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PREFACE.

Among the necessary conditions to the ultimate adoption of the Metric System in medicine and pharmacy, a willingness on the part of the younger members of the professions to take the trouble to use it, and on the part of the colleges to teach it, are most important. The recognition of the superiority of this system of weights and measures, and of the desirability of its adoption, has been general and earnest, and the new pharmacopæia, the working formulæ of which will be in parts by weight, will give a new and powerful impetus to this reform.

This little volume is offered as a guide to those members of both professions who desire a special handbook on the subject, and especially to the students in the colleges. It contains a popular exposition of the system, extensive tables of equivalents for ready reference, a comprehensive dose table, and over three hundred practical illustrations of metric prescription writing. The latter are selected from the pharmacopæias and formularies of the great hospitals of New York, Philadelphia, Boston, London, etc., or are contributed from the practice of Medical Officers of the Marine Hospital Service, who have been using the metric system exclusively since April 27, 1878. Quite a number of the prescriptions are transcribed from the Hospital

Formulary, compiled by Charles Rice, Ph. D., of New York. Many of these prescriptions are in fact extensively employed in hospital and out-patient practice.

That the book may prove acceptable and useful is the earnest wish of

THE AUTHOR.

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