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They live emphatically in the present, and are exempt from the despondency which, in mature life, is apt to attend reflections on the *past* or anticipations of the *future*.

Sometimes, however, the desired victory is not gained: disease triumphs, and a young life is lost, leaving a blank in the domestic circle which cannot soon be filled. The silence that reigns in the house, the vacant nursery, the unused toys, the treasured clothing, all speak eloquently and mournfully of the loss which is sustained by the bereaved household, and which frequently awakens the deep sympathy of the physician whose skill and care have been frustrated. Happily, the reverse of this generally happens, and the agony of suspense,—so exquisitely expressed by David, “Who can tell whether God will be gracious unto me, that the child may live?”—is relieved, and the child, just now so seriously ill, recovers, to make his parents happy, perhaps to accomplish a great work, and to leave a name in which posterity will rejoice.

The book is not simply a combination from other works of the author. Some of the sections are entirely new; and in all of them important additions and alterations have been made, so as to bring the work abreast with the most recent advances in medicine; while such special points on diagnosis and treatment have been introduced as are calculated to render the Manual a useful guide to the treatment of the diseases of infancy and childhood.

The author has much pleasure in acknowledging his indebtedness to Dr. Lade for very effective help. He has read over a large portion of the work in manuscript, and added some valuable notes, which will be found in various parts of the Manual. It is sent forth with the earnest hope that it may prove a boon to many little ones.

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## EDITOR'S PREFACE.

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THE alterations and additions which I have made in this Edition of "The Diseases of Infants and Children" are such as I believe Dr. Ruddock would have effected had his life been spared. They are all, with the exception of a few notes, incorporated in the text, without any distinguishing marks, as I consider that the small and unimportant part which I have taken in revising and superintending the publication of the work did not warrant me in seeking to appropriate, by a frequent obtrusion of my name in its pages, any of the well-earned reputation of its lamented author.

Any merit, therefore, which this Edition may be found to possess over the preceding editions of the book, I desire to place affectionately upon the tomb of my departed friend. All its deficiencies, for which I alone am responsible, I must leave to the kind indulgence of the critical reader.

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CHAPTER I.  
THE MEDICINES.

1.—Medicines Recommended for Children.

A CHEST containing the necessary homœopathic medicines for the treatment of infantile diseases should be always kept in readiness in every house in which there are children. The importance of this recommendation will be fully apparent when the peculiarities of the organism of the little patients are considered.

**Active Circulation.** In consequence of the activity of the vital powers, and the quickness and force of the circulation, there is a remarkable susceptibility to inflammatory action in children, so that many of their diseases rapidly run on to organic and incurable mischief.

**Prompt Administration.** The earliest recognition of an approaching illness, and the most prompt application of treatment, are therefore of the greatest importance. Neglect or delay may prove most