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P R E F A C E

THIS little volume aims at giving such a precise description of the commoner intestinal sutures that an inexperienced surgeon may readily practise the various methods on dead intestine before performing an anastomosis on the living subject.

The book owes its origin to the establishment of a class in intestinal surgery at the West London Post-graduate College, and it contains a full description of the work done in this class. The material which I use for these classes is the small intestine of bullocks, which I am fortunate enough to obtain the day the animal is killed. Bullock's intestine is of practically the same thickness as that of man, and if used quite fresh resembles to the touch and in resistance the intestine of a living man much more closely than does human intestine removed in the post-mortem room. It, moreover, has the advantage of being odourless and of not soiling the hands. In order to enable an anastomosis to be performed single-handed, each student is provided with a little intestine holder, which is figured on p. 43, and takes the place of a first-rate assistant. In such a book, with the aid of which, it is hoped, the student may dispense with class teaching, numerous and clear illustrations are of the first importance, and I have been very fortunate in obtaining the assistance of Dr. Leonard Mark and of my colleague,

Mr. A. Baldwin, to whose artistic illustrations much of the usefulness of the book will be due. I have to acknowledge the courtesy of my friend Mr. Watson Cheyne, and of Messrs. W. B. Saunders and Co., who have kindly allowed me to copy the diagrams which bear their names. I have also to thank Dr. Maunsell, Mr. Jessett, and Messrs. Down Bros. for the loan of a number of blocks.

The last two chapters on the preparation before and the treatment after operations are lectures delivered at the Post-Graduate College, and were originally published in the *Clinical Journal*.

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