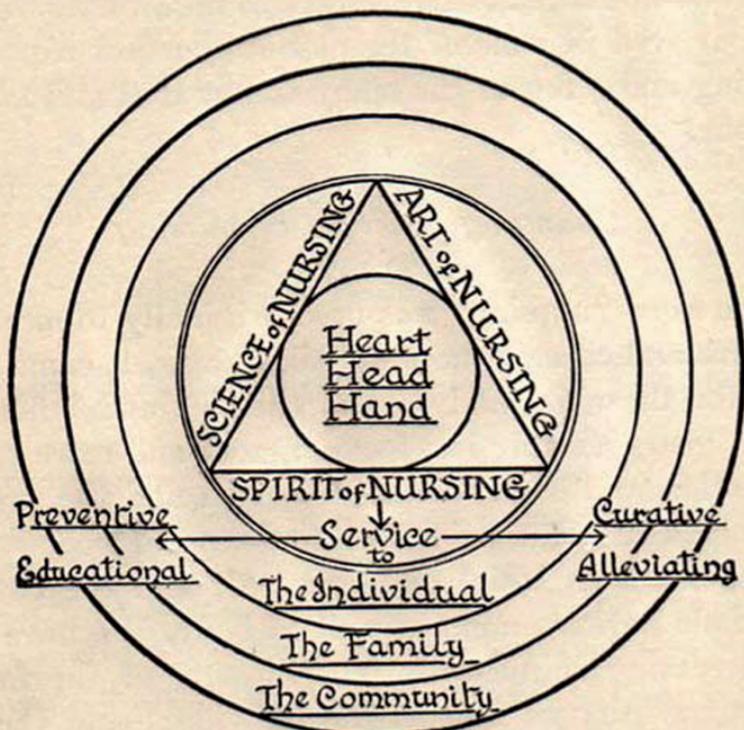


FIG 2. PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT OF A MODERN NURSE AND SCOPE OF HER RESPONSIBILITIES



Showing Professional Equipment of Modern Nurse and Scope of her Responsibilities

"All vocations, even in their early stages, show three main phases of development. These three phases are represented in the diagram as the art, science and the spirit of nursing.

"It was Florence Nightingale who first insisted that nursing was an art, 'the finest of the fine arts'. Up till her day it had been looked upon generally as a form of manual labor, regardless of how low or lofty the motive might be that promoted the service. Many people still think of nursing as a handicraft rather than an art, and probably this is a correct term for much that goes by the name nursing even today" (Dock and Stewart, 1938).

"The general opinion of those who have studied the question [is nursing a profession?] seems to be that nursing belongs in the group of professional occupations but that it is not yet as well developed, especially on the educational side, as some of the older professions... Because of its educational lag it has been called an 'emerging' profession rather than one that has actually 'arrived'. A better educational foundation for those who enter nursing schools, and better standards of preparation in the rank and file of these schools would help greatly in giving nursing the full standing that is implied by the term 'nursing profession'" (Dock and Stewart, 1938).