

HOSPITAL SISTERS AND THEIR DUTIES.*

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"Slumber not in the tents of your fathers; the world is advancing, advance with it."—Mazzini.

Now that it is all over the world of nursing, a fact becoming to be more and more recognized, that Hospital Sisters and Matrons must not only be born but made, and seeing the number who come to India to responsible positions with very little experience beyond their three years in training, the urgency of the need calling them to come quickly, the opportunities of further practical advance under guidance being denied them, at least here is a book that will help them, and it is not too big to take up an unnecessary long time to wade through.

"Hospital Sisters and their Duties" was primarily written for the London Hospital Sisters, but that does not take anything from the value of its general applications, written in a faithful and loving spirit, that brings back forcibly to the reader, in its condemnations, the things that we loathed as "Pros" and in its praises those that helped us to keep on in the unwonted tasks of a first year. In a work that is all so much to the point, it is difficult to pick out special points, but chiefly is insisted on the all importance of character to success: selfishness a complete bar to it. One of the most important traits to have, an ability to teach; it is taken for granted that no one will be appointed as sister who has not shewn herself a capable ward manager in a temporary capacity, but very great insistence is laid on the teaching problem, and on the interest a sister should take in those she has to train, and her ability to discern for herself who are suitable to train, and who are not in time to avoid disappointments. We know of no more useful book in its sphere. A quotation closing the chapter on practical training of new probationers, indicates the spirit it is written in,

"BE noble, and the nobleness that lies
In other men, sleeping but never dead,
Will rise in majesty to meet your own."

CONSUMPTION. HOME TREATMENT AND RULES
FOR LIVING.

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The second edition of this little book,† to help on the anti-tuberculosis campaign is not intended to obviate the necessity of

* "Hospital Sisters and their Duties" by Eva C. E. Luckes, 4th edition. The Scientific Press, Southampton Street, Strand, 2-6 net.

† "Consumption. Home Treatment and Rules for Living," by H. Warren Crowe M.D. Published by John Wright and Co, Bristol.