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PREFACE.

THE diseases treated of in this work, have certain phases demanding other treatment than what the pure physician can afford. In both comes a time when something operative must be done. If the physician persist in his treatment for too long a time, it may happen, and often has happened, that the relief-imperatively needed at some time or other-is obtained too late. Impulsive action on the part of the medical practitioner is, of course, blameworthy; but so are unreadiness and procrastination. It would be hard to say which does the more harm in surgical practice. Every practitioner of experience must remember cases, where the death of the patient-immediate or remotewas due to indecision at a critical period. Of few diseases perhaps is this more true than of those under consideration. Speaking within my own experience, I could, without much difficulty, reckon up fully a dozen cases, where the patient's chance of life has been thus sacrificed.

A brief resumé of the table of contents will show what the object of the present work is. The beginning