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PREFACE.

My studies in syphilitic blood have yielded results at once so gratifying to me, and so convincing as to the tonic influence of minute doses of mercury, that I feel impelled to lay this brief treatise before the medical public in support of a continuous treatment of syphilis by small (tonic) doses of mercury. I believe that a general trial of the method will, in the long-run, vindicate its excellence.

I have made free use of facts which I had already published in an article upon "The Effect of Small Doses of Mercury," etc., in the American Journal of Medical Sciences, January, 1876; and of other facts used in constructing an argument upon the treatment of syphilis for an essay which I read before the Section on Dermatology and Syphilis, in the International Congress at Philadelphia, in September, 1876.

All the local measures suggested in Chapter

III. have been subjected to repeated tests by me in the venereal wards of the Charity Hospital, as well as in private practice.

In my studies, clinical and experimental, I have received valuable assistance from my friend Dr. L. A. Stimson, and from Dr. Dinslow, of the House Staff of the Charity Hospital.

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