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PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

THIS little work was prepared for my own use, as a labor-saver, and as a receptacle for clinical observations, and for gleanings from others and from the periodicals.

It has been the work of odd moments, and little remnants of time, redeemed from busy days.

Even the young physician, of a single summer's experience, must have felt the want of such a work, particularly when dealing with the frequently occurring and obstinate diarrhoeas of infants. It was the difficulty of treating these, that first awakened the desire to possess in one little work all that was known of our *Materia Medica* as applied to loose evacuations of the bowels.

It has not been intended to include every remedy that has been known to purge, but only every remedy of which enough is known, either of its stools, or conditions, or concomitants, to distinguish it from any other remedy.

But some may inquire, Why should diseases of the bowels be honored above others by a special monograph?

Those who have Bönninghausen on Cough, on Fever, and on Headache, will not ask this question, but will desire that the work go on until we possess such special aids in the treatment of all affections that most tax the busy practitioner.

The present work is now printed because colleagues, who had seen it, desired to possess a copy—one going so far as to copy it himself,—because Mr. Tafel, who had seen it, desired to print it, and because the work had already repaid me for the time and labor it cost, in the same coin, and I was therefore happy to believe that it would be of like use to others. The clinical test will be found to disclose many valuable symptoms not to be met with elsewhere, and, alas, also, doubtless, many errors.

The carefully collated experience of ten active years, which it contains, would indeed be better if they were twenty or thirty, but perhaps the Lord in his goodness will permit this to be added also.

It would be a grateful task to indicate throughout the work, the sources from which many valuable symptoms were drawn, but this would detract from its practical character as a work of reference.

Augusta, Feb. 21st, 1860.

JAMES B. BELL.

AUTHOR'S PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

THE material for a new edition of this little work has been collecting ever since the first was published, and such an edition has long been called for, but I do not think it would have ever seen the light, had I not persuaded my friend and successor, Dr. W. T. Laird, late of Watertown, N. Y., to undertake its preparation for the press. He has also added much from his own collection of material, and to him is due the entire remodelling of the Repertory, which, in the first edition, was quite defective.

My former partner, Dr. T. M. Dillingham, had kindly made a partial revision of the work, but went abroad before its completion.

It may be necessary to add, by way of a personal explanation, that my "specialty" lies in quite another direction than "Diarrhoea" or *Materia Medica*, and it is only as a lover of sound therapeutics that I have taken up these subjects.

Dr. Ad. Lippe has contributed two annotated copies and many suggestions, and I wish to tender my thanks to him and to all who have added any

observations to its pages, as well, also, to the great numbers in the profession who have so kindly and heartily commended the book. To me its only merit is its practical application of the principles of Hahnemann, and I am rejoiced, therefore, that so many still hold firmly to those principles and seek to be guided by them.

EDITOR'S PREFACE.

IN the revision of a monograph, like the present work, after the lapse of twelve years, many new remedies demand recognition. These may be conveniently divided into four classes.

In the first, we place those which have been thoroughly proved and repeatedly verified in practice.

The second consists of drugs, which have also been well proved, but whose symptoms, as yet, lack clinical confirmation.

The third embraces the medicines, of which we possess only fragmentary and imperfect pathogeneses. These may be styled "the suggestive remedies," and include such drugs as Coto Bark, Gent. lut., Geran., Gnaph., Hura, Enothers, Paullinia, etc.

The fourth division contains those remedies, whose indications are derived solely *ab usu in morbis*.

Of the first and second classes, every remedy is plainly entitled to admission, "of which enough is