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P R E F A C E

THIS brief monograph reproduces the substance of a graduation thesis. It discusses somewhat more at length than was possible in the original the relation of certain inflammations of organs, especially the skin, to the excretory functions of the body. For many of the clinical and pathological facts advanced, the author has been indebted to the works of Kaposi, Malcolm Morris, Radcliffe Crocker, McCall Anderson, Jamieson, Unna, Pringle, and other well-known writers upon dermatology.

NOTE.—It may be noted here that little mention has been made of the nervous element in disorders of the skin, an omission that may be shortly explained as follows: Where the neurotic origin is central, the theory of irritation by skin elimination of course does not apply. On the other hand, when the origin is peripheral, the two pathological conditions (*i.e.*, of skin-cells and nerve-ends) appear to be inseparably dovetailed. In other words, the ultimate distribution of nerve-endings in relation to cells of the epidermis is so universal that it is hardly possible to conceive irritation of the one apart from the other. In the following pages, then, the phrase 'excretory irritation of the skin' will be taken to include irritation of either epithelial or nerve cells.

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