

of the sick are endless, and there is no call that the nurse must not obey, no matter where it lead her. It is sad for her if she fail, not from lack of goodwill, but from ignorance that is no fault of hers.

"Let it be a decree, therefore, O Goddess, that even as our brothers stand before the people and thee, ripe in knowledge, ere they go forth to heal the sick, so may also the nurses be per-

We ourselves are often ignorant of the work we should perform; we have not been taught to teach, guide, and control; we are often but blind leaders of the blind. Give us light, Goddess. Let the training and teaching of nurses be not doubtful, uncertain, useless, nay, often harmful, but let it be clear and well defined. Let the nurses learn to know and respect thy laws, to fulfil well and truly and



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fect in experience and skill before they answer their call for aid to tend the helpless and afflicted, to nurse the nation's sick and dying, for presumption and ignorance go ever hand in hand with disaster and death.

"See to it, Goddess, that thy servants are well and truly taught the science and lore without which the service they can render is but poor.

humbly their duties as thy servants. Give us light, give us knowledge."

Miss Mollett then handed her petition to Science, and Hygeia sympathetically replied:

"Willingly have I heard you, and I will ponder your petition. Ye ask for much, but not too much if my people need you. Hard it is to build if tools be lacking."

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