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P R E F A C E

IN the following pages I have endeavoured briefly to delineate the prevailing, and in a great measure the fatal feature of the recent epidemic of scarlatina,* as well as to elucidate its nature and relation to the eruptive malady by cases occurring at the time. These have already appeared in a somewhat desultory form in the pages of the *Lancet* for 1849. Many who have watched their publication have considered them too numerous, and some of too ordinary and lengthened a character to be of much interest to the medical reader. I have, however, thought otherwise, and have endeavoured to remedy the defect of prolixity by reducing them to the very confines of practical utility; fully believing that the simple narrations of the disease, as it is known to every man, would lead the clinical student at once to the apprehension of the more complex cases. The subject is one which has scarcely received the attention due to it

* Registrar General's Reports, 1848, and Return of the Mortality in 117 Districts of England for the Quarter ending Sept. 30, 1848.

by writers on Scarlatina, and still less by systematic writers on the practice of physic. The views I have entertained were taken up during a favourite pursuit, the anatomy of the kidney, and must be considered solely as a slender contribution to the pathology of Scarlatina. They have been already indicated by many and abler hands, more especially in the department of renal pathology, and can only be looked upon as the commencement of an inquiry which admits of a very extended prosecution.

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