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PREFACE.

A SINCERE desire of adding to the pathology and treatment of Gout and Rheumatism, has induced me to lay my views concerning the nature of these two important diseases before my professional brethren.

From my earliest acquaintance with medicine, I have taken great interest in both these affections, and have carefully noted every case of Rheumatism and Gout I have met with, both in my own hospital and private practice, as well as those I have witnessed in the Continental hospitals, where I had spent much time previous to commencing practice in Dublin. Thus I have collected some five hundred cases, from which I draw my conclusions.

In my introductory chapters, as also in that on the Pathology, I have given what I consider to be the true explanation of the phenomena witnessed in both these diseases.

Later in the work, I have endeavoured to supply proofs of what I believe to be the fact, namely, that every case of both Gout and Rheumatism, wherein the vital organs remain undiseased, is curable, no matter in what stage it is at the time the patient comes under treatment.

It has often been doubted whether uric acid can be eliminated by the skin; but if a large quantity of perspiration be collected from a gouty subject, and, after evaporation, tested, abundance of this acid may be obtained. This experiment I have repeatedly made with success. A detailed account thereof will be found in the chapter on the Treatment of Regular Gout.

In conclusion, I have but to express a hope that those who honour this work with a perusal, will find the interest therein which has induced me to publish my ideas and the cases from which such have been derived.

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