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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.



THE pamphlet on which this work is based first appeared as an ephemeral paper in the pages of *The Lancet*, and it was afterwards published in a separate form. It was intended as a mere sketch, and was written hastily in answer to a sort of challenge "defying all the doctors in Christendom to put right" a displaced uterus. The reception which it has met with, the voluntary testimony of numerous impartial practitioners, both special and general, as to the results obtained from a practical test of the principles and practice inculcated, and the numerous inquiries after the pamphlet since it has been out of print, have induced me to bestow a considerable amount of labour upon this edition. I have not aimed at a systematic treatment of the subject, but have preferred to handle it from a practical point of view. In this form I trust it will be more acceptable to the busy general practitioner, while the gynæcologist will find it more easy to compare the opinions and practice with his own experience. I am not unconscious of the feeling that

some of the views here advanced will meet with strenuous opposition from a section of the latter class. Some of the doctrines are now common to a great many eminent gynæcologists, and therefore are not new ; others are novel and must run the gauntlet of criticism. In this I believe they will stand their ground. From a practical test, which alone is of value, I am confident they will emerge triumphant.

It only remains for me to express my thanks to Mr. Alban Doran for his valuable assistance as these pages were passing through the press, and to Dr. Junker for several of the illustrations.

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