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## P R E F A C E.

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THE leading purpose of the following work is to place before the reader the method and results of the treatment pursued by me, and, after me, by others, for the cure of the malignant cholera. Viewing the complaint as primarily one of disordered function, I considered it would be remediable by those means which should correct that disorder, and I sought and found such a remedy in calomel when given exclusively, and to a large amount, and in small and frequently repeated doses; and I now offer it as such, with proofs, as I regard them, ample and incontestable, of its being one. To some, perhaps, the very assumption of a single medicine possessing any thing of the property of a specific for the cure of this complaint, may prove—as, indeed, it has done with many—a sufficient ground for its rejection; and to these, therefore, I would now reply by an appeal to the facts which are

afforded by the fifth chapter of this Essay, and to those of the Appendix, where, from the great number and severity of the cases, the treatment will be seen to have been fully tested, and to have been in the highest degree successful. In the details of the cases into which I have entered, I have thought it proper to notice the causes especially which rendered some of them fatal; for I hold it to be due from a medicine which claims to be efficient, to be so in all where its power is not counteracted by previous disease, or by circumstances pertaining to the mode of its exhibition, or by others which are obvious and avoidable. If there be cases of so malignant a type as to resist the medicine, although commenced early after the developement of the collapse, I have only to remark, that no such cases have come under my notice; yet I have had a great many in the most profound collapse, and of surpassing malignancy, which recovered, and none which proved fatal where the least candid would deny that there were circumstances present which were superadded to the disease, and might have been obviated, and which, therefore, materially interfered with the treatment, and prevented the favourable issue of it.



In the execution of my task, I must be allowed to remark, that if the observations which I have made upon the opinions entertained by others on the nature and origin of the disorder, and of the practice pursued in it, have deviated in the least from the rule, which I profess to be mine, — of a criticism liberal and honourable, and untainted by personalities, — I beg to disavow it, and unite with the reader in its reprobation. For the accuracy of the statements made in this Essay, I consider myself as standing pledged; for all other inaccuracies, both in the matter and manner of its execution, I must rely, for my excuse, on the indulgence of the reader, by whom, I trust, it will be remembered, that as the varied duties and incessant interruptions incident to the professional pursuits of a physician, give to him the opportunity of collecting facts and making observations, so they take from him, at the same time, and in the same degree, the necessary leisure for recording and arranging them.

J. A.

*Hull, August, 1833.*

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