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## PREFACE

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THE increase, of late years, of diseases arising from an exhausted state of the great nervous centres, has been remarked by more than one eminent pathologist. By a happy coincidence, the labours of our leading physiologists have been for a considerable time past successfully directed to a searching investigation into the origin and distribution of the various nervous forces, and the special and individual influences they exert over every portion of the animal economy. This fuller knowledge of the intimate relations existing between organic function and nervous supply, has enabled the pathologist to determine the important fact, that many diseases which were formerly considered to depend solely on changes in the organ which manifested the greatest functional disturbance, may be traced to an origin in some portion of the great nervous centres themselves.

The spirit of investigation, which has thus done so much towards furnishing us with an almost complete knowledge of the conditions of the nervous systems in health and disease, has extended to the field of therapeutics also; and the true worth of many important medicines, new and old, more



especially the nervine tonics and sedatives, has been carefully ascertained.

The recognition of electricity as a highly valuable remedial agent has also materially strengthened and enriched the means of relief and cure now placed at the disposal of the physician, while it has, in addition, furnished him with an unerring means of diagnosis in many nervous diseases hitherto most obscure.

Taking all these facts into consideration, we can now say, that at length the origin of many obscure nervous diseases has been clearly ascertained, and the remedies best calculated to remove the morbid influence fully determined and understood; thus placing the physician in a position to treat with confidence, and full hope of a happy issue, diseases hitherto almost without the pale of curative medicine, but which may now be esteemed curable at any point short of actual structural degeneration.

HUGH CAMPBELL.

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