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SIR WILLIAM JENNER, BART., M.D., K.C.B.  
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PHYSICIAN IN ORDINARY TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN,  
AND TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES; PHYSICIAN TO UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE HOSPITAL, ETC.

AS A SLIGHT BUT SINCERE TOKEN OF

ADMIRATION, GRATITUDE, AND REGARD

This Work is Dedicated

BY HIS FRIEND AND FORMER PUPIL

THE AUTHOR.



## PREFACE TO THIRD EDITION.

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"How to detect disease is a thoroughly worked problem, but how to cure disease is one that has received too little attention from scientific physicians." The truth of this remark, which occurs in the "British and Foreign Medico-Chirurgical Review" for January, 1869, impresses itself more forcibly upon me every year that I practise my profession. In revising a book like the present, where one is necessarily carried over a vast amount of medical literature, European and American, one cannot fail to be struck with the changes that have occurred in the text-books say of the last ten years.

Bleeding, blistering, setons and issues are fast vanishing from view, but I cannot say that treatment generally has yet assumed that definite and agreed character to the attainment of which, however, at no very distant date, we may nevertheless hopefully look forward, inasmuch as the study of therapeutics is attracting more and more attention at home and abroad.

Feeling these matters strongly, I have aimed throughout in the revision of this book to render the treatment recommended as thoroughly modern, practical, and trustworthy as possible. With regard to some new remedies and methods referred to, I have had good opportunities of testing their practical value, and can therefore speak with some confidence respecting them.

Conducting this work of revision at so great a distance from home, I have to express my obligations to my friend Dr. Grimes, of Aigburth, Liverpool, for his kindness in undertaking the correcting of these sheets during their passage through the press. I am, however, alone responsible for the opinions and statements in the book.

The present edition contains much fresh matter in almost every section, and I have also added a brief dietary. I therefore trust that in spite of many shortcomings it may not be found less useful to the student and junior practitioner in England, America, and Australasia, than its predecessors.

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND,  
January, 1878.





## PREFACE TO FIRST EDITION.

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THE object I have endeavored to attain in the preparation of this Manual is to present concise, yet thoroughly practical descriptions of the principal diseases of children.

I have omitted, as tending to expand too far the purpose of this book, all clinical records of my own or of others, and all controversial questions. For the same reason I have disregarded theories still under discussion. Hence cholagogues, alteratives, and counter-irritants are spoken of, because the profession attaches to these names qualities which are true qualities, though old theories of their actions may be incorrect. I have consulted the works of many distinguished authorities, both English and foreign; carefully comparing them with the results of my own experience, and to all to whom reference is made in the course of the work I desire cordially to express my acknowledgments. I also take this opportunity of thanking my friend and colleague, Dr. Hayward, for many valuable suggestions while these sheets were passing through the press.

Considerable care has been bestowed to render the Formulary which is appended useful, and as my aim throughout is essentially practical, I venture to hope that this little volume, notwithstanding many imperfections, may prove of value to students and practitioners, as a handy book of reference upon a class of diseases presenting peculiar difficulties, and yet of the deepest interest because so continually met with in practice.

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*September, 1869.*

