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## PREFACE

I HAVE for several reasons decided to publish a more detailed treatise upon headache, although text-books and encyclopædiæ upon special pathology and therapeutics discuss this complaint, and although there are in existence several good and comprehensive descriptions. I have, however, been convinced, both in the polyclinic and in my consulting hospital and private practice, that a clear differential diagnosis of the individual varieties of headache and a mode of treatment founded thereon are as yet by no means within the reach of every physician. This is doubtless ascribable to the fact that during the University curriculum and years of practical instruction due value is not accorded to the polyclinical teaching which deals with the minor maladies of such great importance to the practitioner. It has appeared to me as though the treatises so far published did not discuss the different forms of chronic headache, which frequently occur as fairly independent complaints, with the requisite uniformity, nor corresponding to their practical importance. In particular, insufficient attention is

paid to the combinations in the same individual of several, aetiologically different, forms of this disorder, which are in my experience of great importance and shed much light upon the question of treatment. Finally, in the last few years there have appeared a series of works upon this subject which are calculated to cause confusion in the special pathology of headache, especially in students. Herein clearness is aimed at, so far as the present state of our knowledge of the facts permits of it.

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