

## PREFACE.

**I**N arranging this book for the public, and particularly for young women who think of taking up nursing as a profession, I have endeavored to give a complete and practical guide to all the hospitals in the United States and Canada that have training schools.

The statistics have been furnished by the officers of the different institutions and schools, and thus a correctness is obtained that could not be otherwise secured.

For young women who desire to become trained nurses and who know nothing of hospitals and training schools, it is hoped the book will help to settle the many puzzling questions that arise :

First, the kind of work one wishes to take up, then a knowledge of the number of patients treated, the hours on duty, the opportunities for study, how to apply for admission ; and last, but not least, the important question as to whether she may expect to have a room to herself or share it with other nurses, as is sometimes the case even in the best hospitals.

With a knowledge of these points, the young woman starting off to begin her probationary term will know something of what she may expect, and it is to be hoped she will feel that she has chosen wisely and well.

I wish to thank the superintendents and nurses who have written articles for the book, thus adding information interesting and practical, and to acknowledge my indebtedness to the hospital authorities here and in Canada for their promptness and interest in sending the necessary statistics. As a whole, it is hoped the book will prove a useful and convenient guide to the American and Canadian hospitals and training schools.

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