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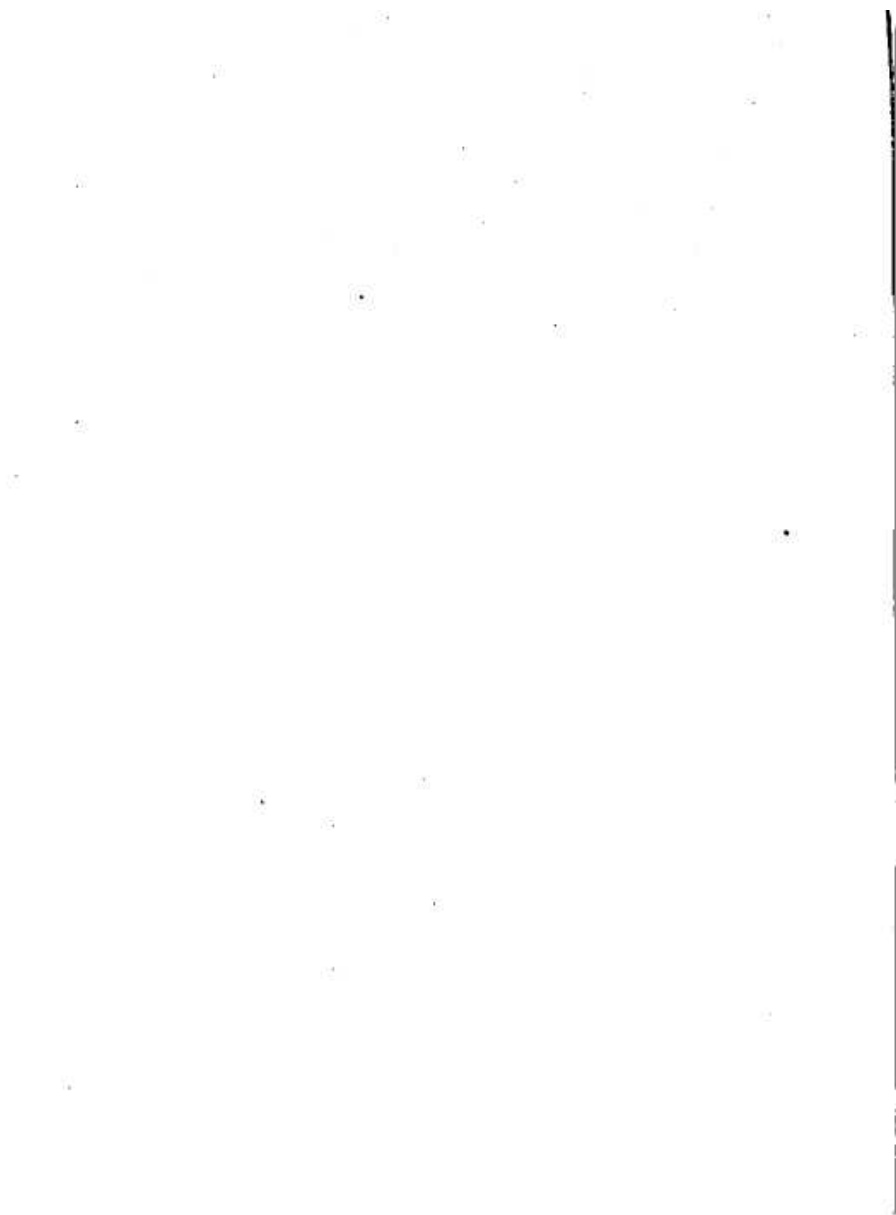
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AUTHOR'S PREFACE.

My friend, Dr. Hurd, to whom I am indebted for the translation of so many of my writings, informs me that he is about to give to medical readers of the United States, from the press of George S. Davis, a reproduction of such part of the first volume of my *Leçons de Clinique Thérapeutique* as pertains to the Treatment of Diseases of the Heart and Aorta. When this book shall have been published, the whole of the first and third volumes of the work aforesaid will have appeared in an English dress: "Diseases of the Heart and Aorta" constituting, with "Diseases of the Stomach and Intestines," published last year by Wm. Wood & Co., the first volume, and the third volume being the work issued by Mr. G. S. Davis in 1885, and entitled "Clinical Therapeutics."

When the frequency of cardiac affections and the difficulties attending their treatment are considered, the utility of hand books of this kind is apparent. Although the primary lesion, the valvular alteration, is itself incurable, it is in the power of the well informed practitioner to do much to alleviate and remove the multiple morbid manifestations which result from the disturbance of the circulation, and it may truly be affirmed, that in no class of chronic and essentially incurable diseases are the benefits of rational therapeutics more conspicuous.

I do not claim to have added much that is new to the established treatment of valvular affections, but I have endeavored, concisely and plainly, to lay down rules and give directions which will enable the practitioner to administer the cardiac medicaments with the greatest chance of success and

the least risk. As in my previous writings on therapeutics, I have added to these lectures numerous notes which supplement the text and indicate the state of medical science on the subjects treated, at the time when these chapters were published.

I cannot conclude without thanking the translator for the fidelity, zeal and patience with which he has accomplished his task, and expressing my satisfaction that I am again permitted to address the American medical public on subjects to which I have devoted my life and all my energies.

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