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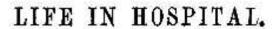
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BY A SISTER.

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"Be Thou our great Deliverer still,
Thou Lard of life and death;
Restore and quicken, scathe and bless,
With Thine Almighty breath;
To hands that work, and eyes that see,
Give wisdom's heavenly love,
That whole and sick, and weak and strong,
May praise Thee evermore."

LONDON:

JAMES NISBET & CO. 21 BERNERS STREET, MD000GLXXIV.

1489. f. 235.

To "My Lady."

" MY LADY,"

In compliance with your wish I have published these little sketches, reminiscences of Hospital Life, hoping they may interest others, and incline them to shew to Hospital Sisters the same loving sympathy and help which you have always given to me.

Yours gratefully,

A SISTER.

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HOSPITAL EXPERIENCES.

I.

A SORROWFUL CASE.

It needs very little knowledge of any hospital to be able easily to understand how many cases of sin and wretchedness, of want and suffering, are to be found within its walls. The great world of London alone has so many sad stories; and the broken lives, as sick often in soul as in body, find their last refuge within the hospital doors—happy if the healing they find there for one can be extended also to the other. Such stories must always be interesting as memories to the nurse—and as stray experiences from the sin and suffering of life they may have some interest for the

outside world as well. It is of such that we have now to tell, and without further preface we will begin.

It was a cold bitter winter afternoon, and the "Sister" had just left the little chapel where twice a day they met for prayers, when a more than usually loud peal at the hospital bell, and a rather more than usual commotion at the door, seemed to intimate that a peculiarly bad, or in hospital phrase, "most interesting" case had arrived.

"Some work for you to-night, Sister L.," said a tall rather severe-looking "Sister" to a small woman at her side. "The house surgeon reports the new case as one of attempted suicide from arsenic."

"Yes," was the quiet rejoinder, but an anxious expression passed over the face of the speaker, and a silent prayer for help rose from her heart.

Five minutes to 10 P.M. Sister L. stands at the ward door, where the new case is being watched. "No case for you, Sister,"