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P R E F A C E.

The science of Pathology, by the combined effort and continued research of its votaries, has emerged from the clouds of Hypothesis which enveloped it in embryo; but this advancement has not produced a corresponding reformation in the Practice of Medicine. Why is this? Pathology has been cultivated by comparatively few in the Profession. Too many plod their way in unwarrantable routine, or in the sin of Empiricism. By such, the development, changes, and career, of the human organism, if at all observed, are viewed as the vagaries of Hypothesis, or referred to the absurd agency of Chance.

The design of this work is to present the outlines of General Pathology in its present advanced position as a Science, and its instructive bearing upon Practical Medicine.

I have designed brevity and perspicuity of language in the work, which is written *currente calamo*, expressing my own views in my own manner; though, on some points of the subjects embraced, I have been materially aided by recent and eminent authorities. I have written almost the entire work in the present year, during the intervals of