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This little ~~work~~

IS MOST HEARTILY DEDICATED,
AS A SLIGHT TOKEN OF ESTEEM AND ADMIRATION OF HIS GREAT
AND PROFOUND LEARNING IN ALL MATTERS RELATING TO
THE STUDY OF NEUROLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY, AND
OF THE HIGH POSITION WHICH HE HOLDS
AS AN ACCOMPLISHED SCHOLAR AND
INDEFATIGABLE WORKER IN THE
FIELD OF SCIENTIFIC
MEDICINE.

PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION.

THE first edition of the work, entitled 'Syphilis of the Brain and Nervous System,' having been exhausted, I have ventured to reprint the work, and without any material alteration. For, although much has been written by neurologists upon the subject since this work was first published, yet I have failed to find that any new facts have been elicited, either from a clinical or a pathological point of view, to render the diagnosis of Syphilis of the Brain and Nervous System in any way more easy, or to effect in any way its cure with more certainty.

At the present time there are many vague and speculative theories afloat concerning syphilitic disease of the nerves and the nervous centres, and for this reason, if for no other, it is the more necessary for those, who make these affections their especial study, to be extremely guarded in reference to any statements which they may make, touching the pathology, diagnosis, and prognosis of this obscure malady.

There are many writers upon syphilis, and some even who would fain be considered as authorities upon Syphilis of the Brain and Nervous System, whose want of knowledge on the subject is at once apparent, and only the more and more evident from the crude observations which they are pleased to make. Justly has Dr. Hughlings remarked, that 'No one is fitted to begin the special study of syphilitic affections of the nervous system (and much less, I may add, is anyone fitted to treat of them) until he has well studied nervous diseases in general.'

To conclude. The first volume of this work, which is the result of much study and much practical experience, in regard to the subject of which it treats, has been in print for twelvemonths, and has met with no slight amount of approbation and success. It is, therefore, with a certain degree of confidence in its usefulness that I again reprint it, and offer it to the members of the medical profession for their kind and careful consideration.

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