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PREFACE.

THE object of this Work is to do good, by rendering familiar to the public the causes, nature, and treatment of a universal malady. The Author has found in the course of his practice a lamentable ignorance of medical subjects. Whilst the man of intelligence is not satisfied until he has attained a general knowledge of the varied arts and sciences, medical philosophy is overlooked; and, like the religion of the middle ages, left to its teachers.

The consequence of this ignorance is, that when a man is attacked by disease he is as unacquainted with the common principles by which it is subdued as the savage with the complex movements of the steam engine.

This ignorance is alike injurious to the public and the profession.

Disease is allowed to advance without a consciousness of its presence; remedies suggested by the skilful physician are neglected, because there is no apparent connexion between the means and the end. It is injurious to the practitioner, as the patient being ignorant of the principles on which he acts, cannot judge of his skill except by results.

The intelligent client can comprehend his advocate as he advances argument after argument, and can decide whether it has been the nature of his cause, or the character of the pleading which has led to the result. But the enlightened physician whilst this ignorance prevails cannot be thus judged, and hence the triumph of empiricism.

The man of science courts inquiry, the empiric dreads it. Could the enlightened physician, like the bee in the transparent hive, develop his principles and his practice, he would not conceal them from the spec-

tator. The empiric would shroud his work in darkness.

The object, then, of this treatise has been to illustrate Disease of the Liver: the Author in his progress through his work has alluded to what he considers popular evils; his only reason was because he thought it right.

The Work is small, that it may be presented to the public in a cheap form. He, like others before him, commends it to the public; to assert he is not anxious as to the result, would be untrue.

His opinions are sometimes novel, but as one of them is, that nothing is permanent but truth, he is willing to stand the test of time; to see a fabric falsely based, fall into ruins would be a pleasure, though the foundation were laid by himself; but to view a work founded on truth, though it were but as a simple stone by the way side, indicating the road to health, would be a gratification.

Finally, though all must be the subjects of DISEASE; though in all mankind there will