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P R E F A C E.

KNOWING how little time the general practitioner can devote to professional reading, and to what frequent interruptions he is liable, I have especially aimed at brevity in the following pages. With this end in view I have only treated of those diseases and injuries of the eye which are most frequently met with, and have restricted myself to stating, as briefly as possible, what has seemed most worthy of record concerning them.

This little manual is not written for those who have plenty of time at their disposal, and who

can study more comprehensive works, such as those of Soelberg Wells, Brudenell Carter, Lawson, and Nettleship, to which I have been long indebted for much valuable information.

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PART I.

DISEASES OF THE EYE AND EYELIDS.



CHAPTER I.

EXAMINATION OF THE EYE.

MUCH time would often be saved, and many a serious mistake in diagnosis avoided, if every eye were examined methodically. It is a good plan to elicit first of all what symptom or symptoms have induced the patient to seek advice, and then to inquire into the history of the case, briefly, but still sufficiently to ensure being told all important particulars respecting it.

Then look at the eye as a whole, without noting the condition of the separate structures; observe whether one or both eyes are affected, and what symptom is most noticeable. Next glance quickly but carefully over each structure in succession; it matters little in what order this is done, *provided the same is always followed*; I would,