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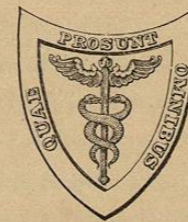
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PREFACE TO THE FIFTH EDITION.

IN presenting the fifth edition of this work to the profession, I feel it incumbent upon me to offer a few words of personal explanation. When the fourth edition was called for, so much had been contributed to our knowledge of venereal diseases since the appearance of its predecessor, that my late colleague, Dr. Bumstead, concluded to practically rewrite the entire book, and, lacking even then the necessary time and strength, sought my aid as collaborator with himself in the task. His aim was to produce a treatise "on a level with our present knowledge," which, though the work of two men, should be as coherent as if written by one, and which in the event of the death of either author should revert to the survivor as his book, to be by him thereafter rewritten, revised or enlarged as circumstances should require.

In this edition I have carefully revised the text, and, when necessary, have changed and modified it, and making additions where required, I have endeavored to bring it up to our present state of knowledge in all particulars. Much new matter will be found relating to therapeutics, and in the chapter on the treatment of syphilis a new adjuvant is spoken of, which I believe I have the honor of now introducing to the profession. The subjects of the inoculation of animals with syphilis and the bacillus-origin of the disease, which are at present attracting much attention, have been included in this edition, and a chapter on syphilis and marriage has been appended. Through the liberality of my publishers, I am able to give to my readers two pages of chromo-lithographic drawings, including thirteen figures representing the chief venereal lesions, which I am convinced will be a great aid in the study of these affections. I trust, therefore, that this edition will prove as acceptable to the profession as its four predecessors have been.

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It is appropriate, here, to say a few words, as a tribute to the memory of my dear friend and colleague, Dr. Bumstead. No nobler figure is to be found in medical literature. As a man he was broad, genial and lovable; as an author he was erudite, clear and concise; and as a physician in his department he was pre-eminent. As the French can point with pride to their still living Ricord, and the Germans to the deceased Sigmund, so we Americans can point to our Bumstead as the pioneer and master. His friends loved him, he was respected by every one who knew him, and all bowed the head in sorrow when he passed from among us.

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PREFACE TO THE FOURTH EDITION.

SINCE the publication of the last edition of this work, the contributions to our knowledge of Venereal Diseases have been extremely numerous and important. They have included tissues of the human frame, as the brain and nervous system, which but a few years ago were supposed to be exempt from the ravages of syphilis, but which are now known to be the seat of its frequent manifestation. Additional light has been thrown upon many other affections and upon many questions of pathology, which were erroneously supposed to be exhausted. Increased interest has been awakened in this department in almost every civilized country. Learned bodies, as the Pathological Society of London, have devoted session after session for months to the consideration and discussion of the more obscure forms of syphilis. New workers have constantly been entering the field, and the mass of material now at our disposal is simply immense.

The time has gone by when a treatise upon any medical or surgical subject, giving solely the experience and views of the author, will find more than a limited number of readers. Without undervaluing the experience of the author, both for its own sake and for the ability it gives him to weigh and sift the experience of others, the chief object of the reader is to ascertain the present state of our knowledge upon the subject of which he reads. To accomplish this there must be collected for him, in a clear and acceptable form, every important fact and theory from many widely distributed sources to which he has no access, or which he would not have the time, and, possibly, not the ability to use, if he had them at hand. But in the present instance, as now in many departments of science, the material to be collected was so scattered in various volumes of *Transactions*, in

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monographs, and in medical journals, and so many specialties had sprung up within this one specialty, that the labor involved in issuing a fourth edition of this work was recognized as formidable, and even sufficient to afford some ground for the assertion made by one well versed in the subject, that: "In future it will be impossible to include Venereal Diseases in a single treatise; they can only be studied and known in separate monographs."

That, however, such a treatise on a level with our present knowledge was demanded by the profession, and that, if well executed, it would not fail to meet with the same favorable reception which had been accorded to the three previous editions of this work, was never for a moment doubted by the author, whose chief embarrassment lay in the want of time and strength. Fortunately he was able to overcome this difficulty by the association with him of a gentleman, Dr. R. W. Taylor, of this city, who was already well known in the United States and abroad by his original contributions to our knowledge of Venereal Diseases, and who was admirably adapted, both by his own experience and by his extensive reading, to engage in a work which has occupied us conjointly for the last two years. Still further, Dr. E. G. Loring, Surgeon to the New York Eye Infirmary, who revised the chapter on Diseases of the Eye in the last edition, kindly consented to do the same in this. We are also under great obligation to Dr. C. H. Knight for most valuable assistance rendered us in preparing the manuscript, and also for the very complete index appended to the work.

As a result of these labors, the reader will find rather a new work than an old one revised, more portly in its dimensions than the last edition by 131 pages, but, as a reduced size of type has been employed, the volume is estimated to contain about one-half more reading matter than its predecessor. There is not a chapter in the book which has not been revised and the attempt made to bring it up to our present knowledge. Entirely new chapters have been called for to include affections until recently unknown, and the greater part of the work has been rewritten from our present standpoint. A new feature of this edition has been the introduction of chapters upon certain

diseases, which although not strictly venereal, are liable to be mistaken for such, and often come under the care of the venereal specialist; we refer particularly to affections of the scrotal organs and to some simple affections of the skin. The number of illustrations has been largely increased. It will be seen that metric weights, as well as the ordinary troy measures, have been given in all prescriptions; and the attempt has been made, though confessedly with many errors and omissions, to follow the "Abbreviations of the Titles of Periodicals," adopted by Dr. Billings, in the Library of the Surgeon-General's Office.

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