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### Introductory Address to the Nurses in Training at the Western Hospital.

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[ABSTRACT.]

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LADIES,—In delivering to you the opening lecture for the session of 1897-8, I do not think we can better occupy our minds than by considering together a few of the main features of the history of the noble and self-sacrificing profession upon which you have entered. These two terms are not meaningless expressions of eulogy. They are simply words embodying truth in the highest form. What can be more noble than the kind, untiring, and assiduous attention which the true nurse gives to the diseased and dying; what more self-sacrificing than the nightly vigils, spent week in and week out, in alleviating the sufferings and ministering to the wants of men and women racked by pain, and sick both in head and heart? But trained nursing as a profession, with all its far-reaching possibilities, is