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P R E F A C E
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THE Author of the following pages has devoted, for many years, his particular attention to complaints of the lungs and heart, and the practicability of producing healthy changes on diseased structures of those organs, by the inhalation of vapours, containing the active or curative principles of medicinal substances. During the period referred to, the Author noted down in his Case Book the results of this mode of treatment; and, in the course of his readings from time to time, added, from various sources, the opinions and experience of other practitioners, who adopted a somewhat similar treatment. These scattered facts and observations he has now revised and collected in the present Treatise, with the hope of directing more general attention to this simple and efficient remedial agent, which has been so unaccountably overlooked by a great majority of his professional brethren.

As it is probable that the work, from the interest and importance of the diseases on which it treats, will be perused by many non-medical persons—for anything calculated to throw a ray of light on their treatment, or the hope of arrest-

ing their hitherto unchecked career, must be interesting to the public as well as the profession — it has been the wish of the Writer to show, in as clear and familiar a style as possible, intelligible alike to all classes of readers, the principles upon which the practice of inhalation is founded, as well as the various remedies employed, and the best mode of using them.

It is the Author's opinion, that a work intended for the advancement of any science should be so far professional as to be readable by the professions, and so far popular as to be interesting to the man of general intelligence; and he fully concurs with the late Dr. Currie, "that it were better for medicine, like other branches of natural knowledge, to be brought from its hiding-place, and exhibited in the simplicity of science, and the nakedness of truth." When a medical treatise, like the present, is freed from technicalities in its terminology, a benefit is conferred on society, by enabling a patient to become a critic in his own complaint; and thus, many persons are not only prevented from falling victims to error in the treatment, or placing themselves in improper hands, but are instructed how to take care of their health, and are rendered more observant of their own altered sensations, as indications of approaching disease; and also capable of giving accurate information, whether they consult personally or by letter, as to the seat and signs of disordered functions, and those leading facts which regulate professional opinion—which they could not satisfactorily communicate, without the previous knowledge that such writings impart. More especially has the Author been induced to make the public acquainted with the rationale of Inhalation, from the fact, that a great majority of his professional brethren have

refused, or neglected, to ascertain the truth of the assertions and experience of those practitioners who have adopted this important remedial agent,—and have remained content with denying, when it has been a duty they have owed to themselves and their patients to have examined.

It is not, however, to be expected that the generality of mankind, in the event of inactivity or supineness on the part of their medical advisers, should look on with indifference, and refrain from using their own individual exertions towards promoting the more common employment of a sanatory agent, by which, in some cases, if not universally, a chance may exist of staying the mighty havoc which complaints of the chest make in our domestic circles; and snatching from the tomb some at least of its annual victims.

But while divesting the Treatise, as far as practicable, of professional technicalities, it must be distinctly understood, that it is very far from the intention of the Author to commend self or domestic treatment. No friend to his species would advise the uninitiated to treat those diseases which have hitherto baffled the skill of the physician. When the varied resources of the medical art have been found unavailing, the best devices of persons, ignorant of the principles and practice of medicine, are only likely to hasten a fatal termination.

The Author hopes, that any inaccuracies of style, or other defects, will be considered by the reader with indulgence; for, in the midst of those active and important duties which daily devolve upon him, he has but little leisure left for literary occupation, but it appeared to him better to attempt to do good—even though it be done in an imperfect manner—than not to do it at all.