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PREFACE.

This little work is intended for mothers, and for those who have undertaken the care of infants and children in health and sickness. The enormous mortality of children under three years of age, the greater part of which is preventable, has attracted the notice not only of physicians, who have long ago insisted that the methods adopted in general for the weaning of children were unscientific, but of the public also, who are beginning to realize this fact, and now willingly accept the advice of those who are giving especial attention to the subject.

Much of the material appearing in this book has been taken from the manuscripts of my lectures to students of medicine and also pupils of training schools for nurses.

I sincerely hope that the practical nature of many of the suggestions offered will find favor with the busy practitioner of medicine, and be looked upon as a supplement to the text-books on children’s diseases that cannot give space to details of nursing.

To Dr. Charles S. Turnbull I am indebted for the article on the care of the ear and eye, one of the most important chapters in the book.

Dr. Alexander W. MacCoy kindly replied to some questions, and the matter is so practical and clear that I have placed it in a chapter as sent me.

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