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TRANSLATOR'S PREFACE.

ALTHOUGH for more than a decade it has been hardly possible to glance through a medical journal without seeing something concerning the Lister method, there are comparatively few medical men in this country who have a sufficiently good knowledge of this modern system of treating wounds to enable them to apply it with essential accuracy. The result is that it is either not used at all by most surgeons, or else is incorrectly employed with disappointing results, which are not fairly attributable to the method. This condition of affairs is probably largely due to the fact that there has been no low-priced treatise on the subject in the English language, from which one could acquire the necessary information with regard to the principles, practice, and results of Antiseptic Surgery. With the desire of supplying my fellow practitioners in America with such a work, and thus enabling them to experience the benefits of a method which will do more than any other to lead their surgical patients to recovery without delay, danger, or discomfort, I have translated this work of an eminent French surgeon. Its careful perusal will, I believe, make it plain, not only that the Listerian theory is rational and its practice wonderfully satisfactory, but also that its application is neither difficult, nor seriously expensive.

The book is so nearly exhaustive that there has seemed to me to be need of very little editorial work. A few omissions of an unimportant character have been made, among them that of the bibliographical index, which is confessedly far from complete, and is quite unnecessary to those who have access to the published volume of the Index Catalogue of the library of the Surgeon-General's office, U. S. Army. In the chapter on apparatus, I have omitted the descriptions and pictures of several foreign spray-producers, and have introduced cuts of others which are made in this country, and can, therefore, be obtained more easily and cheaply than those of exotic origin. For the convenience of any who are not familiar with the metric system, a table of equivalents has been inserted near the end of the book.

In a recent letter the author enclosed to me a report of four cases of Porro's operation, and it is so important and interesting that I have included it in the nineteenth chapter.

My own additions to the work will be found in the foot-notes.

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PORTLAND, MAINE,
4th of July, 1881.

TO

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I dedicate the Second Edition of this Work to you, in the hope that it may have the same good fortune as the First.

The purpose of the First was particularly to make known the principles and the method. It succeeded beyond my hopes. To-day Antiseptic Surgery is known in France.

This new edition, much more comprehensive, and written with a much larger personal experience, is designed to teach more completely the practice, and how the resources of the method may be best employed. I trust that it will enable all its readers to appreciate the great progress which surgery owes to you.

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