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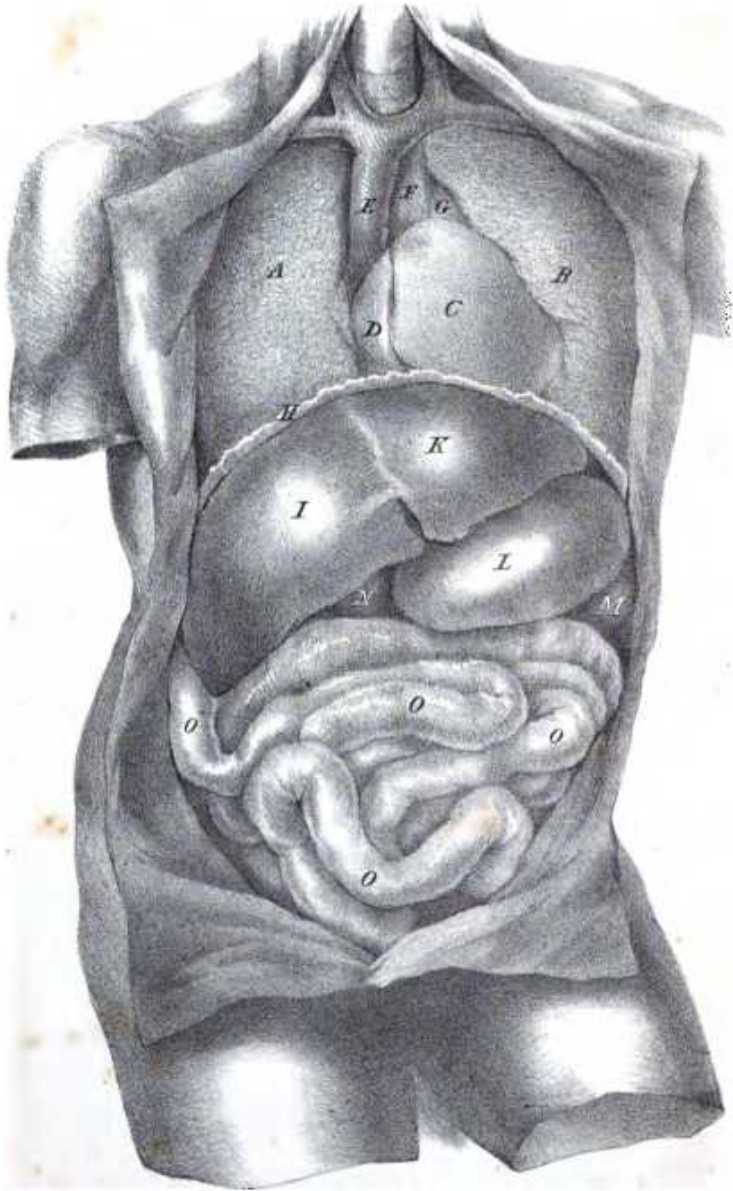
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THE bills of mortality evince that the diseases of this country are principally of the lungs and air-passages; whereas the diseases of a hot climate, upon data equally correct, are known to be those more particularly of the liver, stomach, and bowels. I claim, therefore, for my opinion on the latter diseases, all the weight arising out of more than twenty years' experience of their treatment in India, and the devotion of nearly ten years of my time to their study since my return to this country. The consciousness of which, I hope, now justifies me in giving my opinion on these diseases with some degree of confidence; with a conviction of their truth I impart them at all events. Let it, however, be distinctly understood, that it is my wish rather to appeal to my reader's judgment and common-sense in the matter before us, than obtrude upon him the weight of my convictions and experience. With this view I shall do my best to strip the subject of all its obscurity, and explain it as fully and in as simple language as it will admit of. Desiring that what I advance may be accorded and accepted by him no further than it carries with it the impress of truth, and conviction to his own mind, as the only legitimate claim it can have to his respect. It is a mistake to suppose that there is anything in medical science that may not be comprehended by any person of

ordinary capacity, when divested of its technicality and submitted to him in its native simplicity,—which it will be my endeavour, in the subject before us to accomplish, and illustrate with a plate.

Mankind, it is said, are all in pursuit of happiness, and yet, strange to say, although health alone can give value to existence, they all appear to disregard any knowledge concerning this essential element of happiness—the power of enjoyment. And thus half the world go on, suffering and repining under some unknown malady, which they are perhaps contented to hear called dyspeptic or nervous; taking a dose of physic to-day, and repairing to the doctor to-morrow; and what is simply functional disturbance in the first instance, is allowed to progress unheeded, until it has insidiously developed structural disease and some incurable malady. And thus for the want of a little timely knowledge, and the employment of effective means of cure, half mankind are contented to sink into the condition of confirmed invalids and an untimely grave, who otherwise might have readily been restored to health, and thus, have enjoyed the blessing of a more lengthened and happy existence.

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THE object I held in view in submitting this work to the Press in June of last year, was, to impart, as concisely as the subject would well admit of, a general knowledge of the functions of the Liver in the economy of man; to point out its importance to health, and its relationship to a multitude of disorders, with respect to which it constituted the chief, but in general unobserved, or insufficiently appreciated, element; and in consequence of which, the treatment of these disorders was as unsuccessful, as it was in general, inappropriate.

The demand that now exists for a Second Edition leads me to hope that my endeavours have been appreciated. Had the time necessary been at my disposal, I might have added to the subject, but seeing that it is otherwise, I have directed a Second Edition to be published without alteration of any kind, as I have nothing of importance to amend, though I might with advantage have added to the subject.

C. S.

*London, March 1, 1852.*