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PREFACE.

In reprinting these Lectures from the British Medical Journal,' the author, profiting by the kind suggestions of some friends who have read the Lectures as they appeared in the journal, has made here and there some changes and additions. His object has been to give a clear and concise account of Bright's Disease, and, in doing so, to avoid all unnecessary details, and, as much as possible, all doubtful and disputed points of pathology. Theoretical questions have been referred to only so far as they appear to throw light upon the etiology, the pathology, the diagnosis, and the treatment of the various forms and stages of Bright's Disease. The doubtful and disputed questions relating to the minute anatomy and pathology of renal diseases have but little interest for the practitioner, and in these Lectures, which were especially addressed to students, controversial topics will be found to occupy only a very small space.

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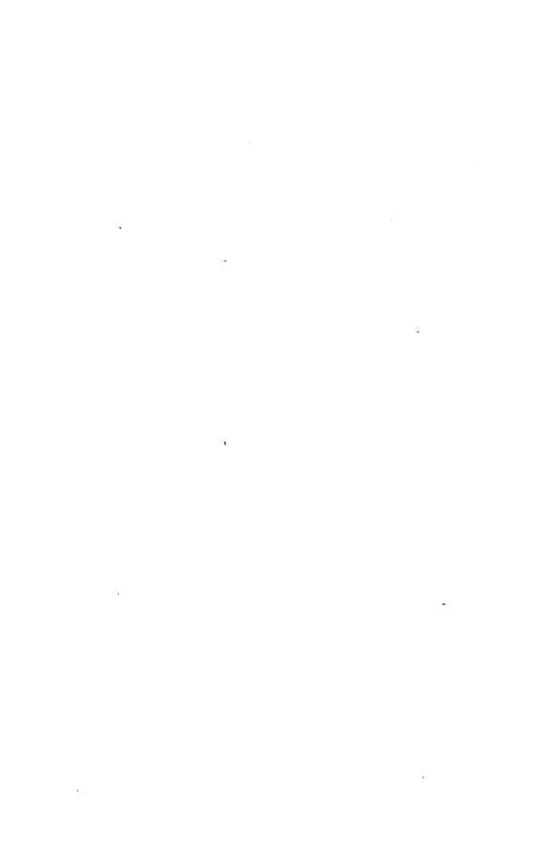
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AN EXACT KNOWLEDGE of the structure and functions of the Kidney is essential for a correct interpretation of its diseases. I therefore beg first to direct your attention to certain points of anatomy and physiology which will be found hereafter to have a direct bearing upon important pathological questions.

A longitudinal section of the kidney shows it to be composed of a cortical and a medullary portion. The medullary portion is arranged in the form of cones or pyramids pyramids of Malpighi—usually from twelve to fifteen in number, the bases of which are directed outwards towards the surface of the gland, becoming gradually continuous