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PREFACE.

THE object sought to be attained in the publication of this work is to describe simply and concisely the clinical characters which the author has found of most value in marking the syphilitic nature of certain nervous disorders. To aid this description he has added a series of cases, having selected for the purpose from those which have come under his personal observation in hospital and private practice such as seemed best fitted to illustrate the numerous phases of these affections. Many of the cases, as well as a small portion of the commentary, have already appeared in the 'Lancet,'¹ but it is hoped that the subject will be found

¹ Dec. 3rd, 1870; March 11th, 1871; February to May, 1873.

much more amply treated in the following pages than was possible in the limited space afforded by the columns of a weekly journal.

For obvious reasons, the social status, and other circumstances which might possibly serve to identify the patients whose cases are described, have been for the most part omitted.

In the chapter on Pathology and Morbid Anatomy the author has largely availed himself of the writings of several continental observers; and in case the frequent references to their works in the footnotes are not sufficient to indicate how much he owes to them, he desires here to acknowledge expressly his great obligations to the scientific labours of Virchow, Zeissl, and Lancereaux. If he has referred more frequently to the writings of German and French authorities than to those of his own countrymen, it is not that he fails to appreciate the importance of the contributions which have been made to our knowledge of the subject by the latter, for the value of the work done, especially by Wilks and Hughlings Jackson has not been surpassed, but because it seemed to him

that the usefulness of his book would be increased by its containing the views of authors whose writings are not so generally available to the English reader.

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