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TO WHICH IS PREFIXED A PRACTICAL AND SYSTEMATIC DESCRIPTION
OF ALL THE VARIETIES OF THIS DISEASE,
SHOWING HOW TO DISTINGUISH THEM ONE FROM ANOTHER,
AND FROM TUMOURS, ETC., ASSIMILATING THEM.

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Dedicated to the Committee of Management of the
Cancer Hospital.

GENTLEMEN,

It is to your exertions and excellent management that the Cancer Hospital owes its present prosperous position; and it is to you I owe the opportunities I have had of studying this disease on an extensive scale (6,000 cases). It affords me the greatest pleasure to thank you for the liberal means you have always placed at the disposal of your medical staff for the benefit of the patients—no restrictions of any kind having been placed on the use of expensive medicines, surgical appliances, nutritious diet, wine, &c., making your institution resemble a Home for the Sick more than an ordinary hospital; and while you have invariably afforded us every opportunity of trying all new modes of treatment, you have always protected us and our patients from the host of pretenders

having secret remedies for the cure of this disease. That you and all those philanthropic noblemen, ladies, and gentlemen, who have so liberally supported our truly Christian charity may long be spared to continue the good work, is the sincere wish of

Your obliged and obedient servant,

ALEX. MARSDEN.

P R E F A C E.

THE plan of treatment recommended in this volume has been most successful in my own hands, and in those of many other surgeons who have adopted it. It is not intended to supersede the use of the knife, but to be used for those cases in which that instrument would be useless, or in which a good caustic can do the work better; as such I offer it to the profession at large.

In the first part, I have endeavoured to give a concise but systematic description of every form of Cancer and Tumour assimilating Cancer, in order that practitioners and students, whose opportunities of studying this disease have been limited, may be enabled at once to distinguish each variety by its own peculiarities. I am not aware that this has before been attempted, and must plead it as my excuse for the many shortcomings of the present volume.

It affords me great pleasure to acknowledge the valuable services Mr. Hayward, our excellent house surgeon at the Cancer Hospital, has always rendered me in all my investigations; and to our artist, Mr. C. D'Alton, I feel deeply indebted, for the beautiful and unique collection of drawings from life his pencil has produced.

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