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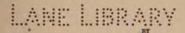
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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

I am glad that my humble labors in the department of renal affections, as presented in the first edition of this work, have proved so generally acceptable and have received so much approbation at home and abroad.

The present edition contains much new matter, especially relative to the nerves of the kidney; numerous alterations have been made, and the chapter on the tests for albumin in the urine has been entirely rewritten, in accordance with many new experiments I have made relative thereto.

I continue to employ the terms uræmic accidents and uræmic poisoning out of deference to usage; though, as well known, recent experiments have shown injections of urea into the blood to be less noxious than has been supposed; the noxious element in the so-called uræmic poisoning probably being some substance in the blood produced by imperfect formation or elimination on the part of the kidneys.

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PREFACE.

I have only to say of this volume that it is the result of the experience of nearly twenty-six years of hospital and extensive private practice, and of several years' study in the laboratory, of pathological and healthy kidneys of men and animals. The illustrations were all drawn by myself from kidneys, with the exception of Figures 1, 2, 7, and 8, which are taken from other authors, and 4, 5, 6, and 12, which were drawn for me from my own preparations.

In perusing the works of many writers upon nephritis, I may in some instances unconsciously have incorporated their ideas without according due credit. I have endeavored, however, carefully to fulfil all obligations of this kind.

As I have shown in the context, the term Bright's disease, as understood by Bright himself, does not comprise every condition of nephritis, but as most of the conditions I have described are generally understood as belonging to Bright's disease, I have given my work this title, though the nomenclature is by no means exact. I have usually employed instead, throughout the book, the word nephritis.

I have used exclusively the word albumin instead of

albumen, although the termination en is generally used by medical writers. The word albumen, is, however, simply the Latin word meaning the "white of the egg," though it is applied to every variety of albumin; the latter, however, represents the proximate principle, and I believe chemists now generally distinguish the two by the terminations en and in. In Watts' "Dictionary of Chemistry," the most important work of the kind in English, the termination in, is exclusively used.

Where, however, I have quoted from other authors, I have not felt justified in changing their spelling.

My work has been, at least, conscientiously performed, and with an earnest desire of adding to the knowledge and therapeutics of the subject of which it treats.

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