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alienum puto.—*Dr. John H. Clarke.*

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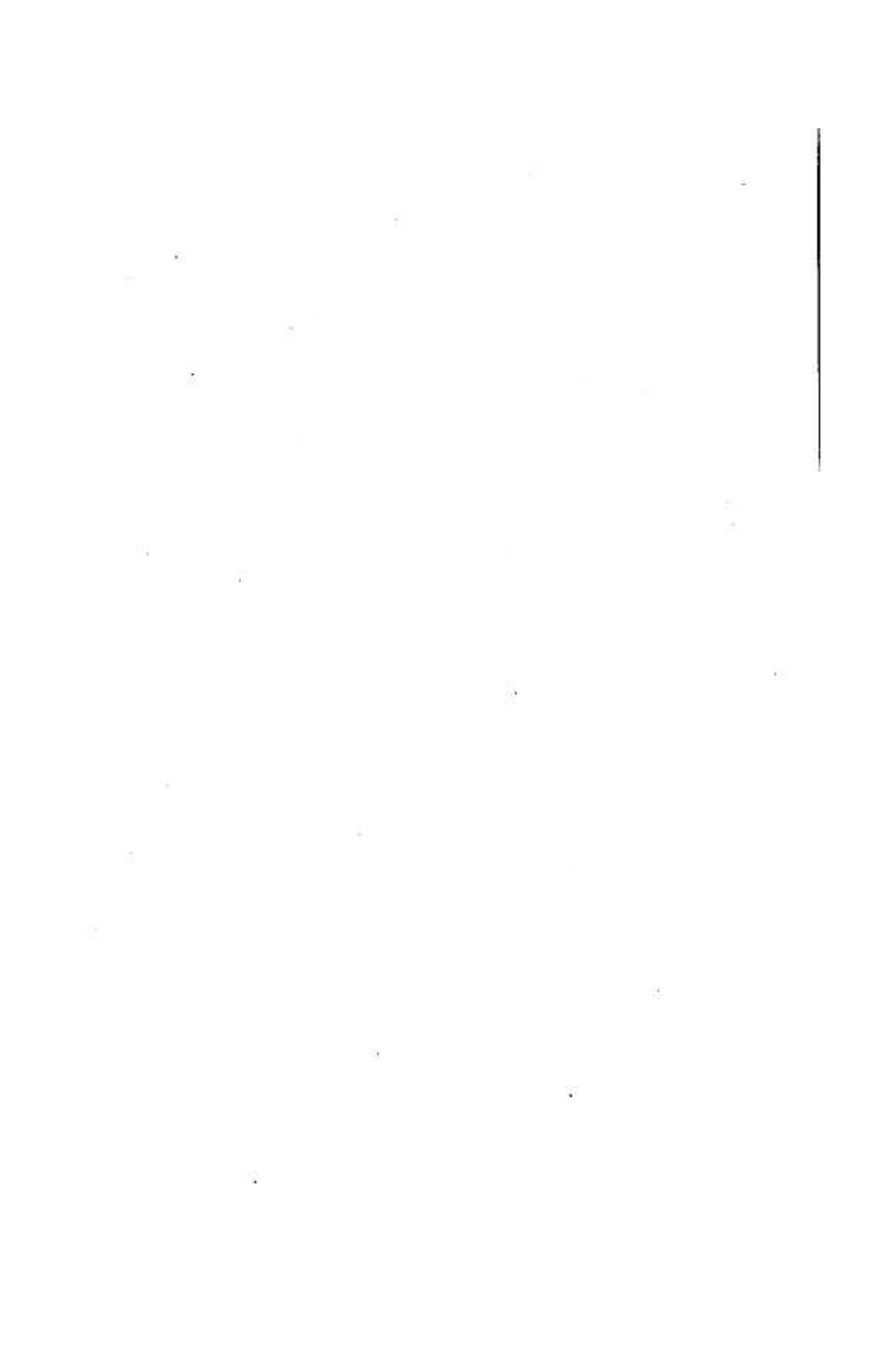
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To all who are engaged in the care of the sick, this volume is dedicated, with the hope that it may aid in the portrayal of the principles of Homoeopathy, and in the promulgation of its healing art.



PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION

The very evident demand for a text-book of Homœopathic Materia Medica for Nurses, which made possible the original publication of this book, and its ready acceptance by the majority into whose hands it has come, have warranted a second edition.

In this edition many unavoidable typographical errors and a few inaccuracies of statement have been corrected, its subject-matter revised and general arrangement improved.

The author takes this opportunity of thanking Dr. Maurice Worcester Turner of Brookline, and Dr. Frank W. Patch of Framingham, Mass., for valuable suggestions and assistance in the publication of the first edition; and Dr. Sarah M. Hobson of Chicago, for calling attention to certain errors in the proof-reading of the same.

BOSTON, MASS.,
Oct. 18, 1921.

PREFACE TO FIRST EDITION

If there be any claim to originality in this volume, it may be said to be in its arrangement, which has seemed to be the form best adapted to the accomplishment of its purpose.

The official preparations, together with physiological actions and uses have been omitted, as having no well defined place in a work intended to portray the teachings and practice of Homœopathy, yet a careful reading of its introductory chapters will clearly show that the physiological or better the pathogenetic action of drugs upon the body in health forms the true basis of their proper homœopathic application. When we consider a drug in accordance with its pathogenetic action, we refer to its sick-making power and its characteristics are some of the finer effects obtained through provings on the healthy.

Its subject-matter will not in all probability be found to contain anything new, and those versed in the underlying principles of Homœopathy will readily determine the sources of its text.

Nothing is prior in Homœopathy to the teachings of Hahnemann. To the various other authorities whose ideas have been incorporated, we hereby make most grateful acknowledgment.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H.,
Jan. 5, 1916.

INTRODUCTION

As homœopathic physicians we are often asked why our materia medica is not more carefully taught in our hospital training schools; and when we consider the lack of such knowledge even among graduates of homœopathic hospitals, we must answer that either it is not adequately taught, or on the other hand nurses find so little demand for an understanding of its principles that they are negligent about its study.

In most of our training schools a short course of lectures is given on the leading remedies. Many nurses take notes on these lectures and preserve them for future reference. In most instances, however, there the matter ends; the importance of such instruction is not emphasized and in consequence the remedies are not conscientiously learned, and with the maze of anatomy, physiology, pathology, fever and surgical nursing, there can exist in the minds of but few, any special reason why their tired brains should be any more overworked.

In homœopathic hospitals the officinal drugs, both materia medica and dosage are most carefully studied and this is *required*. Yet after all when we consider it from the nurse's standpoint, anything more would seem almost unnecessary, for it is only exceptionally, outside of institutional work, that any mention is made to the nurse as to what homœopathic remedy is being prescribed.

In hospital work, all will admit that the execution of the nurse's part of the treatment, in the way of enemata, medicinal baths, electricity and allied physiolog-