Diseases of the Rectum and Anus

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PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION

The advances made in the domain of rectal surgery since the appearance of the first edition of this work have necessitated a complete revision and the addition of much new material. The chapters on "Cancer" and "Colostomy," which in the first edition were written by Mr. Herbert Allingham, have been entirely rewritten and considerably extended in the present edition by the author.

To render the volume more worthy of the title it bears, three entirely new chapters have been prepared, namely: "Diseases, Injuries, and Tumors of the Coccyx"; "Venereal Diseases of the Ano-rectal Region"; and "Recto-colonic Enteroliths and Concretions."

In order to more thoroughly elucidate the text, many new and original illustrations have been added to the already large number prepared for the first edition. These additions comprise five full-page colored plates, seventeen full-page black-and-white plates, and one hundred and one smaller engravings and half-tones. It will, therefore, readily be seen that the present volume is practically a new work.

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In conclusion, I ask the privilege to assure both the medical press and the profession at large of my grateful appreciation of the generous and cordial reception granted by them to the first edition of this book. I trust this, the second, edition may merit a continuance of their favor.

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PREFACE TO FIRST EDITION

THIS treatise is the result of an effort to give to practitioners and students of medicine a concise, yet practical, work. I have not attempted to give a detailed discussion of theories and antiquated views of unrecognized value. Of recent years so much has been written upon "Asepsis and Antisepsis" and "Rectal Reflexes" that I have deemed it best not to devote separate chapters to these subjects, but have given them sufficient attention throughout the entire work. Two chapters have been written that are new in a work of this kind: one on "Railroading as an Etiologic Factor in Rectal Diseases" and one on "Auto-intoxication from the Intestinal Canal." I have given these subjects distinct chapters, for I am sure that their importance has been very much underrated by writers generally.

In the case of words in which a diphthong is employed I have adopted the new orthography. For example, the words haemorrhoids, faces, diarrhoea, etc., are spelled thus: hemorrhoids, feces, diarrhea, etc.

In order to present a comprehensive treatise I have made frequent reference to the standard works on diseases of the rectum and anus and to reprints and monographs too numerous to mention. Among the text-books which I have consulted I desire to mention the following: Allingham, Mathews, Cripps, Kelsey, Cooper and Edwards, Van Buren, Ashton, Curling, Ball, Quain, Henry Smith, and Bodenhamer on hemorrhoidal disease. I have, in each instance, endeavored (v)
to give proper credit to authors, and if I have failed in a single case it has been unintentional.

I was fortunate, indeed, in getting Mr. Herbert William Allingham, of St. Mark's Hospital, London, to write two chapters on "Cancer" and "Colostomy," for I doubt if there is any man living more capable of dealing with these important subjects than he.

I wish also to acknowledge my obligations to Dr. J. C. Stewart for valuable assistance rendered in perfecting the many original diagrams and drawings seen throughout the work; and to my friends, Drs. W. F. Kuhn and Daniel Morton, for correcting my manuscript. To my publishers, F. A. Davis Company, I wish to express my gratitude for the many courtesies received. To the Burk & McFetridge Company, who made the many beautiful chromolithographic plates, I will only say that the excellency of their work has surpassed by far my most sanguine expectations. Trusting that my labors may prove to be of some practical value to the profession, I respectfully submit it for their perusal.

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