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Συμφορα καρτα.—HIPPOCRATES.
From the impressions of the mind proceed the operations of the body.—
LOCKE.
We cannot reasonably expect tranquillity of the nervous system whilst
there is disorder of the digestive organs.—ARRHENIUS.

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SURGEON TO THE QUEEN,
SURGEON TO H. R. H. THE DUKE OF SUSSEX,
MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS (LONDON),
&c. &c.

MY DEAR SIR,

IF dedicating this little Volume to you can be construed into a public acknowledgment of high esteem and great personal obligation, I beg that you will believe with how much satisfaction and sincerity I offer it for your acceptance. I feel there are also other powerful motives, in bearing testimony to talents and acquirements which have not only so greatly benefited mankind, but, at the same time, have contributed so largely to the advancement of Science. Anxious and zealous as you have always proved yourself in the exercise of your Profession, while by

your talents and urbanity you have justly commanded the most extensive Practice, you have ever kindly regarded the interests and feelings of your Brethren in the humbler walks of the Profession. This is but an echo of the sentiments of all its Members. Nor can I omit to state with how much pride and gratification I refer to that friendship you have so liberally extended towards me, during a period of more than Thirty years.

With admiration of your talents, a deep sense of gratitude for your long-continued kindness, and a sincere wish that your life may be happily preserved for many years,

I am, my dear Sir,

Your faithful Servant,

GEORGE ROBERT ROWE.

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PREFACE.

THE well-known but ill-humoured observation of Dr. Samuel Johnson, who, in speaking of the profession of physic, exclaims, "It is a melancholy attendance upon misery, a mean submission to peevishness, and a continual interruption to pleasure," was never more capable of being refuted than on the present occasion. I may truly observe, that instead of its being "the melancholy attendance on misery," it has borne a most cheerful aspect; in lieu of the "mean submission to peevishness," it has resulted in an improved and elevated position; and "the continual interruption to pleasure" has, instead, been a copious stream of gratifying circumstances.

In the present enlightened state of mankind, it appears unnecessary for me to expatiate upon the advantages of medical science and its practical benefits to the world at large.

The science of medicine comprehends the perfection of human wisdom; and the practice inculcates one of the Divine attributes, that of relieving the sufferings of our fellow-creatures.

Since the publication of the Sixth Edition of this Work, several cases of Asthma have come under my notice, and I have deemed it important to introduce a few remarks upon the treatment of that disease.

Although many cases must necessarily occur in my practice where every remedial measure has in vain been adopted, yet, as I feel conscious that such details would not benefit science, but alarm unfortunate nervous invalids, I have purposely abstained from introducing them.

I refer with much satisfaction to some important cases which I have added to this Edition, and to the increasing attention of the Public and the Medical Profession, to Liver and Stomach Diseases, as proofs of the prevalence of these truly distressing maladies, and powerful evidences of the extending and baneful influence they exercise over the comforts and habits of civilized life.

The flattering notice with which "The Times" honoured this Work, although most gratifying and important to me, yet introduced a misconception as to the period of its publication, by stating that "much had been introduced in it already before the public by Dr. Combe and many other Medical Writers." Without any desire to detract from the well-merited esteem in which those Authors are held, I feel justified in stating that the First Edition of this Work appeared in 1820; a period when neither Dr. Combe nor any other Medical Writer of the present day had introduced the subject to the Public.