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WHO FIRST SHOWED ME HOW TO STUDY,

AND HOW TO PRACTISE MEDICINE;

WHO HAS OFTEN GUIDED ME BY HIS ADVICE;

STILL OFTENER TAUGHT ME BY HIS EXAMPLE;

AND WHO SMOOTHED BY HIS UNWEARIED KINDNESS

THE EARLY DIFFICULTIES OF MY CAREER;

TO MY RESPECTED TEACHER, MY GENEROUS FRIEND,

I MOST GRATEFULLY, MOST AFFECTIONATELY,

Dedicate

THIS BOOK.

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ADVERTISEMENT TO THE FIRST PART.

THESE Lectures are a first instalment towards the discharge of that debt which the opportunities of a hospital, and the responsibilities of a teacher, impose upon me. A second volume, which will treat of all the remaining diseases of the female system, will appear, if health and strength are spared me, within three years from this time. I have published this part separately, because I believe that students and junior practitioners stand in much need of that help which, with reference to an important class of these ailments, it may perhaps afford them.

To almost all persons there is probably more of pain than of pleasure, in looking back upon a work on which much time and labour have been expended; so wide is, in general, the distance between the endeavour and its fulfilment. To myself, the consciousness of doubt has often, while engaged upon these Lectures, been very painful, and the sense of imperfect knowledge has pressed heavily upon me, and does so still.

I commend the book, however, to the kindly judgment of my professional brethren, as embodying the results of ten years of observation in the wards of a hospital, and of the honest attempt to gather from each day's added experience something more or better, for the use of those who look to me for help and guidance.

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ADVERTISEMENT TO THE SECOND PART.

A SHORTER time than I feared has sufficed for the fulfilment of my pledge in the completion of this work.

Many subjects, indeed, that deserve a longer notice, are touched on here but slightly, and others, of a purely surgical nature, are completely passed over, for I have not ventured to teach concerning matters with reference to which I feel myself to be still altogether a learner; while I have always regarded mere compilation, uncontrolled by large experience, as more apt to perpetuate error than to diffuse truth.

But I have a more agreeable duty to perform than that of confessing my shortcomings, and pleading in their extenuation. To one of my colleagues at St. Bartholomew's Hospital I have been constantly indebted wherever the aid of the surgeon was necessary; and Mr. Paget's dexterous hand, and sound judgment, and ready friendliness, were always given almost without the asking. Many cases, those especially of ovarian disease, we observed and treated together; and my opinions have often been modified, and my conduct influenced by his suggestions. My readers will reap the benefit; it is for me, with best and warmest thanks, to acknowledge the obligation.

The second part has been published separately, for the convenience of those having the first portion.

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