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To
THE EDITORS OF THE 'IMPARCIAL,'
WHO HAVE ALWAYS
SHOWN THEMSELVES SO UNTIRING IN THEIR EFFORTS
TO FURTHER THE PUBLIC WELFARE,
AND AT WHOSE INSTIGATION
THE AUTHOR UNDERTOOK THE COMPILATION OF THIS WORK,
HE NOW DEDICATES IT,
IN TOKEN OF HIS WARM APPRECIATION.

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P R E F A C E

THERE is absolutely no book, either in Spain or abroad, which gives a resumé of the important work that has been done during recent years to discover the causes of the propagation of the plague and how to combat its attacks. This scientific material, in enormous quantity, is scattered through reviews, communications, pamphlets and periodicals of all countries. By bringing it together in this work I have tried to make it possible for such of my medical brethren who have not the means of obtaining the information, and the public in general, to make themselves rapidly acquainted with the latest scientific advances.

The epidemic having appeared in Oporto, I have thought it my duty to include the greater part of the data in regard to it obtained from the observations and experiments carried out in that city by the foreign commissions, and can assure Spanish medical men that in this work interesting facts are brought to their knowledge which are of great value in aiding them to form a clear conception of the disease.

I sincerely believe that, as a whole, my work constitutes a complete, though summary, preparation for our struggle against the epidemic if we are compelled to deal with it. Energetic action can only arise from clear ideas, and I do not hesitate to declare, in spite of empiricism and routine,

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that so far as I am concerned, my moments of greatest confusion have been those in which I have found myself without the theoretic preparation necessary to interpret correctly the phenomena I was observing.

Dr. VERDES MONTENEGRO.

MADRID,

September 15th, 1899.

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