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PREFACE

THE following lectures were given with the object of summarising the methods that have been employed in the investigations of the chemical structure of the albumens, and the results obtained. The structure of the albumens is only one of the problems presented to the biological chemist. In this branch of study, considerable progress has been made during the last few years.

An equally important study, however, which is still in its infancy, relates to the chemical dynamics of the albumen molecules when carrying out their normal functions in the living tissue. Attention is called to this branch of biological chemistry in the very incomplete review of the theories of biochemical action given in Lectures IX. and X. When few facts are known, we are obliged to content ourselves with theories; if the latter, however, stimulate subsequent research, they will justify their existence. For this reason I have not hesitated to include Lectures IX. and X. in this publication, imperfect as I feel they are.

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