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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

The author wishes to thank the reviewers for their almost universal approval of the first edition of this book.

In the present edition the text has been thoroughly revised and brought up to date. The chapters on intestinal diseases and therapeutics have been amplified.

The chapter on artificial feeding has been improved by the addition of data, especially in reference to top-milk mixtures. Numerous practical points in the nursing of children's diseases have been incorporated.

The author again wishes to thank Miss Jennie A. Manly, head nurse of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, for her advice and help in revising the articles on nursing.

He hopes this second edition will be as favorably received as the previous one, and that the nurse may find it a thoroughly satisfactory guide in her management of sick children.

To the publishers he expresses his sincere appreciation of the painstaking care bestowed upon every detail of the volume, and thanks them for many acts of courtesy.

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THE need for a book on children's diseases for nurses was called to the author's attention while giving a course of lectures to the nurses at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

It was his original intention to have only the notes of the lectures printed, so that some form of condensed material might be at hand for purposes of study. This volume has grown from the original notes. Incorporated in it are the methods employed at the Children’s Hospital. A short description of each disease found in infancy and childhood has been given. It is hoped that the descriptions are clear enough to enable a nurse to know what symptoms to expect and what complications to guard against. The author believes that enough anatomy and pathology have been included to give a clear understanding of the structure of the body and the changes which take place during disease. Treatment has been included where a thorough knowledge of its underlying reason is necessary for intelligent application. Treatment for emergencies will be found under the different diseases and in the chapter on Therapeutics. Prophylaxis, infant feeding, and the methods of nursing employed in childhood are dwelt upon.
The author is most deeply indebted to Miss Jennie A. Manly for practically all the points on nursing, together with the receipts for infant feeding used in this book.

The original photographs for this volume were taken at the Children's Hospital.

In compiling the notes, the author has had frequent recourse to most of the text-books on children's diseases. For many definitions throughout the book, and the description of the diseases of the kidney, he has consulted Stevens' Manual of Medicine. In the chapters on Gastro-intestinal Diseases and Infant Feeding, Holt's Infancy and Childhood was often consulted.

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