them for the first time to the probationers of the London Hospital three or four years ago. It will be obvious to all that, in adopting to a large extent the classification laid down by Dr. Allchin, I have not attempted to follow it out on the technical lines indicated and ably carried out by him in his own lectures. But, partly from having learnt to regard the subject originally from his point of view, and partly from having failed to find elsewhere any other system which

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appeared to me equally clear and comprehensive, I have from the first utilized his classification as a means of conveying in the most systematic method such information on the general details of nursing as appears essential for the teaching of nurses. At the same time I must not conceal from the public that for the bulk of the material in these lectures I alone am responsible. I am glad, however, to have this opportunity of gratefully acknowledging my personal obligation to Dr. Allchin. In compiling these lectures I read many works connected with the subject, with the view of getting together as much useful information as possible for the benefit of those I had to teach. I have been much helped by several of these works, and in making use of the valuable suggestions I have found I have endeavoured, as far as possible, to acknowledge the source whence they were derived.

So much has already been written on the subject of nursing, that there is but little scope left for originality, and my sole object has been to collect as much practical information as possible, and place it before those studying the matter as simply as I could.

It will be remembered that these lectures only form the first course of the complete set given every year to probationers training at the London Hospital. I have confined myself for the most part to minute details, that are usually considered almost too trivial to mention, and I believe it is this fact which chiefly explains the kind appreciation they have met with from the probationers, and the frequent requests for

their publication. I have felt the more at liberty thus to limit my instructions, from the knowledge that everything I have failed to teach will be more fully and ably set before the probationers in the courses of lectures which regularly follow mine. Mr. Treves' lectures on Elementary Anatomy and Surgical Nursing are complete in themselves, and the same applies to the lectures on Elementary Physiology and Medical Nursing so kindly given by Dr. Sansom. The repetition involved in listening to different lectures much on the same subject can scarcely fail to make the information given more familiar to the hearers, and I heartily share in the gratitude felt by the whole nursing staff for the unwearied kindness and patience with which these gentlemen have been careful to make the theoretical education of the probationers of the London Hospital thorough, comprehensive, and complete.

I take this opportunity of mentioning this fact, because I should be sorry for any one reading these lectures to be under the impression that they indicate the limit of the instruction given in this training school for nurses. At the same time, if these lectures contain useful information, I can but hope that their publication will extend the possibilities of such usefulness as they may possess. In the first place, I am hopeful that in this form they may be of service to past, present, and future nurses of the London Hospital; and, in the second place, that other hospital and private nurses may derive some benefit from them.

I am anxious to express my very cordial thanks to all those who have at any time helped me, directly or indirectly, with any hints or suggestions in connection with nursing. I could not have expressed such definite views as I have occasionally ventured to do had they not been derived from the practical knowledge of many accomplished nurses as well as from my own personal experience.

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