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namely, a practical exposition of one of the most obscure and intractable disorders that can afflict the human body.

The scope of the work now submitted to the reader, proposes to accomplish five leading objects.

Firstly. To throw some new light on the past and present history of Diabetes Mellitus,

Secondly. To show more clearly than has hitherto been done, the frequent abnormal condition of the liver, in conjunction with a saccharine condition of the urine.

Thirdly, To review some of the most recent physiological facts connected with the subject.

Fourthly, To review some of the more obscure pathological causes of Diabetes, more particularly those which are closely allied to the centre of the nervous system.

Fifthly. To analyse the past and present treatment of the disease, in accordance with sound pathological views; and the advocacy of a purely hygienic system of auxiliaries, in accordance with the vital truths of sound physiology, to the end that the restorative energies of the organism may be placed in the best position, and have the fullest scope for their own development, thus converting diseased into healthy action: it being clearly established that the natural tendency of the body is to rectify its own abnormal conditions, when placed in the best circumstances for so doing; hence the special advocacy of Turkish Baths, Hydropathy, Gymnastics, and general Hygiene. Such was the natural, common-sense-like, and effective agency with which the illustrious SYDENHAM combated many diseases; and such, in effect, was the plan relied on by the fathers of ancient medicine—by Hippocrates, by Celsus, by Galen, Aretæus, and many more.

In conclusion, the writer may say that he has aimed at giving a perspicuous and practical exposition of the nature, causes, &c., of the complaint. He is conscious of its many imperfections, which leisure might have corrected. Such as it is, however, he ventures to submit it to the profession and an impartial public, believing that any honest and sincere attempt to correct the theory, and to improve the treatment, of a disease so largely involving human happiness as the one under discussion—a disease which has for ages baffled the skill of the faculty in all countries—will be received with a friendly feeling and liberality, and judged of with candour and unbiassed opinions.

W. M.

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