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PREFACE.

THE disease designated rheumatoid arthritis, from the time of Landré Beauvais to the present, has provided a theme for many writers, and several really useful works upon the subject are in existence. Amongst these the recent admirable treatise of Dr. Archibald Garrod is deserving of particular mention.

It appeared to the writer, however, that whilst the authors referred to have contributed largely to the store of useful information upon the causes, symptoms, diagnosis, and pathology of rheumatoid arthritis, the question of treatment has received but scant attention. Indeed, according to the views of many writers upon this subject, very little good is to be derived from any treatment of this disease when once it is established. With opinions like this prevailing widely in the profession it is not surprising that so little attention has been devoted to treatment. The exceptional opportunities which many

years' practice in Buxton has afforded me of studying this disease and watching the results of its treatment must be my excuse for writing the present work, more especially with a view to the encouragement of treatment. I venture to hope that it may prove useful to some of my medical brethren, and help in some measure to counteract that "gospel of despair," which has too often hindered the restoration of many sufferers from this distressing malady. Having expressed this hope I would only crave the kind indulgence of my readers for many imperfections of which I am deeply conscious.

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