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Dedicated to

J. E. LINNELL, M. D.,
my Father, my Physician,
and my Friend.

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INTRODUCTION.

EXAMINATION of the eyes affords valuable aid not only in the diagnosis of diseases of the central nervous system, but also of constitutional affections and diseases of other organs.

It has long seemed to the writer that this subject was too much neglected by the general practitioner. The record of the pulse, temperature and respiration, urinary analysis, etc., are among the every day routine methods of diagnosis, but the indications furnished by the eye are too little understood, and too often overlooked.

When this treatise was commenced, it was with the conviction that such a work was demanded, as there was then no similar treatise in the English language. Much of it was completed before the appearance of the encyclopaedic work of Knies entitled "Relations of Diseases of the Eye to General Diseases," and I have freely availed myself of any information contained therein, which had not previously come to my knowledge.

It has not been my purpose to enumerate all the eye symptoms which may be associated with the various constitutional and local diseases, but rather to emphasize such as are of direct importance in the way of diagnosis, and to present such data so as to be of ready reference and practical value.