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PREFACE.

THE nucleus of this little book was published last year in the *Lancet* in the form of four lectures. The records of several new cases have now been incorporated, and the discussion of the subject has, in reference to some points, been still further developed. I have also added three Appendices dealing with the scientific foundations upon the basis of which, together with careful clinical observation, the views here expressed have been gradually built up.

My best thanks are due to those House Physicians and Clinical Clerks at the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, and at University College Hospital, who have aided me by their excellent reports of the majority of the cases here recorded. These reports have been only slightly re-shaped and somewhat condensed. The names of my assistants and fellow-workers have in each instance been added to the cases which we have studied together.

In order that such records may be of real use they should, in my opinion, be reported in considerable detail, and not in the mere outlines which are so commonly employed for the reports of "hysterical" cases. For if we are to arrive at a fuller and more accurate knowledge of the various forms of functional paralysis, this can only be brought about by a continuous methodical investigation and record of all the

minute details pertaining to such cases. With the hope that it may stimulate observation and inquiry in this direction, I have been induced to publish this slight contribution towards the elucidation of a very difficult subject.

MANCHESTER SQUARE,
December, 1892.

