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# NEURALGIA

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"Quantum in medico est, sanare venit aegrotum. Ipse se interimit, qui procepta medici observare non vult."—S. AUG.



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Physician to the Council of India, etc., etc., etc.)*

I DEDICATE THIS LITTLE WORK

IN TOKEN OF MY SINCERE ADMIRATION AND ESTEEM.





## P R E F A C E .

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WHEN I first entertained the idea of writing a practical Treatise on Neuralgia, I did not intend that it should form a volume of my series of works 'On the Brain and Diseases of the Nervous System.' On consideration, however, I came to the conclusion that although little knowledge exists in regard to the Pathology of Neuralgia, yet the present work might justly claim a place in a series of publications which are intended to comprehend the whole nervous system.

If the reader expects to find, in the following pages, any vague or speculative theories relative to the Pathology of Neuralgia, he will be greatly mistaken. Yet the author hopes that the reader will find therein the great question relative to the practical and curative treatment of Neuralgia discussed in a simple, comprehensive and concise manner.

Considerable care has been taken, from an anatomical standpoint, to distinguish the different forms of Neuralgia, that so, by this means, many apparently obscure pains may be traced directly to their seat of origin, and the cure of a Neuralgia be the more speedily effected.

The practice of nerve-cutting and nerve-stretching for the cure of a Neuralgia, and which was, twenty-five years ago, ignored by the greatest living surgeons of the day, has of late years received considerable attention, and many and successful cases have been recorded as the result of the operation. I have purposely said but little on this method of treatment, because I consider we

have not as yet obtained sufficient evidence to guide us to a fair estimate of its actual value.

Finally, this work is specially intended for the busy medical practitioner, and it is confidently hoped that he will find it a book of ready and easy reference with regard to the treatment of the many and different forms of Neuralgia which may come under his notice.

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