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## PREFACE.

THE following work is based upon the Croonian Lectures which I had the honour of delivering before the College of Physicians in 1859.

The publicity accorded to these Lectures by the leading Medical Journal, in which they were accurately reported at the time, made me long forego, as unnecessary, any further attempt to promulgate the new doctrines I believed them to contain. But though I was gratified by their receiving the approval of many leading Fellows of our College (among whom I may with excusable satisfaction specify our President, Sir Thomas Watson), and have since had reason to hope that, through the enormous diffusion of the 'Lancet,' they obtained the assent of numbers of my professional brethren, and thus influenced the drift of opinion on the treatment of intestinal obstruction, still repeated inquiries on the part of Medical friends have at length reluctantly convinced me that their republication in a collected form is a duty which I have no right to evade.



In performing this duty, I have incorporated with these Lectures whatever additional information the careful consideration and enlarged experience have brought me during the interval (now almost the Horatian "*nonum in annum*") which has followed their delivery. They are, indeed, almost rewritten; but I have striven to retain them in a brief and condensed form—an object which has, of course, forbidden all attempts adequately to represent the casuistry of the subject. For such brevity, however, I need hardly offer any formal excuses. If any justification were needed, it might be found, not only in the number and bulk of the books which are constantly coming forward to claim professional attention, but still more in the utter hopelessness which every thoughtful Physician will allow attaches to the attempt to depict, by any the most elaborate word-painting, the various aspects and the numberless considerations which pertain to the thorough study of even a single case of disease.

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