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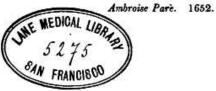
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THE AUTHOR.

PREFACE

TO THE SECOND EDITION.

I have first to thank the profession for the very favorable reception accorded to the former edition of this Essay: on that reception rests the apology for the comparatively early appearance of this edition.

In the present edition will be found 1°, a multiplication of observed facts; 2°, the more matured reflections I have brought to bear on the interpretation of these facts: 3°, three additional Chapters—those on the Classification of Cancer, on Colloid Cancer and on Epithelioma.

In the present utilitarian age the question often arises, what practical benefit ensues from the study of the pathology of an incurable disease; how much nearer do we approach the cure of Cancer? I regret to say we are as far off the cure of real Cancer, as we were in the days of Hippocrates. And yet the Diagnosis of Cancer is not so barren a study, as might at the first glance appear: if thereby we succeed in eliminating any class

of tumors from the fatal category in which they had hitherto been enshrouded, and hence by an early operation save the patient from a miserable death, a real and substantial advance has been made in the treatment of tumors. This remark applies more especially to Epithelioma, the benign nature of which, predicated by Lebert, Bennet, and Hannover from its anatomical structure, I have endeavoured to confirm by reference to its clinical history.

J. Z. L.

 Devonshire Street, Portland Place, London. April, 1858.

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