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In this edition the author has had the invaluable help of Dr. Lewis Jones, who has re-written Part I. The purely medical and surgical aspects of the subject have been brought up to date by an appendix added to Part II. of the second edition. Should this little work attain the dignity of another edition, it is hoped that the whole of the illustrations will be raised to the high standard of the best modern work.

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PREFACE TO FIRST EDITION

Since the famous discovery announced by Professor Röntgen at the end of the year 1895, a new science has sprung into being. This branch of knowledge, although still in its early and undeveloped stages, has found a special application in medical work.

In this little volume the aim has been to deal with the present practical scope of the Röntgen rays so far as physicians and surgeons are concerned. An attempt has been made to treat the matter systematically, and to point out limitations and possibilities, as well as to record actual achievements. In this endeavour the author has received invaluable help from Mr. J. E. Greenhill, who has also kindly written an introductory part dealing with electrical methods and apparatus. He is also indebted to Messrs. Barwell, Mackenzie Davidson, Lynn Thomas, Professor Waymouth Reid, and many others, for the use of Röntgen photographs and of notes of cases. Where all is new, it is by no means easy to decide what is likely to prove ultimately true; but the task of selection has been guided by a constant reference to the everyday conditions of medical practice.

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