

NURSING ETHICS: FOR HOSPITAL AND PRIVATE USE

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649659739

Nursing Ethics: For Hospital and Private Use by Isabel Hampton Robb

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

ISABEL HAMPTON ROBB

**NURSING ETHICS:
FOR HOSPITAL AND
PRIVATE USE**

NURSING ETHICS:

FOR HOSPITAL AND PRIVATE USE.

BY

ISABELL HAMPTON ROBB,

Graduate of the New York Training School for Nurses attached to Bellevue Hospital; late Superintendent of Nurses and Principal of the Training School for Nurses, Johns Hopkins Hospital Baltimore, Md.; late Superintendent of Nurses, Illinois Training School for Nurses, Chicago, Illinois; Member of the Board of Lady Managers Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio; Honorary Member of the Matrons' Council, London, England.

CLEVELAND:

E. C. KOECKERT, PUBLISHER

715 BOSH BUILDING

1912

COPYRIGHT, 1900,
BY
FRANK HAMPTON ROSS.

1781

620
192

All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you,
do ye even so to them.—Matthew vii, 12.

"Oh may I join the choir invisible
Of those immortal dead who live again
In minds made better by their presence—live
In pulses stirred to generosity,
In deeds of daring rectitude, in scorn
For miserable aims that end with self,
In thoughts sublime that pierce the night-like stars,
And with their mild persistence urge men's search
To vaster issues. . . . May I reach
That purest heaven, be to other souls
The cup of strength in some great agony,
Enkindle generous ardour, feed pure love,
Beget the smiles that have no cruelty—
Be the sweet presence of a good diffused,
And in diffusion ever more intense.
So shall I join the choir invisible,
Whose music is the gladness of the world."

GEORGE ELIOT.

I am under obligations to Dr. F. R. Smith, of Baltimore,
for a careful revision of the manuscript and for preparing the
index.

I. H. R.

CONTENTS:

CHAPTER I.	
Introductory	8-21
CHAPTER II.	
Nursing as a Profession	22-38
CHAPTER III.	
Qualifications	39-49
CHAPTER IV.	
The Probationer.....	50-66
CHAPTER V.	
The Junior Nurse.—Methods of Instruction.—Personality.—The Face.—Eye.—Voice.—Touch.—Hearing.—Walk.—Sympathy.—Manner.—The Spirit of Nursing.—Discipline.....	67-90
CHAPTER VI.	
Health.—The general care of the body.—Care of the hands and feet.—Food.—Stimulants.—Sleep.—Recreation.—Clothing.—The Sleeping-room.....	91-114
CHAPTER VII.	
Uniform.—Dress.—Economy.—Extravagance.—Stuoy.....	115-127
CHAPTER VIII.	
Night-duty.—Necessity for fore-thought, system and order.—The night-nurse in the private ward.—Special occupations.—Morning duties.—Night report.—Relations to the head-night-nurse.—Loyalty.—Cliques.—Friendships	128-140

CHAPTER IX.

- The Senior Nurse.—Special qualifications.—Relations to her head-nurse.—Administrative duties.—Relation to probationers and juniors.—Special duty.—Operating-room service.—Preparation for alumnæ duties.....141-153

CHAPTER X.

- The Head-Nurse.—Relation to her Superintendent.—Executive ability.—Obligations.—Qualifications.—Ward administration.—Her relations to her pupils; patients; the physicians; the hospital superintendent.—Her influence in the training-school.154-176

CHAPTER XI.

- The Graduate Nurse.—Difference between private nursing and hospital nursing.—Special qualifications and requirements.—Contagious diseases.—Personality.—Uniform.—Remuneration.—Rest and recreation.177-212

CHAPTER XII.

- The Care of the Patient.—Relation of the Graduate Nurse to the physician; to other nurses; to the public.213-266

NURSING ETHICS.

CHAPTER I.

Introductory Chapter.

If it were possible to bring together, from North, South, East and West all the trained nurses of the present time to be reviewed and to have judgment passed upon them, we should have before us a body not of conscripts but of volunteers, each of whom occupies her position in the ranks of her own free will and accord. At first no doubt we should be impressed with the magnitude of their numbers, and with the general good effect presented by their forces. But when we came to concentrate our attention upon each regiment, as it were, and upon each individual in that regiment, we should be struck with some not altogether pleasant incongruities. We should notice a certain lack of harmony in methods of drill, in deportment, in discipline, in uniform and in other minor details. As a body they do not always move in step; they are sometimes out of line, and some are inclined to straggle. We then glance at the officers for an explanation, but we find that they too are not always in harmony, though perhaps more so than are those in

9