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PREFACE.

JUST thirty years ago Professor J. M. Charcot was kind enough to receive me as a private pupil in his service in La Charité Hospital, where he was a *chef de clinique*, and therefore able to offer very large facilities to foreign students who went to Paris for clinical study.

He held a high position at that early period of his career, as a clinician, and his instruction was very much sought for. His deliberate and thorough manner of procedure at the bedside aroused the attention of his pupils, who soon were made feel that the methodic investigation of disease requires the highest intellectual effort. It was not difficult at that time, even, to foresee for the young teacher a distinguished future. What he has done to develop the advance in the medical sciences during the last twenty years, I shall not attempt to detail. That he has enriched and enlarged the pathological and clinical field equal to any man of the age is generally conceded. More especially has he done his full share of the work that has brought again French medicine to the front line of modern progress. I believe that his genius, culture and special researches entitle him to be ranked with the celebrated men of modern times.

The translation of his lectures which I now present formed his course for 1879–80, and were reported in the *Progrès Medicale* by Doctor E. Brissaud. They have been published in the *Lancet and Clinic* of this city, beginning in September last. It has been desired that they should be republished in the present form.

I am sure that others might have made the translation better than myself, but no one could have done so with more reverence and grateful recollection for the eminent author.

C. G. COMEGYS.

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