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THIS volume, as its title indicates, is designed as a guide in the treatment of cases of emergency occurring in medical, surgical, or obstetrical practice. I have endeavored to combine, in a narrow compass, all the important subjects, giving special prominence to points of practical import in preference to theoretical considerations, and, with the results of my own personal observation, uniting the latest views of European and American authorities.

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Uncertainty appertains to every science that has not arrived at its maximum development: but it is not especially characteristic of our profession. The discoveries of to-day will necessarily be modified by the developments of