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PREFACE.

In issuing another edition of this Treatise, its primary object remains the same. It is—with the view to treatment—to trace the various constitutional morbid conditions, and diseases of the genito-urinary organs and rectum, which, as causes operating within the body, severally produce a very frequent and painful local affection; and, moreover, to connect the former class of causes with predisposing Social Conditions of life. This aspect of etiology I deem to be so generally important, especially from a preventive point of view, that I have devoted the whole of Section I. to its consideration.

Many diseases, widely different in themselves, being associated by the local affection—irritability of the urinary bladder, as a symptom common to them all; their discrimination or diagnosis is, at the same time, incidentally drawn in Section II., which treats exclusively of Local internal causes.

In Section III., a special investigation of the pathology of Constitutional internal causes, repre-

sented by morbid conditions of the blood, leads to a careful diagnostic interpretation of the accompanying morbid conditions of the Urine, as discovered by Physical, Microscopical, and Chemical, examination; preceded, in respect to each such condition, by the Diseases associated. The various appearances of Urinary Deposits are there described and depicted, and the various appropriate tests explained with their application. All this additional matter will, it is hoped, render the work more complete, and supply a practical view of Urinary Pathology, which may be useful apart even from the primary purpose of the Treatise itself.

The Treatment of all these conditions,—Constitutional and Local, is taken concurrently with their Pathology; that of the former, therefore, being reserved to the last, in order that their treatment might be enlightened, as far as possible, not only by the etiological knowledge of their Social origin, but also by the Pathology of the blood and urine,—as the internal causes in operation, proximately and immediately;—in short, by a comprehensive Urinary Pathology.

I have also noticed the bearing of this knowledge on Preventive Treatment.

Since the appearance of the former Edition, my experience has been considerably enlarged by numerous interesting cases, notes of which I took at the time, or were supplied me by the Patients. I have purposely omitted these records, preferring to imperceptibly express their results in rules and particulars of treatment, rather than further extend the work, by introducing the cases themselves.

Lastly, I have to acknowledge my obligations to many authors, most of whom are mentioned in the text, and especially am I indebted to the valuable works by Prout, Bence Jones, Parkes, Lehmann, Julius Vogel, Neubauër, Lionel Beale, Golding Bird, and Hassall.

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