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## P R E F A C E

THIS book is intended to present the surgery of the rectum of the present day in a practical and condensed form to young surgeons and practitioners, who are, I believe, now beginning to take a serious and practical view of the ailments of this part of the body.

The first five chapters contain my original views of the cause and treatment of most of the inflammatory affections in and around the rectum. These views are gradually becoming accepted, and when they are more widely known I believe they will facilitate both the diagnosis and treatment in these cases.

The operation for excision of hæmorrhoids has been described fully. My experience of this operation is now an extensive one, and I differ from most recent writers on this subject in that I believe it is, under proper surroundings, the best operation for this malady.

The treatment of rectal ulceration has not advanced much since my original paper, published in 1905; but if I have convinced my readers that rectal ulceration is *not* a syphilitic condition, I shall have achieved something which will be of great help in the future treatment of this insidious disease.

In discussing the various operations for rectal carcinoma, I have endeavoured to describe those operations which are the least complicated and the most practical.

With a few exceptions, all the original drawings were

done by Miss E. Stone, who in many other ways has been of great help to me, and to whom I am most grateful.

Mr. S. A. Sewell, the well-known pathological artist, has superintended the production of the drawings, and those showing the specimens of new growth, taken from Charing Cross Hospital Museum, are his own work entirely.

Mr. H. A. T. Fairbank has kindly looked over the proofs.

I hope those who are interested in what has been written will read the chapter on the Diagnosis of Rectal Diseases, which has been purposely placed at the end of the book.

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# SURGERY OF THE RECTUM

## CHAPTER I

### ANO-RECTAL ULCERATION

ANO-RECTAL ulceration is a term which I have thought best to apply to a condition which I have constantly found in the lining membrane of that part of the bowel which lies between the anus and the internal sphincter.

This lesion is a pathological condition, which is the initial pathological cause of many of the ordinary rectal ailments. It is the cause of genuine pruritus ani, as I have demonstrated at various times. It is the cause of fissure in ano. It is the chief cause of all ischio-rectal, pelvi-rectal, submucous, and subtegumentary abscesses, and, as a natural sequence, it is the cause of all fistulæ which are, so to speak, the residue of these abscesses. All tuberculous fistulæ and those extensive ulcerations which proceed from them are due to the same cause.

Finally, this pathological lesion is the cause of many of those distressing cases of infective ulceration of the rectum which are, I think, almost unparalleled in the pain and misery they cause and in the intractable position they present to nearly all forms of treatment, a condition which has been, and still constantly is, wrongfully put down to syphilis.

It is necessary to realize in what a small space all these