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## PREFACE TO THE FIFTH EDITION

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NEUROLOGY and Psychiatry undoubtedly lead to-day all other branches of medicine in the rapidity of their progress, and the present revision of this volume has been made with the idea of placing what is new before the student. In the part on nervous diseases, the previous edition has been followed rather closely, but new work, such as cerebrospinal fluid findings, etc., has been added. A short description of cerebrospinal syphilis has been included. The section on Aphasia has been rewritten to bring it into line with the teachings of Liepmann. As in the previous editions, no attempt has been made to describe rare conditions.

The chapters on diseases of the mind have been almost entirely rewritten and the arrangement changed, systematizing the material to accord with the teachings of modern psychiatrists, particularly Kraepelin and Meyer.

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## PREFACE.

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THIS little book is not intended to take the place of the larger and more complete works, but to be used somewhat as a primer—for advanced students.

The limits of the book forbade the introduction of anatomical detail and physiological discussion. It is expected that the student will use, in conjunction with this volume, Edinger's Lectures on the Structure of the Central Nervous System, and the small monograph of Dr. Wm. Browning on the Vessels of the Brain.

The question of diagnosis has not been entered into fully, as it is believed that a knowledge of these diseases must precede a clear appreciation of their differential points.

A few diseases not frequently met with have been omitted. In the section on Insanity, the arrangement and descriptions have been made as simple as possible. Much more detail could have been given, and other phases of mental disorder described, but it is believed that too much amplification would have tended to confuse the student. If, with clinical teaching, a few outlines can be obtained, detail can be best and more readily added later.

There is appended to the end of the description of many

of the diseases a Bibliography, or rather a list of references. Though this list has no pretension whatever to completeness, it may be of use to the student in looking up the subjects, if he so desires. Almost all the references are to the writings of American neurologists. These, it is believed, will be readily accessible to the student; and they so fully deal with the subjects as to make reference to foreign authors unnecessary. The works of Leyden, and of Charcot and his pupils, Kussmaul, Nothnagel, Westphal, can all be consulted, and are referred to in the description of the diseases.

I have to thank a number of medical friends for many kindnesses—the taking of photographs of cases for me, for which credit is given under the illustrations.

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