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PREFACE TO FOURTH EDITION.

I REGRET very much that, through pressure of private practice, this book has been out of print so long; and also that, owing to illness, the printing of this edition has been unavoidably retarded. I was unwilling to let it leave my hands until something like a thorough revision could be completed. Many portions have been rewritten, and much new matter added where the text seemed to require it, or modern progress made it necessary. I have to express my acknowledgments to my friend Dr. Kemp, of Wellington, New Zealand, for some valuable contributions to the chapter on "Diseases of the Brain and Nervous System." It only remains for me to express the hope that the present edition may not prove behind its predecessors in usefulness to the student and busy practitioner.

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PREFACE TO FIRST EDITION.

The object I have endeavored to attain in the preparation of this Manual is to present concise, yet thoroughly practical descriptions of the principal diseases of children.

I have omitted, as tending to expand too far the purpose of this book, all clinical records of my own or of others, and all controversial questions. For the same reason I have disregarded theories still under discussion. Hence cholagogue, alteratives, and counter-irritants are spoken of, because the profession attaches to these names qualities which are true qualities, though old theories of their actions may be incorrect. I have consulted the works of many distinguished authorities, both English and foreign; carefully comparing them with the results of my own experience, and to all to whom reference is made in the course of the work I desire cordially to express my acknowledgments. I also take this opportunity of thanking my friend and colleague, Dr. Hayward, for many valuable suggestions while these sheets were passing through the press.

Considerable care has been bestowed to render the Formulary which is appended useful, and as my aim throughout is essentially practical, I venture to hope that this little volume, notwithstanding many imperfections, may prove of value to students and practitioners, as a handy book of reference upon a class of diseases presenting peculiar difficulties, and yet of the deepest interest, because so continually met with in practice.

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