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THIS VOLUME TO YOU AS A TOKEN OF THE VALUE I PLACE UPON YOUR
FRIENDSHIP, AND AS AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT
THAT MUCH OF THE NEW WORK DESCRIBED IN IT IS THE OUTCOME OF YOUR
INGENUITY.

YOURS TRULY,

LAWSON TAIT.

PREFACE TO THE FOURTH EDITION.

SINCE the first edition of this book appeared in 1873, my experience of the subjects it deals with has greatly increased, and necessarily the present work has grown in size.

I have found reason to change my opinion on some points, but they are of much less importance than I thought they would be when I first sat down to write these pages. I have seen far more reason for extending what I had to say; for the marvellous success which now attends the efforts of those who practise abdominal surgery has fallen largely to my lot, and therefore records of things accomplished, and opinions expressed upon them, will be found in these pages, which, eight years ago, were certainly beyond the limits of acceptance. Since then, however, great advances have been made, but much yet remains to be done, and all must rest upon the patience of the workers and the forbearance of their critics.

For many imperfections of my book I have to offer the apology that I have but scant leisure for research, and fear I may not have done justice, in many instances, to the work of others. My writing is chiefly the outcome of my own experience, and of necessity is freely and unavoidably scattered with the pronoun of the first person.

To avoid needless and cumbersome reference notes, I have given, at the head of each chapter, a list of works which I have consulted on the subjects dealt with.

LAWSON TAIT.

BIRMINGHAM, *October 3, 1882.*

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