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## PREFACE.

THIS work is the outgrowth of the observations made in daily practice. For years the author has noted and deplored the lack of information upon dental subjects that is displayed by people of otherwise great general intelligence. This is the more to be lamented, because the subject is a vital one, and the consequences of ignorance must be felt during the whole life. He candidly believes that, were the information contained in this little book generally diffused and its teachings well followed, not only would very much pain and suffering be prevented, but the general term of human life would be perceptibly lengthened.

This book has, therefore, been prepared in the hope that it may in some way be used to spread a knowledge of the importance of the dental organs among the people, especially the young, through the medium of the schools. It has not been written especially for dentists, and hence simplicity of language has been cultivated, and technical terms have been avoided. But at the same time the hope

is indulged that professional men may find it useful for the purposes indicated, and it is therefore dedicated to dental practitioners and their patients.

The author desires to acknowledge the great obligations under which he rests to Professors W. C. Barrett, Frank Abbott, Dr. William Carr, and J. B. Littig, for valuable suggestions and assistance.

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## PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

THIS edition has been revised throughout, and a few additions made to the text.

I have reason to congratulate myself on the fact that my work has been so favorably received, a large edition having been rapidly exhausted. I do not assign this result so much to the merits of this little volume as I do to the fact that the special study of the mouth and teeth has been recognized as essential to a comprehensive knowledge of hygiene; and it is very gratifying to note that among the first to acknowledge this truth is the Board of Education of New York City.

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