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TO

PETER MERE LATHAM, M.D. OXON.,

PHYSICIAN EXTRAORDINARY TO THE QUEEN,

AND

LATE PHYSICIAN OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL,

AS A SLIGHT TOKEN OF RESPECT

FOR

HIS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE A TRUE CHRISTIAN SPIRIT

AMONG THE YOUNGER MEMBERS OF HIS PROFESSION

BOTH BY HIS LECTURES AND HIS EXAMPLE.

PREFACE.

A FEW words will suffice to explain the object of this little book. It was the wish of the authors to present the Medical Student with a plain and simple view of the Profession upon which he is entering, its difficulties and its dangers, no less than its pleasures and advantages; and to remind him by WHOSE aid alone he can be enabled to keep himself unhurt by the temptations which will assail him; and to WHOSE service all his powers both of body and mind are to be dedicated. At the same time, in order to render the work more practically useful, they wished to shew how the principles recommended should be carried out and acted upon in the various scenes in which he will be necessarily placed. This they have endeavoured to do, because (as far as they know,) no book has

yet been written on exactly the same plan as their own; for though there are several which contain much of what they have said, yet these are not easily accessible to the greater number of Medical Students.

If the somewhat unusual length of the Appendix should seem to require any explanation or apology, they have only to say that in some cases they thought it but right and just to point out the passages from which they were conscious of having borrowed some of their ideas, that in others they were pleased at being able to refer to authors of greater note who had entertained the same opinions as themselves, and that in all it seemed better to insert the passages at full length than merely to give the references, because by this means they would be more likely to be read, and thus by their truth and beauty might tempt the Student to go on to read other parts of the works from which they were taken.

To avoid any appearance of deception, they think it right to add that, though for obvious reasons it was deemed unnecessary that more than one person should be represented as offering the

instruction which the work is intended to convey, yet it is in fact the joint work of two friends who have often passed together through most of the different scenes of which it speaks^a.

Together, therefore, they commend it to those for whom it was written, with an earnest prayer that it may not be to them without its use; beseeching them, that, for all that is contained therein of good they will praise HIM WHO is the Giver of it, and will repay with their prayers those whom HE has chosen for HIS instruments; and hoping also that, though in some points it may seem to be deficient, they will not therefore reject the whole, but will rather strive to profit by such fruit as may be gathered from it.

Aug. 26, 1843.

^a It is also right to say that, besides the two prayers at pp. 50, 51, the paragraph at pp. 70—72. was written by the Medical Student whose *Letter* has been several times quoted in the Appendix.

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