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PREFACE TO THE FOURTH EDITION.

THE LAST EDITION of this work having been long out of print, I have prepared a new one, and will indicate briefly the main changes which have been made.

I have reduced the bulk of the work by upwards of a hundred pages; first, by removing matter which in the former edition related to controversial points under discussion at the time of publication, but since, for the most part, settled, and therefore no longer necessary to be reconsidered in detail here.

Secondly, I have removed entirely all the 'illustrative cases.' These appeared at the outset of my work to be necessary; and some were cited in support of statements which were at that time not generally accepted. Another reason for removing the cases is, the conviction that it is a better and simpler method for me, after another ten years' experience, to give its results in the form of opinions, as simply and briefly expressed as possible, unencumbered by those guarantees which might naturally be expected from an author in an early part of his career. On the other hand, several additions have been made in various parts of the work, relating to treatment, the result of therapeutical progress and more extended observations; and the number of illustrative wood engravings has been considerably augmented.

Lastly, the matter of the work has been almost rewritten, in order to attain greater clearness of expression, and for the purpose of producing in the present and somewhat smaller work a more useful epitome of the subject than the original and larger one contained.

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PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

THE FOLLOWING WORK consists of the Treatise to which the Jacksonian Prize, for the year 1852, has recently been awarded by the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

The subject named by the Council, and announced for public competition in the summer of 1851, was, 'The Pathology and Treatment of Stricture of the Urethra.'

From these terms it may be inferred that a comprehensive view of the various important lesions commonly understood to be included under the denomination of STRICTURE, as well as of others which are intimately related to them, was required by the Council.

In the following attempt to execute a task of such magnitude and extent, the Author is painfully conscious of the degree to which he has come short of its accomplishment. The subject is one which embraces very wide and important relations. The possession of manual dexterity, and a practical familiarity with the best mechanical appliances, on the part of the surgeon, are absolutely indispensable to the successful treatment of Stricture; but these alone constitute only a part of the agency which must be brought to bear upon a large proportion of the cases which he meets with in practice. An acquaintance with the pathology of the entire genito-urinary system is necessary, and must be patiently and assiduously cultivated. The numerous sympathetic relations with every part of the animal economy which this important part of it sustains, through the medium of the nervous system, have constantly to be recognised and apprehended. To enter fully on the consideration of these topics would require, not one volume, but several. A brief review of those which are to be regarded as possessed of primary importance could only be attempted within the limits of this work. On these grounds, there-

fore, no apology appears to be necessary on the Author's part for offering so large a volume to the notice of his professional brethren.

It may be desirable, very briefly, to denote the plan which has been adopted in the arrangement of the materials which constitute the work.

Firstly: The observations and opinions of those writers who have paid especial attention to the subject are, on most points, collated and adduced. In each case the writer's words are quoted, and direct reference is made to the page and edition of his book.

Secondly: Original researches have been made, as far as it has been within the Author's means to do so, and their results are compared with the foregoing. Thus, the Chapter on the Pathological Anatomy of Stricture is mainly a digest of the facts now exhibited in the Principal Museums belonging to the Medical Schools of London, Edinburgh, and Paris, in which each preparation has been individually examined by himself. A reference is made in the text to various specimens of importance, and an account of these is placed in the Appendix, the bulk of which is thus somewhat increased, rather, however, for the purpose of facilitating the student's acquaintance with unquestionable examples and illustrations of the facts stated, than to furnish a body of matter possessing general interest and value.

Thirdly: In relation to the natural history, and to the treatment of Stricture, a certain number of cases, hitherto unpublished, have been placed in the Appendix, under the head of 'REPORTED CASES,' for the purpose of illustrating numerous points connected with these divisions of the subject. Following these is a 'TABLE OF CASES,' 220 in number, each containing a very brief statement of the chief incidents in the history of the patient, and his present condition, condensed from fully reported cases only, upon the aggregate of which have been founded, in a great measure, the Chapters on 'The Symptoms' and on 'The Causes of Stricture.'

It has been deemed necessary to discuss somewhat at length the *quantio verata* of the present day, viz. that of cutting operations for Stricture performed from the perineum. Certain data required for this purpose will be found under the head of 'OUTLINES OF CASES,' which are merely very short histories, containing the principal facts bearing upon this question.

Lastly: Respecting the anatomical relations of the normal as well as of the diseased urethra, no pains have been spared in order to