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"In matters of prevention, knowledge is power."

DR. BURDON SANDERSON,
Harveian Oration.

"A few scratches with a pen are better than whole pages of
the most elaborate description." MRS. JAMESON,
Legends of the Madonna.

"Segnius irritant animos demissa per aurem

"Quam quæ sunt oculis subjecta fidelibus."

Hor. Epist. ad Pisones, l. 180.

"Things by the ear received, men's minds excite

"Much less than when submitted to the sight;

"For the spectator, with his trusty eyes,

"To his own mind impressions best applies."

Translated by ANDREW WOOD, M.D.

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TO

THE MEDICAL PROFESSION,

whose members, in the matter of health, public and private, have deemed it their duty—not only to restore, but to conserve,—not only to remedy, but to prevent,—not only to place their labours at the service of present suffering, but, pointing out through evil report and good report the sources of such suffering, to spend their energies in averting some of the thousand ills that flesh is heir to.

P R E F A C E

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THE THIRD EDITION.

Were any testimony needed to show the increasing interest taken by the public in such common-place matters as drains and waste-pipes, it is to be found in the fact, that in two years and a half two editions of such a work on the subject as the present have been exhausted.

The interval which has elapsed since the publication of the first edition has given me increased opportunities of acquiring information about drainage defects. In fact, I have been a sort of centre to which such information has gravitated, and many of my friends and professional brethren tell me with pride and evident satisfaction of their sanitary discoveries, feeling that they were conferring upon me a welcome favour by telling me of some "new fault" for my book.

In this manner the material has been gathered for the increase of the number of plates from 55 to 70, and for the replacement of six of the old ones by new ones. Some additional "defects" which I could not render in picture without increasing the price of the book, some also which defied my attempts to translate into a picture, are described at the end of the book, catalogue fashion. By these additions I hope to have in some measure achieved the

object which I set before me, and to have made the work a nearly exhaustive catalogue of sanitary defects, so that if ever a householder, architect, or sanitary engineer, having searched for ordinary defects, has failed to detect the fault, he may use this book as a sampler by which to test the presence or absence of extraordinary ones.

If in any case my reader or critic knows of important defects which are not here recorded, or has better advice to give, let me say with Horace :

" Si quid novisti rectius istis
 " Candidus imperti, si non, his utere mecum."
Ep. I., vi., 67.

Or in the words of my friend the late Dr. Andrew Wood :

" If precepts better you should know,
 " On me them candidly, I pray, bestow ;
 " But if with my instructions you agree,
 " At once adopt and practise them with me."

Lastly, let me express my great obligations to those who have kindly contributed information on which this enlarged edition is based, to Mr. Burton the lithographer, whose skill and care have again been at my service, and to my friend Mr. R. N. Hartley, who has given me much help and many suggestions in carrying this edition through the press.

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