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This Book is dedicated,

AS A MARK

OF SINCERE PERSONAL REGARD,

BY

HIS OLD PUPIL AND HOUSE-SURGEON,

THE AUTHOR.

PREFACE.

IN writing the following pages, my object has primarily been to offer those young surgeons who are holding the responsible posts of house-surgeon or dresser in the various hospitals and dispensaries, some hints on the treatment of the numerous accidents and emergencies daily coming under their care. Having myself filled the offices of dresser and house-surgeon to a metropolitan hospital, and having, moreover, been a constant attendant at two such institutions since that time, I venture to hope that the suggestions here incorporated will be found serviceable. It has been my endeavour to avoid, as far as possible, the repetition of matter which will be found at greater length in the various handbooks of surgery, and

rather to call attention to those minor points which are imparted only by oral instruction or are simply imitated from one's predecessors.

Although, for convenience, specially addressed to house-surgeons, I am not without hope that these suggestions may be found serviceable by any who are anxious to gain a knowledge of the smaller details of surgery, which, after all, tend greatly to the success of surgical practice, and particularly by those who may not have had the opportunity of residing for a time within the walls of an hospital.

In the chapters on "Bandaging" and "Apparatus" I have endeavoured to avoid unnecessary complexity, at the same time, however, alluding to most of the appliances in common use in the metropolitan hospitals, the greater number of which I have visited with this special object in view.

The illustrations are all new and original, being careful copies, by Mr. Swain, of Bouverie Street, from photographs taken for the purpose, under my own superintendence.

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