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It is earnestly hoped that if this Treatise should fall into the hands of a patient suffering from skin disease, he will not be so rash as to tamper with arsenical preparations, which ought never to be made use of excepting under the watchful eye of a medical practitioner.

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PREFACE TO THE FIFTH EDITION.

NEARLY fourteen years have elapsed since the author of this little treatise brought before the notice of the profession his views of the pathology and treatment of those chronic diseases of the skin which had been characterised as "*intractable*" by every previous writer on the subject. During that period, not only have five thousand copies of the different editions of this work been disposed of, but the principles of treatment herein propounded have been tested by nearly twice as many thousand cases which have come under the author's care, and probably by at least another ten thousand cases which must have fallen into the hands of such of his medical friends as have adopted his views, and whose general testimony to the soundness of those views is as satisfactory as his own experience. He has only to thank them and the profession at large for their candour and liberality, and to congratulate the many thousand sufferers from the torments of skin

disease on the prospect of relief and restoration thus afforded them from the hands of the profession.

The edition now published has been revised most carefully, and a chapter has been added on the Turkish Bath, which it is hoped will tend in some degree to point out the real value and merits of an institution (for such it has become) which has been both extravagantly extolled on the one hand and unfairly depreciated on the other.

Alfred Place, Bedford Square,
October, 1861.